

**Metropolitan Transportation Commission
Programming and Allocations Committee**

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Transit Performance Initiative – Investment Program Semi-Annual Update

Subject:

Semi-annual update on the progress of projects awarded under the Transit Performance Initiative (TPI) Investment Program.

Background:

The TPI Investment program funds low-cost capital investments that can be implemented rapidly to improve operations and customer experience on major transit corridors and systems.

The TPI program has been funded through a combination of One Bay Area Grant (OBAG) federal funds from the OBAG 1 and OBAG 2 programs and from state Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) funds. Overall, since 2012, \$132.2 million has been programmed to 49 capital and planning projects, and 29 of these have been completed or are substantially completed.

Project Status Updates:

Most projects funded through the early rounds of TPI through 2020 are completed or in construction and nearing completion. Projects funded in recent years are either in design or under construction. Projects awarded under the TPI 2022-23 program are primarily in planning or design phases, though some have moved into implementation and construction, and others are still awaiting final award of federal funding.

This program update covers the period from December 2024 through April 2025. Please refer to Attachment A for further detail and status updates on individual projects.

TPI Program Look Ahead:

For all ongoing TPI projects, staff will continue to collect reports and coordinate with project sponsors to monitor project progress, ensure compliance with deadlines and other requirements of the underlying fund sources, and track benefits delivered to the selected corridors. For future transit priority funding, including LCTOP funding allocations, staff anticipate identifying projects through the Bus Accelerated Infrastructure Delivery (BusAID) program or other Regional Network Management transit priority efforts.

Issues:

The underlying federal funding source for the OBAG funds programmed in February 2023 as part of the TPI 2022-23 program goes through a multi-step, multi-agency review and approval process prior to the award and allocation of funds. Most OBAG funds awarded to transit operators are transferred from FHWA to FTA as part of this process. Most projects receiving these funds experienced significant delays throughout the federal award process, and many of them have yet to receive their funds – part of a systemic issue in which receiving federal awards can take an extraordinarily long time. This has resulted in delays of a year or more to the start of work on these projects, and may result in cost increases, effectively reducing the purchasing power of the TPI funds. Staff will continue to monitor the status of these funds, and work with sponsors to ensure applications for future awards are handled as efficiently as possible.

Recommendation:

Information

Attachments:

- Attachment A – TPI Investment Program Semi-Annual Update
- Attachment B – Transit Performance Initiative Investment Program Projects by Round



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