

**Metropolitan Transportation Commission
Programming and Allocations Committee**

March 13, 2024

Agenda Item 2b - 23-1414

MTC Resolution No. 4108, Revised

Subject:

Revisions to the Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 3 Policies and Procedures to add eligible project types and make other minor clarifications.

Background:

The TDA authorizes 2% of quarter sales tax revenue to fund bicycle and pedestrian projects in each of the nine counties within the Bay Area. MTC adopts policies and procedures for this funding and administers annual programming of TDA Article 3 (roughly \$8.1 million in Fiscal Year 2023-24). The proposed revisions to the policy and procedures of TDA Article 3 seek to provide clarification on common questions raised by stakeholders, refine reporting requirements, and formalize the extension process. These proposed revisions were shared with each TDA Article 3 County Coordinator for feedback and were presented at the February Active Transportation Working Group meeting.

Sponsors across the Bay Area have noted that future maintenance has been a concern when pursuing Class I or Class IV projects. Staff propose that purchase of maintenance equipment for exclusive use on Class I and/or Class IV separated bikeways be identified as an eligible use of TDA Article 3 funds. The addition of maintenance equipment as an eligible expense will remove a hurdle for sponsors in reaching their comprehensive bike facilities goals.

To clearly confirm the funding recommendations of the Countywide BPAC, staff propose that along with the adopted annual programming list, counties include a section or provide a new document dedicated to comments or overall sentiment of the BPAC on each of the selected projects. This procedure provides a consistent expectation of BPAC engagement while adding a minimal administrative burden to the counties or project sponsors.

Staff proposes that additional project location documentation for application and reimbursement requests be submitted to MTC to continue building a repository of sustainable transportation projects throughout the Bay Area. Staff intend to use this data for future analysis.

Lastly, project delivery timeline extensions for TDA Article 3 are currently carried out on an individual basis. Staff propose to formalize the project extension process by providing a document template for county coordinators to submit to MTC near the end of the fiscal year. This document will include background information on each request and will be used for future analysis. Additionally, it will streamline the process to provide greater project status visibility to county coordinators and reduce MTC's administrative burden.

The new policies and procedures would be effective with the FY2025-26 funding cycle since the process for selecting projects for FY2024-25 funding is well underway in all counties.

Issues:

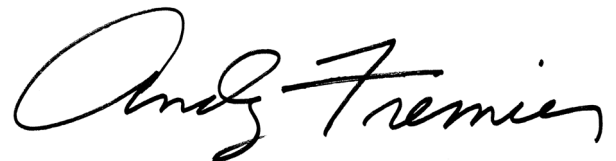
None identified.

Recommendations:

Refer MTC Resolution No. 4108, Revised to the Commission for approval.

Attachments:

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