

Bay Area Partnership Board

December 1, 2020

Agenda Item 4a

Update on Senate Bill 1 Competitive Programs and Regional Measure 3

Subject: Update on Senate Bill 1 Competitive Program Recommendations and Regional Measure 3.

Background: Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) provides additional funding to existing competitive programs and created new competitive programs under the state's administration. In November, the California Transportation Commission (CTC) released its staff recommendations for three competitive SB1 funding programs, with about \$2 billion available statewide. Project applications for these programs were due this summer. MTC took action on two of the programs in May for the Solutions for Congested Corridors (SCC) and the Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP); sponsors with a voter-approved tax dedicated to transportation may apply directly for Local Partnership Competitive Program (LPP-C) funds.

CTC staff recommends \$407 million in SB1 funding to Bay Area projects among the three programs, which represents roughly 20% of the amount available statewide. The table below lists the selected projects sorted by county. CTC will consider approving funds for these projects at its meeting on December 2-3.

Table 1. Bay Area 2020 SB1 Project Recommendations.

| County | Project | Award (\$M) | SB1 Program |
|---------------|---|--------------|-------------|
| Alameda | I-680 Southbound Express Lanes* | \$25 | LPP-C |
| BART | Train Control Modernization | \$60 | SCC |
| Contra Costa | I-680/SR-4 Interchange* (Design) | \$18 | TCEP |
| Marin | US-101 Marin-Sonoma Narrows, B7* | \$40 | SCC |
| Napa | SR-29/221 Soscol Junction | \$25 | SCC |
| San Francisco | Mission/Geneva Safety Improvements | \$9 | LPP-C |
| Santa Clara | US-101/De La Cruz/Trimble Interchange Improvements | \$25 | LPP-C |
| Santa Clara | US-101/SR-25 Interchange | \$55 | TCEP |
| Solano | I-80 Express Lanes* | \$123 | TCEP |
| Solano | I-80 Westbound Truck Scales* (Design) | \$24 | TCEP |
| Sonoma | Windsor River/Windsor Rd. Intersection Improvements and Pathway | \$3 | LPP-C |
| Total | | \$407 | |

* The funding plan for these projects includes Regional Measure 3 (RM3) funding. See "Issues" below.

Issues:

The five projects starred above include a total of \$285 million in Regional Measure 3 (RM3) bridge tolls in the project funding plan. RM3 is currently under litigation, and collected tolls are deposited in an escrow account and not available to spend. In October, the California Supreme Court announced it would defer deciding whether to hear the case deciding the legality of RM3 until after a separate case is decided in 2021. This means the earliest RM3 funds could be expended on these projects is Fiscal Year 2021-22, assuming the Court's favorable ruling on RM3.

In order to keep projects on schedule, the projects in Contra Costa County, Marin County, and both Solano County projects require resolution to the RM3 funding gap by Spring 2021. These projects expect to request a funding allocation from the CTC before June 2021. The Alameda County project expects to request a funding allocation in late 2021/early 2022, and is timed with a State Highway Operations and Protection Program (SHOPP) project on the same I-680 corridor.

Staff is exploring various options to bridge the RM3 funding gap. These options include project delays to match RM3 availability, ability to use other funds with RM3 payback (Letter of No Prejudice), and alternative funding sources. Staff will continue to work with our partner agencies to ensure successful delivery of these important transportation improvements.

Recommendation: Information.

Attachments: None.


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