Metropolitan Transportation Commission

January 27, 2021

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]	MTC Resolution No. 3925, Revised and 4202, Revised
Background:	On January 13, 2021, the Programming and Allocations Committee referred to the Commission for approval MTC Resolution Nos. 3925, Revised and 4202, Revised, to adopt the policy framework for a Safe and Seamless Mobility Quick-Strike program.
	Following the Committee meeting, MTC staff received considerable feedback from County Transportation Agency (CTA) staff regarding the proposed timeline for the program, particularly the requirement that funds must be obligated no later than March 31, 2022.
	As proposed in the original timeline, MTC staff will present a program of projects for Commission approval in June 2021. Project sponsors will be able to access their federal funding awards after September 2021, once Caltrans and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) approve the necessary revision to the federal Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Based on that timeline, CTA staff indicated it is extremely challenging to complete final design and obligate the funding by March 31, 2022, only six months after the funds are to be included in the federal TIP. CTA staff also indicated the aggressive delivery timeline limits their ability to nominate projects that may be better suited to the overall program purpose and goals.
	The quick deliverability of projects is a defining characteristic of the proposed Safe & Seamless Mobility Quick-Strike program. However, MTC staff acknowledges that the March 31, 2022 obligation deadline, as originally proposed, may preclude the Commission from funding projects that may be otherwise more competitive but need an additional few months to deliver
Recommendation:	MTC Resolution No. 4202, Revised, Appendix A-11 has been revised to change the required obligation deadline for the Safe and Seamless Mobility program from March 31, 2022 to September 30, 2022.
Attachments:	Attachment 1 – MTC Resolution No. 4202, Revised, Appendix A-11
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