# Metropolitan Transportation Commission Programming and Allocations Committee

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# Transit Performance Initiative – Investment Program Semi-Annual Update

#### **Subject:**

Semi-annual update on the progress of projects awarded under the Transit Performance Initiative (TPI) Investment Program.

## **Background:**

The TPI Investment program funds low-cost capital investments that can be implemented rapidly to improve operations and customer experience on major transit corridors and systems.

The TPI program has been funded through a combination of One Bay Area Grant (OBAG) federal funds from the OBAG 1 and OBAG 2 programs and from state Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) funds. Overall, since 2012, \$131.1 million has been programmed to 48 capital and planning projects, and 28 of these have been completed or are substantially completed.

#### **Project Status Updates:**

Most projects funded through the early rounds of TPI through 2020 are completed or in construction and nearing completion. Projects funded in recent years are either in design or under construction. Projects awarded under the TPI 2022-23 program are primarily in early planning or design phases, with many still awaiting final award of federal funding.

This program update covers the period from June 2024 through November 2024. Please refer to Attachment A for further detail and status updates on individual projects.

#### **TPI Program Look Ahead:**

Staff anticipate coordinating with the Regional Network Management transit priority efforts, such as the BusAID program, to identify eligible projects for future rounds of TPI funding, including the annual LCTOP funding allocations. Staff will also continue to coordinate with project sponsors to monitor project progress.

## **Issues:**

The underlying federal funding source for the OBAG funds programmed in February 2023 as part of the TPI 2022-23 program goes through a multi-step, multi-agency review and approval process prior to the award and allocation of funds. Most OBAG funds awarded to transit operators are transferred from FHWA to FTA as part of this process. Most projects receiving these funds experienced significant delays throughout the federal award process, and many of them have yet to receive their funds – part of a systemic issue in which receiving federal awards can take an extraordinarily long time. This has resulted in delays of a year or more to the start of work on these projects, and may result in cost increases, effectively reducing the purchasing power of the TPI funds. Staff will continue to monitor the status of these funds, and work with sponsors to ensure applications for future awards are handled as efficiently as possible.

## **Recommendation:**

Information

#### **Attachments:**

- Attachment A TPI Investment Program Semi-Annual Update
- Attachment B Transit Performance Initiative Investment Program Projects by Round

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