

Metropolitan Transportation Commission Programming and Allocations Committee

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Agenda Item 4a - 23-0605

Major Project Advancement Policy Update

Subject:

Informational update on the continued development of the Major Project Advancement Policy (MAP). This update will include presentations from sponsors of named megaprojects seeking advancement in the federal Capital Investment Grants process including updates to cost and funding plans to be incorporated into the MAP.

Background:

In October 2022, the Commission adopted the first version of the MAP, a regional policy to support implementation of Plan Bay Area 2050 aimed at delivering the next round of major transportation projects and building off the Bay Area's previous Regional Transit Expansion Program, MTC Resolution No. 3434. This adoption included a list of projects in the MAP assigned to Levels 1, 2, and 3 based on readiness criteria. The adoption also included a funding endorsement matrix identifying full funding plans for Level 1 megaprojects and likely funding sources for smaller Level 1 projects and Level 2 projects.

This is an informational item to provide updates on megaprojects listed in the MAP and provide information on future revisions to the MAP.

Project Sponsor Presentations

Staff have invited BART and Valley Link to present updates to the Transbay Corridor Core Capacity Project and the Valley Link Rail project, respectively. Last month, the Transbay Joint Powers Authority (TJPA) and the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) presented updates to the Caltrain Downtown Rail Extension ("The Portal") and BART to Silicon Valley Extension Phase 2, respectively. The BART Transbay Corridor Core Capacity update to PAC will occur later in 2023, after the project's Federal Transit Administration Risk Assessment is completed.

MAP Update Schedule

In October 2022 when the MAP was adopted, staff committed to bringing updates to the MAP to the Commission for review of incorporated changes to project costs, actual funding awards, and new funding sources available and to incorporate the policy reinforcement and risk management elements that have been a key part of the MAP framework since its inception. In February 2023, staff presented proposed refinements to the MAP Stage Gate process and evaluation framework and revised the programmatic categories. The following is a proposed schedule for remaining informational updates and for bringing a formal MAP update to the Commission for approval.

Action	Date
Informational updates on Stage Gate process and Programmatic Categories	Summer 2023
Recommendation of revised MAP for Commission Adoption	Fall 2023

Updates to Funding Endorsement Table

Staff propose to update the funding endorsement table to incorporate cost increases to megaprojects, funding awards, tax expenditure plan approvals, or other new funding announced since October 2022. This will include awards from Cycle 6 of the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP), additional federal CIG commitments, and other major awards affecting projects in the MAP; cost increases as reported by project sponsors; and changes to funding plans based on MTC staff coordination with project sponsors.

Stage Gate Process

At the February 2023 PAC meeting, staff presented proposed refinements of the Stage Gate process for evaluating MAP projects and assigning MAP levels. Based on Commissioner feedback, staff is continuing to develop the Stage Gate process, including engaging a consultant to help develop the technical aspects of these evaluations. Staff plan to bring a refined Stage Gate definition and process to PAC as part of upcoming informational updates prior to recommending addition of the process to the MAP policy.

Programmatic Categories

At the February 2023 PAC meeting, staff presented proposed revisions to the Programmatic Categories. Staff is continuing to develop these categories to include category-specific evaluation frameworks and criteria for assigning MAP levels and endorsements. Staff plan to bring the programmatic categories to PAC as part of upcoming informational updates prior to recommending revisions to the MAP policy.

Issues:

None identified.

Recommendations:

Information

Attachments:

- Attachment A: MAP Update Presentation
- Attachment B: Project Sponsor Presentation



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