

Metropolitan Transportation Commission Administration Committee

October 13, 2021

Agenda Item 2b - 21-1154

Funding Agreements – Priority Conservation Area (PCA) Grant program:

(1) Alameda County Transportation Commission (\$600,000) funding match toward PCA award for West Oakland Environmental Indicators Project for Adapt Oakland: Urban Greening in West Oakland project; and (2) funding agreement with West Oakland Environmental Indicators Project (WOEIP) for a total of \$900,000 to fund the Adapt Oakland: Urban Greening in West Oakland project.

Subject: Staff recommends that the Committee authorize the Executive Director to enter into (1) a funding agreement with Alameda County Transportation Commission to receive an amount not to exceed \$600,000 for the pass-through of funds to the Adapt Oakland: Urban Greening in West Oakland project and (2) a funding agreement with West Oakland Environmental Indicators Project (WOEIP) for a total of \$900,000 to fund the Adapt Oakland: Urban Greening in West Oakland project.

Background: The Priority Conservation Area (PCA) Grant Program, initiated by MTC in 2013, provides funding for cities, counties, park districts and other agencies and nonprofits to acquire, enhance, or improve access to designated PCAs. On November 4, 2020, the Commission programmed \$300,000 to WOEIP for the Adapt Oakland: Urban Greening in West Oakland project. WOEIP will facilitate implementation, procure matching funds, and ensure the success of long-term maintenance of the Adapt Oakland: Urban Greening in West Oakland Project. WOEIP will oversee the project and subcontract the design team, necessary consultants, contractors, job training organization, and others as needed. MTC will be the CEQA lead agency.

On July 22, 2021, Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC) allocated \$600,000 in Measure BB funds to the project. This award satisfies the 2:1 match requirement of the PCA Grant program, allowing the project to proceed.


To streamline project delivery and reduce the administrative burden for WOEIP, staff recommends accepting Measure BB funds from ACTC as a pass-through of funds awarded to the Adapt Oakland project and entering into a separate funding agreement with West Oakland Environmental Indicators Project (WOEIP) for the full \$900,000 to fund the project.

The full program of projects for the PCA Grant program is provided as Attachment 1 for reference. ACTC's funding agreement to allocate \$600,000 in Measure BB funds toward this project is provided as Attachment 2.

Issues: None.

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Committee authorize the Executive Director to enter into (1) a funding agreement with Alameda County Transportation Commission to receive an amount not to exceed \$600,000 for the pass-through of funds to the Adapt Oakland: Urban Greening in West Oakland project and (1) a funding agreement with West Oakland Environmental Indicators Project (WOEIP) for a total of \$900,000 to fund the Adapt Oakland: Urban Greening in West Oakland project.

Attachments: Attachment 1 – PCA Grant Program of Projects
Attachment 2 – Request for Committee Approval – Summary of Proposed Funding Agreement with WOEIP
Attachment 3 – Request for Committee Approval – Summary of Proposed Funding Agreement with Alameda County Transportation Commission


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OBAG 2 Priority Conservation Area (PCA) Grant Program

PCA Grant Program of Projects

Projects located within Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco, San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties

MTC Funding			
County	Applicant	Project Title	Amount
Alameda	Alameda County	Niles Canyon Trail, Phase 1	\$321,000
Alameda	Albany	Albany Hill Access Improvements	\$251,000
Alameda	Livermore	Arroyo Road Trail	\$400,000
Alameda	WOEIP/Urban Biofilter	Adapt Oakland: Urban Greening in West Oakland	\$300,000
Contra Costa	East Bay Regional Parks District	Bay Trail at Pt. Molate (Richmond San Rafael Bridge to Pt. Molate Beach Park)	\$1,000,000
Contra Costa	John Muir Land Trust	Pacheco Marsh/Lower Walnut Creek Restoration and Public Access	\$950,000
San Francisco	SFCTA	Yerba Buena Island Multi-Use Pathway (PE/ENV phase)	\$1,000,000*
San Francisco	San Francisco Rec. and Parks Dept.	McLaren Park and Neighborhood Connections Plan	\$194,000
San Francisco	San Francisco Rec. and Parks Dept./ Coastal Conservancy	Twin Peaks Trail Improvement	\$74,000**
San Mateo	Golden Gate National Park Cons./ NPS	Rancho Corral de Tierra Unit Management Plan Engagement	\$200,000
San Mateo	Half Moon Bay	Pillar Point Public Access Improvements	\$298,000
San Mateo	Menlo Park	Bedwell Bayfront Park Entrance Imps.	\$520,000
San Mateo	San Mateo County	Colma Creek Adaptation Study (Colma Creek Connector)	\$110,000
San Mateo	San Mateo County	San Bruno Mountain Habitat Conservation Plan Grazing Pilot	\$137,900
San Mateo	South San Francisco	Sign Hill Conservation and Trail Master Plan	\$135,100
Santa Clara	Point Blue Conservation Science	Pajaro River Watershed: Habitat Restoration and Climate Resilient Imps.	\$379,000
Santa Clara	Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority	Coyote Ridge Open Space Preserve Public Access, Phase 1	\$400,000
Santa Clara	Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority	Tilton Ranch Acquisition	\$1,000,000
Regional	MTC	PDA Grant Implementation	\$500,000
Regional	MTC/Green Info Network	Bay Area Greenprint PCA Enhancements	\$30,000
MTC Funding Total			\$8,200,000

