

**Metropolitan Transportation Commission  
Regional Network Management Committee**

**April 11, 2025**

**Agenda Item 4f**

**Amendment to Cooperative Agreement for the Bay Bridge Forward - Interstate 580 (I-580)  
Westbound High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lane Extension Project: Caltrans (\$375,000)**

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**Subject:**

Request for approval of an amendment to the Cooperative Agreement with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in an amount not to exceed \$375,000 to provide project oversight and quality management for the final design, right-of-way, and construction phases of I-580 Westbound HOV Lane Extension Project (Project).

**Background:**

As part of the Bay Bridge Forward Initiative, the I-580 Westbound HOV Lane Extension Project (Project) will provide travel time savings for buses and HOV and hence encourage mode shift, consistent with Plan Bay Area 2050. The Project is anticipated to increase person throughput during peak hours. Given the worsening congestion associated with the SFOBB traffic, MTC has been seeking solutions to improve the traffic operations along the I-580 corridor. Solutions to reduce congestion on this corridor are limited by the constrained right of way. The project will convert approximately 2.3 miles of an existing general-purpose (GP) lane on westbound Interstate 580 (I-580) to an HOV lane from the beginning of the existing HOV lane near the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge (SFOBB) Toll Plaza approach to just east of the Broadway-Richmond Boulevard Undercrossing.

On October 24, 2024, MTC entered into a Cooperative Agreement with Caltrans for the final design, right-of-way and construction phases of the Project. Under the Cooperative Agreement, MTC is responsible for the development of the final design plans, specifications and estimate; obtaining right-of-way clearance; and advertisement, award and administration of the construction contract. Caltrans, as the owner and operator of the State Highway System, would perform oversight, quality management and review and approval of project deliverables.

Due to the following unforeseen site conditions and potential construction schedule conflict, MTC has requested Caltrans to provide additional oversight and design coordination to reduce the risk of delays during construction.

- Site investigation during final design revealed unfavorable pavement conditions and localized bridge deck defects within the limits of the project that require additional design coordination, pavement evaluation and input from Caltrans Headquarter Structure and Maintenance units for the pavement repair plan.
- Due to potential schedule and construction staging conflict with another State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) project, additional Caltrans oversight and coordination are required to resolve conflict and minimize construction risk.

MTC needs to establish an amendment to the Cooperative Agreement for additional oversight and support provided by Caltrans as described above.

**Issues:**

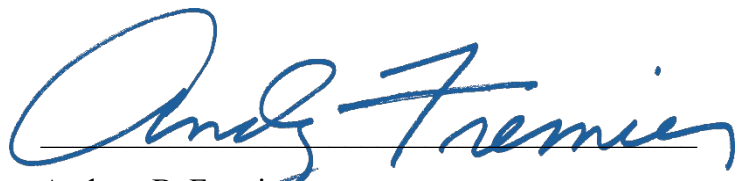
None identified.

**Recommendations:**

Staff recommends that the Regional Network Management Committee authorize the Executive Director or designee to negotiate and enter into a Cooperative Agreement Amendment with Caltrans in an amount not to exceed \$375,000 to provide additional project oversight and quality management for the final design, right-of-way, and construction phases of the I-580 Westbound HOV Lane Extension Project.

**Attachments:**

- Attachment A: Request for Committee Approval – Summary of Proposed Amendment to Cooperative Amendment



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Request for Committee Approval

Summary of Proposed Amendment to Cooperative Agreement

Work Item No.: 2657

Agency: California Department of Transportation (Caltrans),  
Sacramento, California

Work Project Title: Bay Bridge Forward: I-580 Westbound HOV Lane Extension Project

Purpose of Project: Extend an existing HOV on I-580 Westbound in the vicinity of the Bay Bridge toll plaza to Broadway-Richmond Boulevard Undercrossing to improve travel time reliability for buses and HOVs.

Brief Scope of Work: Caltrans provides project oversight and support during the final design, right-of-way, and construction phases.

Project Cost Not to Exceed: \$375,000

Funding Source: 1866

Fiscal Impact: Funding is included in Fiscal Year 2024/2025 MTC Budget

Motion by Committee: That the Executive Director or designee is authorized to negotiate and enter into an amendment to the Cooperative Agreement with Caltrans for project oversight and support during the final design, right-of-way, and construction phases of the project, as described above and in the Regional Network Management Committee Summary Sheet dated April 11, 2025, and that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to set aside \$375,000 for such amendment.

Regional Network  
Management Committee:

Alicia John-Baptiste, Chair

Approved: April 11, 2025