

Bay Area Toll Authority

January 25, 2023

Agenda Item 4b - 22-1746

Funding Agreement - West Oakland Link Project: Alameda County Transportation Commission (\$3,000,000)

Subject:

A request to enter into a funding agreement with the Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC) to receive up to \$3,000,000 in funds to allow BATA to complete plans, specifications, and estimates (PS&E) for the West Oakland Link Project.

Background:

The West Oakland Link Project (Project) would construct a new bicycle/pedestrian connection between West Oakland and the bike path leading to the East Span of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge (Bay Bridge) in Oakland. The Project, which is part of the Bay Trail, would connect West Oakland to existing segments of the regional San Francisco Bay Trail and provide safer access to the Bay Bridge East Span Path and the Class I trail along Maritime Street to the Port of Oakland. The Project is a key component in the Bay Skyway and MTC's Active Transportation Network that will facilitate bicycling and pedestrian trips between San Francisco/Peninsula and the East Bay. This Project will decrease congestion, vehicle miles traveled, greenhouse gas emissions, and air pollution, thus providing great benefits for the Bay Area community.

BATA has long sought funding partners and stakeholders to contribute to the successful implementation of the West Oakland Link as part of the greater Bay Skyway vision. At its May 28, 2020, meeting, ACTC updated its Comprehensive Investment Plan to include \$3,000,000 in programming from Measure B to help fund design (PS&E) for the Project. These funds are matched by \$3,000,000 in BATA Toll Bridge Rehabilitation funds that have already been included in the Toll Bridge Rehabilitation Budget. PS&E for the West Oakland Link Project is expected to start in March 2023, with construction expected to begin in June 2025. Staff has applied for four federal and state grants in 2022 to fund construction.

Approval of the request to authorize the Executive Director or designee to negotiate and enter into the funding agreement with ACTC for the funding of PS&E would be the first discretionary action taken on the Project. As such, pursuant to California Public Resources Code section 21080, subdivision (c) and CEQA Guidelines section 15352, subdivision (a), the Authority must approve this action, subject to BATA adopting the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) and the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) for the Project pursuant to BATA Resolution No. 161.

Issues:

None identified.

Recommendations:

Staff recommends that the Authority approve this action, thereby authorizing the Executive Director or designee to negotiate and enter into a funding agreement with ACTC to receive \$3,000,000 in funds in FY 2022-23 to perform PS&E for the Project to the Authority, subject to BATA approval of Resolution No. 161 adopting the MND and MMRP for the Project.

Attachments:

- Request for Authority Approval Sheet – Summary of Proposed Funding Agreement.
- BATA Oversight Committee Summary Sheet dated January 11, 2023



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REQUEST FOR AUTHORITY APPROVAL

Summary of Proposed Funding Agreement

Work Item No.: 1251

Agency Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC)
Oakland, CA

Work Project Title: West Oakland Link

Purpose of Project: The West Oakland Link Project would construct a new bicycle/pedestrian connection between West Oakland and the bike path leading to the East Span of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge in Oakland.

Funding Agreement Value: \$3,000,000

Funding Source: Alameda County Measure B

Fiscal Impact: Funds in the amount of \$3,000,000 will be added to the BATA program budget.

Motion by Authority That the Executive Director or designee is authorized to negotiate and enter into a funding agreement to receive up to \$3,000,000 (FY 22-23) from ACTC, as described above and in the BATA Oversight Committee and Authority Summary Sheets dated January 11, 2023 and January 25, 2023, respectively, subject to BATA adoption of Resolution No. 161 adopting the MND and MMRP for the Project.

BATA:

Alfredo Pedroza, Chair

Approved: Date: January 25, 2023