

**Metropolitan Transportation Commission
Programming and Allocations Committee**

July 10, 2024

Agenda Item 2g-24-0814

MTC Resolution Nos. 3989, Revised and 4505, Revised

Subject:

Revisions to the One Bay Area Grant (OBAG 3) and MTC exchange programs to program \$1.5 million in STP/CMAQ to MTC's Bay Trail Marshlands Road Project and \$660,000 in STP/CMAQ and non-federal MTC exchange funds to various bikeshare projects, and an informational update on a FY 2023-24 apportionment exchange agreement.

Background:

MTC's OBAG 3 program establishes the policy and programming framework for investing federal Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STP) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement program (CMAQ) funds for FY 2022-23 through FY 2025-26.

MTC's fund exchange program provides greater flexibility to deliver select priority projects within the broader OBAG framework. MTC Resolution No. 3989, Revised, describes the procedures governing MTC's exchange program and details the agreements and commitments that have been made to date. The program facilitates funding agreements with partner agencies to exchange federal STP/CMAQ funds with non-federal local funds. These exchanges do not increase the total amount of funds available to the region, but enable MTC to support key investments within the OBAG policy framework that are ineligible for STP/CMAQ funds.

This month, staff recommend revisions to the OBAG 3 and MTC exchange programs as detailed below.

Bay Trail

In November 2022, the Commission programmed \$6 million in OBAG 3 Complete Streets and Community Choice funds to two Bay Skyway projects, leaving a \$1.5 million unprogrammed balance for additional Regional Active Transportation Plan implementation projects. This month, staff recommend programming the \$1.5 million balance to MTC for Bay Trail improvements on Marshlands Road (Phase 1), from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service maintenance driveway near the Dumbarton Bridge Toll Plaza to the western terminus of Marshlands Road in Alameda County.

The project will solve regional multimodal connectivity challenges by constructing a new regional trail facility serving both commuter and recreational bicycle and pedestrian trips within

the Dumbarton Bridge corridor, which connects Alameda County to San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties. The project is part of the Regional Active Transportation Network and is prioritized in the 2024 Bay Trail Gap Closure Implementation Plan network as one of the key remaining Bay Trail gaps on a major regional bridge corridor.

Bikeshare

In February 2023, the Commission programmed \$20 million in OBAG 3 Climate, Conservation, and Resilience funding to MTC for Bay Wheels bikeshare e-bike expansion. To align eligible funding with various bikeshare elements, the Commission subsequently changed the fund source for a total of \$16.5 million in STP/CMAQ funds to non-federal MTC exchange funds, leaving \$3.5 million in federal funds.

This month, staff recommend the following revisions to identify the proposed uses and fund sources for \$660,000 in bikeshare program balances:

- Program \$560,000 in OBAG 3 funds to MTC for bikeshare station electrification to facilitate e-bike charging at eight docking stations, which will be selected based on e-bike usage and site feasibility. These improvements will improve e-bike availability and reduce bikeshare operations expenses.
- Program \$200,000 in exchange funds to MTC for adaptive bikeshare pilots in Berkeley, Emeryville, Oakland, and San Jose (\$100,000) and San Francisco (\$100,000). Funding for San Francisco will support and expand the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency's existing permanent Adaptive Cycling program. Funding for the remaining cities will support new events and programs that expand bikeshare access by providing adaptive bicycles and training to riders with disabilities.
- Deprogram \$100,000 in exchange funds from MTC's bikeshare station siting project in Berkeley, Emeryville, San Francisco, and San Jose. This project will be completed with existing STP/CMAQ funds previously programmed to MTC for bikeshare in 2019.

Staff will return to the Commission to recommend programming for the remaining \$2.8 million in OBAG 3 bikeshare funds in late 2024 or early 2025, once specific bikeshare expansion sites have been identified and prioritized.

FY 2023-24 Apportionment Exchange Agreement

In addition to the programming changes summarized above, this month staff are also providing an informational update on a federal apportionment exchange agreement executed in June 2024.

The OBAG 3 policy authorizes MTC's Executive Director to execute federal apportionment exchange agreements with other California Regional Transportation Planning Agencies. Apportionment exchanges benefit both regions by advancing projects in one region that may be stalled due to a lack of funding, while also avoiding the loss or lapse of funds in the other region. Exchange agreements over \$2 million must be reported to a standing Committee of the Commission for information. Consistent with this policy, MTC entered into an apportionment exchange agreement for \$4,102,000 in FY2023-24 STP apportionment from Stanislaus Council of Governments (StanCOG), to be repaid with an equal amount of FY2024-25 STP apportionment on October 1, 2024. This apportionment loan enables Bay Area project sponsors to deliver additional federal-aid projects this fiscal year, while also using up lapsing federal funds from StanCOG.

Issues:

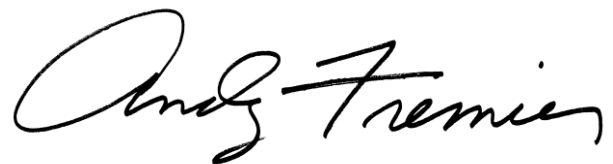
None.

Recommendations:

Refer MTC Resolution Nos. 3989, Revised and 4505, Revised to the Commission for approval.

Attachments:

- MTC Resolution No. 3989, Revised
 - Attachment B
- MTC Resolution No. 4505, Revised
 - Attachment B-1



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