

**Metropolitan Transportation Commission
Programming and Allocations Committee**

February 14, 2024

Agenda Item 2b – 24-0125

Transit Performance Initiative – Investment Program Semi-Annual Update

Subject:

Semi-annual update on the progress of projects awarded under the Transit Performance Initiative (TPI) Investment Program.

Background:

The TPI Investment program funds low-cost capital investments that can be implemented rapidly to improve operations and customer experience on major transit corridors and systems. Since 2012, \$125 million has been programmed to 44 capital and planning projects, and 23 of these have been completed or are substantially completed.

The TPI program has been funded through a combination of One Bay Area Grant (OBAG) federal funds from the OBAG 1 and OBAG 2 programs and from state Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP). Five rounds of the TPI program, including the majority of the February 2023 awards, were funded by OBAG funds. In May 2016, the Commission committed one-third of the region's annual population-based LCTOP funds to augment the TPI program, subject to the region's Cap and Trade Framework in MTC Resolution No. 4130, Revised. Five cycles of LCTOP funds have been programmed by MTC, totaling \$26.8 million from FY 2017-18 to FY 2022-23.

In February 2023, the Commission awarded approximately \$21 million to seven capital and five planning projects. This round of TPI funding, comprised of LCTOP and OBAG 2 funds, advanced the Transit Priority goal of the Blue Ribbon Transit Recovery Task Force. This is the first reporting period for these projects.

Project Status Updates:

Many ongoing projects have experienced delays in recent years due to COVID-19, supply chain issues, and the operations funding crisis. Most projects that were suspended or delayed have begun to move forward again with completion dates pushed back by a year or more. Some project schedules remain uncertain.

This program update covers the period from May 2023 through December 2023. Please refer to Attachment A for further information.

TPI Program Look Ahead:

Staff anticipates bringing recommendations for the next round of TPI funding through the LCTOP program to the Commission in the next few months. Based on the 2023 Cap and Trade auction proceeds, we anticipate approximately \$6.9 million to be available to MTC to distribute to TPI-eligible projects. We anticipate coordinating with the Regional Network Management transit priority efforts to identify eligible projects.

Issues:

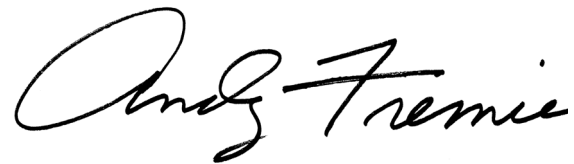
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Recommendation:

Information

Attachments:

- Attachment A: TPI Investment Program Semi-Annual Update
 - Appendix I: Transit Performance Initiative Investment Program Projects by Round



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