

**Metropolitan Transportation Commission
Programming and Allocations Committee****March 9, 2022****Agenda Item 4b - 22-0402****MTC Resolution No. 4508**

Subject:

Regional Early Action Planning Grants (REAP 2.0) Advance Allocation Request. Adoption of Resolution No. 4508, authorizing MTC to submit an advance allocation request to California Housing and Community Development for REAP 2.0 formula funds.

Background:

The State's REAP 2.0 program is a one-time investment of state and federal funds to advance implementation of adopted regional plans by funding transformative planning and implementation activities to accelerate infill housing and reductions in per capita vehicle miles traveled. The program is administered by California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), in collaboration with California Office of Planning and Research (OPR), Strategic Growth Council (SGC), and California Air Resources Board (CARB).

MTC is anticipated to receive approximately \$103 million in REAP 2.0 formula funds for eligible projects and subgrantees throughout the region. Last month, staff presented an overall framework, principles, and proposed focus areas for these funds to the Committee.

Recommended focus areas and proposed shares include growth framework implementation (55%), community choice projects and programs (10%), Blue Ribbon priority initiatives (30%), and program administration (5%).

Based on lessons learned with REAP 1.0, staff found it helpful to direct a portion of the initial resources to establishing program procedures for smooth and expedient funding distribution and administration. MTC is now eligible to request an allocation of up to 10% of our anticipated formula share for this purpose. According to HCD, the eligible uses for the 10% portion of the REAP 2.0 program include:

- Administration (up to 5%);
- Program development and initial priority setting; and
- Education and outreach, including targeted outreach to historically underserved communities, inter- and intra-regional engagement, and coordination with Tribal entities.

This month, staff seeks authorization to request up to 10%, or approximately \$10 million, to develop and further refine the proposed framework for REAP 2.0 funds, including priority setting and outreach, as well as resources for fund and program administration.

Next Steps

Following release of final REAP 2.0 guidelines from the state, as well as input from the Joint MTC Planning and ABAG Administration Committee this spring, staff will return to the Committee with a full proposal for the remaining REAP 2.0 funding.

Issues:

None.

Recommendation:

Refer MTC Resolution No. 4508 to the Commission for approval and authorize the Executive Director or designee to submit an advanced allocation request to HCD.

Attachments:

MTC Resolution No. 4508



Therese W. McMillan

Date: March 23, 2022
W.I.: 1511
Referred by: PAC

ABSTRACT

Resolution No. 4508

Authorization to request an advance allocation of up to 10% of the amount available to MTC, not to exceed \$10,284,210, through the Regional Early Action Planning grants program (REAP 2.0). The advance allocation will be used to develop and accelerate the implementation of the requirements of the program, including regional engagement in the development of the full application, an education and outreach strategy, and program administration.

This authorizing resolution is required by the Department of Housing and Community Development as part of the advance allocation request.

Further discussion of the REAP 2.0 advance allocation request is contained in the memorandum to the Programming and Allocations Committee dated March 9, 2022.

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RE: Regional Early Action Planning Grants Program (REAP 2.0)

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MTC RESOLUTION NO. 4508

WHEREAS, the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development (Department) is authorized to provide up to \$510,000,000 to Metropolitan Planning Organizations and Councils of Government listed in Health and Safety Code Section 50515.08, subdivisions (a)(1)-(6) under the Regional Early Action Planning grants program (REAP 2.0), as detailed in Health and Safety Code Section 50515.08-10; and

WHEREAS, the Department issued a Notice and Request for Advance Allocation on January 3, 2022 for REAP 2.0 grants available to Metropolitan Planning Organizations and Councils of Government; and

WHEREAS, MTC is a Metropolitan Planning Organization or Council of Government eligible to submit a Request for Advance Allocation pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 50515.08(c)(3) to develop and accelerate the implementation of the requirements described in Health and Safety Code section 50515.08(c)(1) including, but not limited to, regional engagement in the development of the full application and of an education and outreach strategy; and

WHEREAS, the Department shall approve the advance allocation request, subject to the terms and conditions of Eligibility, Guidelines, Notice of Funding Availabilities, Program requirements, and the Standard Agreement by and between the Department and REAP 2.0 Grant Recipients.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, MTC is hereby authorized and directed to request an advance allocation not to exceed 10% of the amount allocated pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 50515.07(a) consistent with the methodology described in 50515.09(a).

1. The Executive Director or designee is authorized to execute the Advance Allocation Request, on behalf of the MTC as required by the Department for receipt of REAP 2.0 funds.
2. When MTC receives an advance allocation of REAP 2.0 funds from the Department pursuant to the above referenced Advanced Allocation Request, it represents and certifies that it will use all such funds only for eligible activities as set forth in Health and Safety Code section 50515.08(c)(1), as approved by the Department and in accordance with all REAP 2.0 requirements, guidelines, all applicable state and federal statutes, rules, regulations, and the Standard Agreement executed by and between the MTC and the Department.
3. The Executive Director or designee is authorized to enter into, execute, and deliver a State of California Standard Agreement for the advanced amount, and any and all other documents required or deemed necessary or appropriate to evidence and secure the REAP 2.0 Advance Allocation, MTC's obligations related thereto and all amendments the Department deems necessary and in accordance with REAP 2.0.

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Alfredo Pedroza, Chair

The above resolution was approved by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission at a regular meeting of the Commission held in San Francisco, California, and at other remote Locations, on March 23, 2022.