

Metropolitan Transportation Commission

April 22, 2020

Agenda Item 6h

Master Funding Agreement Supplement: Bike Lane Gap Closure, Ferry-to-Bridge-to-Greenway (F2B2G) Network: City of Richmond (\$325,000)

Subject: Approval of a master funding agreement supplement with the City of Richmond for implementation of improvements to improve connectivity in the regional bicycle network and to the Richmond-San Rafael (RSR) Bridge Trail.

Background: The City of Richmond plans 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 consist of providing a Class IV bicycle facility on Harbour Way. The scope of work includes minor civil work, such as engineering, striping and signage, and the removal/relocation of on-street parking where necessary.

In March 2014, the Bay Area Toll Authority (BATA) began development of the I-580 RSR Bridge Access Improvement Project. The first phase of that project opened the Peak Period Use Lane (3rd Lane) in the eastbound direction of the bridge in April 2018. The second phase opened the Bicycle-Pedestrian Path on the RSR Bridge's upper deck adjacent to westbound traffic in November 2019.

In November 2018, the Commission approved approximately \$1.2 million in MTC Exchange funds for use in RSR Forward (MTC Resolution No. 3989). The RSR Forward initiative implements a range of improvements to: 1) manage the growth in westbound congestion approaching the toll plaza during the morning commute period, and 2) support biking and walking for commute and recreational purposes. Specifically, these strategies will improve toll plaza operations, increase person throughput, and offer greater travel time savings for carpools and express buses using a managed lane. Key strategies include all electronic tolling/open road tolling, extension of the existing I-580 High-Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane from the toll plaza to Bayview Interchange, improved Golden Gate Transit express bus services, employer-focused transportation demand management (TDM), bicycle/pedestrian gap closures and e-bike strategies.

As part of RSR Forward, staff proposes to close gaps between existing bike facilities on the West Contra Costa County side of the bridge – focusing initially on the gap in the City of Richmond between the

Richmond Ferry terminal, the existing Richmond Greenway, and the planned RSR Bridge Trail. The City of Richmond is requesting grant 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. Improving connectivity within the regional bicycle network that connects to the RSR Bridge is critical to encourage bicycling as an alternative mode of transportation in this corridor.

Issues: None identified.

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Commission authorize the Executive Director or designee to negotiate and enter into a master funding agreement supplement with the City of Richmond in an amount not to exceed \$325,000 for implementation of improvements to improve connectivity in the regional bicycle network and to the RSR Bridge Trail.

Attachments: Request for Commission Approval Summary of Proposed Funding Agreement Amendment Sheet



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REQUEST FOR COMMISSION APPROVAL

Summary of Proposed Master Funding Agreement Supplement

Work Item No.:	1237
Consultant:	City of Richmond, Richmond, CA
Work Project Title:	Bike Lane Gap Closure, Ferry-to-Bridge-to-Greenway (F2B2G) Network
Purpose of Project:	To improve connectivity in the regional bicycle network and to the RSR Bridge Trail.
Brief Scope of Work:	Minor civil work, including engineering, striping and signage, and the removal/relocation of on-street parking where necessary to provide a Class IV bicycle facility on Harbour Way.
Project Cost Not to Exceed:	\$325,000
Funding Source:	MTC SAFE Advance, FS 3221
Fiscal Impact:	Funds are available in the FY 2019-20 agency budget.
Motion:	That the Executive Director or designee is authorized to negotiate and enter into a master funding agreement supplement with the City of Richmond for bike lane gap closure described above and in the MTC Summary Sheet dated April 22, 2020 and that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to set aside \$325,000 for such funding agreement supplement.
MTC:	<hr/> Scott Haggerty, Chair
Approved:	April 22, 2020