

**Metropolitan Transportation Commission
Programming and Allocations Committee**

September 8, 2021

Agenda Item 2b - 21-1028

FY 2020-21 Federal Earmark Repurposing

Subject: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) repurposed earmark funds under the earmark repurposing provision of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021.

Background: The Department of Transportation Appropriations Act of 2021 includes a provision enabling states to repurpose unused earmark balances from projects that have not substantially progressed, or that are completed and closed.

FY 2020-21 Earmark Repurposing – MTC Submittal

In July, the Commission directed staff to develop and submit to Caltrans the list of Bay Area earmarks for repurposing. This agenda item is a follow-up to the Commission to report earmarks that MTC has submitted to Caltrans for repurposing this year.

Staff worked with project sponsors and County Transportation Agencies (CTAs) to verify the status of projects associated with available earmark balances. In response to the requests from CTAs and sponsors, staff submitted one earmark balance to Caltrans for repurposing, as detailed in the table below.

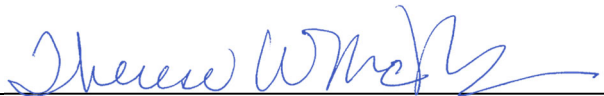
Sponsor	Earmark Description	Balance	Earmark Repurposing - MTC Submittal
Port of Oakland	California Inter-regional Rail Intermodal Study	\$340	Repurpose to: ACTC, Alameda County Rail Safety Enhancement Program

Although the funds available on this earmark are rather limited, ACTC requested this balance be repurposed to the Alameda County Rail Safety Enhancement Program in order to federalize the project and allow the project to proceed with pre-construction project development.

Issues: None.

Recommendation: Information only.

Attachments: None.



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