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Conservancy Funding (Shown for informational purposes only)			
County	Applicant	Project Title	Amount
Contra Costa	Richmond	Bay Trail at Pt. Molate (Pt. Molate Beach Park to Stenmark Dr.)	\$1,000,000
San Francisco	San Francisco Rec. and Parks Dept.	Twin Peaks Trail Improvement	\$426,000**
San Mateo	Midpeninsula Reg. Open Space District	Purissima-to-the-Sea Trail and Parking Area	\$151,000
Santa Clara	San Jose	Coyote Creek Trail Singleton Rd Crossing	\$140,000
Santa Clara	San Jose	Five Wounds Trail Master Planning	\$83,000
Conservancy Funding Total			\$1,800,000
PCA Grant Program Total			\$10,000,000

* PCA Grant award proposed to be repaid by \$1,000,000 in future BATA funds.

** The recommended grant amount for this project is \$500,000, with \$426,000 proposed in state bond funds (pending approval of the Conservancy Board) and the balance funded through MTC's PCA Grant program funds. MTC's funds will be provided to the Coastal Conservancy for management of the two fund sources for this project.

ATTACHMENT 2: REQUEST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL

Summary of Proposed Funding Agreement

Work Item No.:	1127
Consultant:	West Oakland Environmental Indicators Project Oakland, CA
Work Project Title:	Adapt Oakland: Urban Greening in West Oakland Project
Purpose of Project:	Adapt Oakland: Urban Greening in West Oakland Project will further develop site specific freeway vegetated buffer strategies and design along the southern portion of Frontage Road in West Oakland; collaborate with City of Oakland officials to permit the buffers and develop Best Management Practices; develop a stewardship model for urban green infrastructure that integrates job training and development; and implement the greening strategies to refine and expand greening strategies at scale across West Oakland.
Brief Scope of Work:	WOEIP will facilitate implementation, procure matching funds, and ensure the success of long-term maintenance of the Adapt Oakland: Urban Greening in West Oakland Project. WOEIP will oversee the project and subcontract the design team, necessary consultants, contractors, job training organization, and others as needed. MTC will be the CEQA lead agency.
Project Cost Not to Exceed:	\$900,000
Funding Source:	Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC) Measure BB funds
Fiscal Impact:	Funding is subject to inclusion in the FY21/22 budget and receipt of \$600,000 from ACTC.
Motion by Committee:	That the Executive Director or designee is authorized to negotiate and enter into a funding agreement with West Oakland Environmental Indicators Project for Adapt Oakland: Urban Greening in West Oakland Project as described above and in the Administration Committee Summary Sheet dated October 13, 2021 and the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to set aside \$900,000 for such funding agreement, subject to inclusion in the agency budget.
Administration Committee:	<hr/> Federal D. Glover, Chair
Approved:	October 13, 2021

ATTACHMENT 3: REQUEST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL

Summary of Proposed Funding Agreement

Work Item No.:	1127
Consultant:	Alameda County Transportation Commission
Work Project Title:	Funding Agreement with Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC) to West Oakland Environmental Indicators Project
Purpose of Project:	To accept \$600,000 in local funding from the ACTC as a pass-through grant to West Oakland Environmental Indicators Project (WOEIP)
Brief Scope of Work:	Funding agreement to accept \$600,000 in local funding from ACTC as a pass-through grant to WOEIP for Adapt Oakland: Urban Greening in West Oakland Project.
Project Cost Not to Exceed:	There will be no cost associated with the Funding Agreement. MTC will accept \$600,000 in local funds from ACTC as part of a pass-through grant agreement.
Funding Source:	ACTC Measure BB funds
Fiscal Impact:	Incoming funding to be passed-through to WOEIP.
Motion by Committee:	That the Executive Director or designee is authorized to negotiate and enter into a funding agreement with ACTC to receive funds to pass-through to West Oakland Environmental Indicators Project for Adapt Oakland: Urban Greening in West Oakland Project as described above and in the Administration Committee Summary Sheet dated October 13, 2021 and the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to accept \$600,000 for such funding agreement.
Administration Committee:	<hr/> Federal D. Glover, Chair
Approved:	October 13, 2021