

Metropolitan Transportation Commission
MTC Planning Committee

March 14, 2025

Agenda Item 7a

Capital Implementation Grant Awards (\$40.7 Million)

Subject:

Approval of \$40.7 million in grants to local jurisdictions to support capital investments across the four program areas of Parking Management, Regional Mobility Hubs, Transportation Electrification, and Active Transportation Capital Design Technical Assistance.

Background:

The regional One Bay Area Grant Program (OBAG 3) includes funding for several initiatives to support local implementation of key Plan Bay Area 2050 (PBA 2050) strategies. At the September 2024 meeting of the Joint MTC Planning and ABAG Administrative Committee, staff provided a preview of a coordinated call for projects to be released later in the month that would support capital expenses related to the implementation of parking management plans (e.g., meters, sensors and software), mobility hub elements (e.g., environmental, design, right-of-way, and construction of shelters, kiosks, signage, lighting, active transportation access improvements, etc.), charging infrastructure (e.g., purchase and installation) for electric vehicles, bikes and scooters, as well as technical assistance to support project design leading to construction of active transportation projects on MTC's Active transportation Network. The coordinated call for projects also included planning funds to support compliance with MTC's Transit Oriented Communities (TOC) Policy.

Call for Projects:

On September 30, 2024, staff released the coordinated call for projects for TOC Policy planning (\$20 million) and capital investments (\$40 million). The TOC planning applications were due on November 22, 2024, with recommended awards approved at the February 2025 Planning Committee meeting. Capital applications were due December 20, 2024. Following the call for projects announcement, staff conducted extensive outreach to cities and counties eligible for these funds through webinars, presentations at local planning meetings, and one-on-one office hours with local jurisdiction staff. MTC received forty-seven (47) applications across all four capital programs totaling just over \$50 million. Application requests for the parking

management, transportation electrification charging infrastructure, and active transportation capital design TA programs exceeded the amounts available. Regional mobility hubs requests were approximately \$800,000 below the amount available.

Table 1. Summary of Applications Received by Capital Program

Capital Program	Number of Applications Received	Total Funding Request	Total Funding Available*
Parking Management	5	\$4,622,000	\$3,000,000
Regional Mobility Hubs	4	\$14,178,000	\$15,000,000
Transportation Electrification Charging Infrastructure	17	\$26,171,000	\$20,000,000
Active Transportation Capital Design Technical Assistance	21	\$5,480,000	\$2,650,000
Total	47	\$50,451,000	\$40,650,000

*When the call for projects was announced, \$40 million was the total amount available. Due to oversubscription of the Active Transportation Capital Design Technical Assistance category, \$650,000 from the OBAG 3 active transportation implementation balance was added to fund more project submittals. This raised the overall funding availability to \$40.7 million.

Recommended Awards:

Applications were evaluated based on evaluation criteria assessing how projects contribute to regional and jurisdiction goals, project readiness, partnerships to implement the projects, cost, and location (bonus points were given for locations in TOC Policy station areas and Equity Priority Communities).

All award recommendations are summarized in Attachment B, along with additional details for each funding category. Thirty-four (34) projects are recommended for award across all programs.

- **Parking Management Capital Grants (\$3.5 million)** – Four projects are recommended to implement new parking pricing and management programs. Strategies include implementing variable pricing programs at transit stations, implementing demand-responsive pricing in high-demand areas, managing curb space

to balance uses, and improving wayfinding to available parking. These strategies reduce circling and congestion and improve safety and funding for other mobility options.

- **Regional Mobility Hubs Capital Grants (\$14.2 million)** – Four projects are recommended to deliver environmental, design, and right-of-way phases in addition to construction to transform the existing transit station/stop into a welcoming space well-integrated into the surrounding community.
- **Transportation Electrification Charging Infrastructure (\$20.3 million)** – Sixteen projects are recommended to support car and bike charger installation to expand the availability of electric chargers.
- **Active Transportation Capital Design Technical Assistance (\$2.7 million)** – Ten projects are recommended to advance design incorporating All Ages and Abilities design principles and Accessibility Guidelines for Pedestrian Facilities in the Public Right-of-Way. This technical assistance will help active transportation projects located on MTC’s AT Network to become construction ready.

Following the evaluation process, approximately \$822,000 remained in the Regional Mobility Hubs Capital category. To respond to the differing levels of demand for the other categories, staff propose to rebalance the funding as follows:

- Allocate an additional \$500,000 to the Parking Management category to ensure that higher ranking proposals receive full or partial funding to achieve proposed goals.
- Allocate an additional \$250,000 to the Charging Infrastructure category to ensure that higher ranking proposals receive full or partial funding to achieve proposed goals.
- Allocate the remaining \$72,000 to capital grant technical assistance. Based on positive feedback from grantees awarded funding in previous MTC capital funding cycles, staff recommend offering technical support to the awarded projects to position them for success and alignment with program objectives. This includes consultation on design drawings, evaluation, funding obligation, and other assistance grant recipients may need.

In addition, the call for projects was released with \$2 million available for Active Transportation Capital Design Technical Assistance. Staff recommend programming a remaining \$650,000 OBAG 3 active transportation implementation balance given the significant oversubscription of this program component. This balance will award three projects their full request (instead of a partial award) and fund two additional projects.

Funding Impact:

The impact of this first coordinated call for projects that included both TOC Policy planning funding (awarded in February) along with capital funding recommendations summarized above is significant. A total of \$60.7 million will be allocated to ninety-two (92) projects in fifty-four (54) jurisdictions throughout the region.

Issues:

As required in MTC's Complete Streets Policy, projects located in the public right of way receiving over \$250,000 in regional discretionary funding must complete a Complete Streets Checklist. One component of the Checklist requires projects to be reviewed by the local Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC). Staff recommend conditioning all recommended awards on BPAC review of each project's Complete Streets Checklist, as applicable.

Next Steps:

Staff will work with selected awardees to finalize scopes of work, budgets, and timelines.

Recommendation:

Staff request the MTC Planning Committee to approve \$40.7 million in grants to local jurisdictions and agencies as shown in Attachment B to support capital investments across the four program areas of Parking Management, Regional Mobility Hubs, Transportation Electrification, and Active Transportation Capital Design Technical Assistance. Associated programming revisions to MTC Resolution Nos. 3989, Revised; 4202, Revised; 4505, Revised; and 4540, Revised were recommended to the Programming and Allocations Committee this month, for referral to the full Commission for approval.

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Presentation
- Attachment B: Summary of Award Recommendations by Capital Program Area



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