

**Metropolitan Transportation Commission
Programming and Allocations Committee**

December 10, 2025

Agenda Item 2d-25-1484

MTC Resolutions Nos. 3989, Revised and 4505, Revised

Subject:

Various revisions to the One Bay Area Grant (OBAG 3) and MTC exchange programs, including programming \$1,500,000 in CARE balances to MTC for Power-Building and Engagement and an additional \$150,000 to MTC for Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM) Community-Based Transportation Plans.

Background:

The OBAG 3 program establishes the policy and programming framework for investing federal Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STP) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement program (CMAQ) funds for FY 2023 through FY 2026.

MTC's fund exchange program provides greater flexibility to deliver select priority projects within the broader OBAG framework. MTC Resolution No. 3989, Revised, describes the procedures governing MTC's exchange program and details the agreements and commitments that have been made to date. The program facilitates funding agreements with partner agencies to exchange federal STP/CMAQ funds with non-federal local funds. These exchanges do not increase the total amount of funds available to the region but enable MTC to support key investments within the OBAG policy framework that are ineligible for STP/CMAQ funds.

This month, staff recommend revisions to the OBAG 3 and MTC exchange programs as detailed below.

CARE Power-Building and Engagement (Pb+E)

Last month, the Commission awarded \$1.5 million in Regional Early Action Planning (REAP 2) funds to 16 Power-Building and Engagement (Pb+E) projects. This CARE program was greatly oversubscribed; MTC received 143 applications totaling \$18.9 million.

To further support the Pb+E program, this month staff recommend programming an additional \$1.5 million in OBAG 3 CARE balances to MTC. These funds will allow staff to recommend, in the coming months, an additional \$1.0 million in Pb+E project awards as well as to provide additional technical assistance and implementation activities associated with the program. As part of this action, staff recommend changing the fund source from federal STP/CMAQ to non-federal MTC exchange funds to address eligibility constraints. Staff plan to return to the Commission for approval of the final project list for this Pb+E augmentation early in 2026.

Community-Based Transportation Plans (CBTPs)

In June 2022, the Commission programmed \$3 million in OBAG 3 funds to the Bay Area County Transportation Agencies (CTAs) to fund Community-Based Transportation Plans (CBTPs) in each of the nine counties, consistent with MTC's CBTP Guidelines (MTC Resolution No. 4514). This month, staff recommend programming an additional \$150,000 in OBAG 3 CBTP Planning funds to MTC for the Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM). These funds would come from prior OBAG cycle savings and support updates to Marin City's CBTP.

Issues:

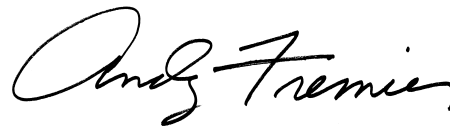
None.

Recommendations:

Refer MTC Resolution Nos. 3989, Revised and 4505, Revised to the Commission for approval.

Attachments:

- MTC Resolution No. 4505, Revised
 - Attachment B-1
- MTC Resolution No. 3989, Revised
 - Attachment B



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