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Agenda Item 4d

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Memorandum

TO: Operations Committee

DATE: November 2, 2018

FR: Executive Director

W. I. 1237

RE: Funding Agreement – Richmond-San Rafael (RSR) Bridge Forward - Bike Lane Gap Closure: City of Richmond (\$500,000)

Background

In 2016, the Bay Area Toll Authority (BATA) partnered with Caltrans, the Transportation Authority of Marin and the Contra Costa Transportation Authority to deliver an up-to-four-year pilot on the Richmond-San Rafael (RSR) Bridge that consists of adding a third travel lane to eastbound Interstate 580 from Sir Francis Drake Blvd. on-ramp in San Rafael to the Marine Street (Richmond Parkway/Point Richmond) exit in Richmond and a creating a RSR Bridge Trail with a moveable barrier on the upper deck of the bridge. The third lane on the lower deck opened to traffic in fall 2018, and the RSR Bridge Trail on the upper deck will open in early spring 2019. The completion of the RSR Bridge Trail would close a major gap in the planned 500-mile Bay Trail and would provide the first-ever connection between Bay Trail segments in Contra Costa and Marin counties.

To support bridge operations, BATA recently launched the RSR Forward initiative, which features a suite of operational strategies designed to increase person throughput (move more people in carpools and transit), improve toll plaza operations, and maximize usage of the bridge trail for commuting and recreational use within RSR Bridge corridor. As part of the initiative, RSR Forward proposes to close gaps between existing bike facilities on the West Contra Costa side of the bridge, focusing initially to close a gap in the bike lanes in the City of Richmond between the existing Richmond Greenway and the planned RSR Bridge Trail. Improving connectivity within the regional bicycle network is critical to encourage bicycling as an alternative mode of transportation in this corridor.

In support of MTC's efforts to improve connectivity, the City of Richmond is requesting funding to design and construct near-term bicycle and pedestrian improvements that will connect the new RSR Bridge Trail landing to existing bicycle and pedestrian facilities and public transit hubs. Staff recommends that MTC provide \$500,000 in funding to the City of Richmond to deliver these bike improvements, subject to execution of the MTC/CCTA Exchange Agreement, MTC Resolution No. 4357 and inclusion in the MTC Exchange Program, MTC Resolution No. 3989.

Funding Agreement Actions

The City of Richmond is planning to implement near-term bicycle and pedestrian network improvements that focus on connecting the RSR Bridge Trail to existing bicycle and pedestrian facilities, as well as to public transit services in Richmond. Improvements will focus on striping and wayfinding signage to provide Class II, III, or IV bicycle facilities, where feasible, in and around Point Richmond where connections to the Richmond Greenway and/or other trails will be provided. The scope of work includes minor civil work, including engineering, striping and signage, and the removal/relocation of on-street parking where necessary.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Operations Committee authorize the Executive Director or his designee to negotiate and enter into a funding agreement with the City of Richmond in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.



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REQUEST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL

Summary of Proposed Funding Agreement

Work Item No.: 1237

Contractor: City of Richmond
Richmond, CA

Work Project Title: City of Richmond Bike Lane Gap Closure

Purpose of Project: To improve connectivity in the regional bicycle network and to the RSR Bridge Trail.

Brief Scope of Work: The City of Richmond is planning to implement bicycle network improvements that focus on connecting the RSR Bridge Trail to existing and planned bicycle and pedestrian facilities. Improvements will focus on minor civil work, including engineering, striping and signage, and the removal/relocation of on-street parking where necessary to provide Class II, III, and/or IV bicycle facilities in and around Point Richmond.

Project Cost Not to Exceed: \$500,000

Funding Source: MTC Exchange Program (contingent upon execution of the MTC/CCTA Exchange Agreement, MTC Resolution No. 4357 and inclusion in the MTC Exchange Program, MTC Resolution No. 3989)

Fiscal Impact: Funds available in the FY 2018-19 agency budget.

Motion by Committee: That the Executive Director or his designee is authorized to negotiate and enter into a funding agreement with the City of Richmond in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 for the purposes described above and in the Executive Director's memorandum dated November 2, 2018, and the Chief Financial Officer is directed to set aside funds in the amount of \$500,000 for such funding agreement as specified above.

Operations:

Dave Cortese, Chair

Approved: Date: November 9, 2018