

Metropolitan Transportation Commission Programming and Allocations Committee

April 14, 2021

Agenda Item 2i - 21-0527

MTC Resolution No. 4202, Revised

Subject: Revisions to the One Bay Area Grant 2 Program (OBAG 2) to change the federal fund source of \$13.9 million for the Golden Gate Bridge Suicide Deterrent System project.

Background: In recent years, annual appropriations of Federal Highway Administration funds have contained an infusion of federal Highway Infrastructure Program (FHIP) funds. These funds were provided in addition to federal Surface Transportation Program/Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (STP/CMAQ) programs at levels authorized by the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act. The Bay Area's total share of the FHIP apportionment received to date is approximately \$59.2 million. See table below.

Federal Highway Infrastructure Program (FHIP) (*\$ millions, rounded*)

	2018	2019	2020	2021	Total
National Total	\$1,980	\$2,729	\$781	\$641	\$6,131
California	\$185	\$256	\$73	\$59	\$573
Bay Area	\$18.8	\$26.4	\$7.7*	\$6.3*	\$59.2

*FY 2020 and FY 2021 FHIP appropriations, totaling \$13.9 million, are the subject of this agenda item.

In previous actions, the Commission approved directing \$52.9 million in FHIP, covering the first three years of FHIP apportionments, to the Golden Gate Bridge Suicide Deterrent System project. As part of these actions, an equal amount of STP/CMAQ funds originally programmed on the GGB project was returned to the regional STP/CMAQ balance, resulting in additional STP/CMAQ program capacity.¹

In February 2021, the Commission directed an additional \$6.3 million in FY 2021 FHIP, along with \$1.61 million in STP/CMAQ project savings, to the Golden Gate Bridge Suicide Deterrent System project to address MTC's share² of a cost increase incurred during project construction.

Delivery of the STP/CMAQ program is running behind for FY 2021, with sponsors identifying only \$92 million to be delivered this year out of the \$195 million available. To help address the poor delivery, staff proposes to exchange roughly \$13.9 million in FHIP funds previously provided to the Golden Gate Bridge Suicide Deterrent System (as described above) with an equal amount of STP funds. The Golden Gate Bridge Highway and Transportation district will be able to obligate the \$13.9 million in STP immediately following Commission action, addressing a significant amount of the STP/CMAQ delivery shortfall.

¹ In January 2021, the Commission approved the Safe and Seamless Mobility Quick-Strike program framework to distribute the \$52.9 million in new STP/CMAQ program capacity.

² In 2016, MTC entered a three-way funding commitment with Caltrans and Golden Gate Bridge and Highway Transportation District to fund the construction phase of the Golden Gate Bridge Suicide Deterrent System.

With this action, the \$13.9 million in FHIP funds will be made available for programming as part of the SB1/RM3 alternative funding arrangement discussed under Agenda Item 3a.

Recommendation

To help address the poor delivery of STP/CMAQ funds this year, staff recommends changing the federal fund source of \$13.9 million in FHIP funds currently programmed to the GGB Suicide Deterrent System, to STP funds. The \$13.9 million in FHIP is proposed to be redirected to projects as part of Agenda Item 3a. This action results in no net increase in funds provided for the GGB Suicide Deterrent project.

Issues: None.

Recommendation: Refer MTC Resolution No. 4202, Revised to the Commission for approval. Because Resolution No. 4202 is proposed for revision under other agenda items, it is included once under Agenda Item 3a with all proposed revisions. Only items referred by the Committee will be forwarded to the Commission.

Attachments: MTC Resolution No. 4202, Attachment B-1, Revised, can be found under Agenda Item 3a to this packet.


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