

**Metropolitan Transportation Commission
Programming and Allocations Committee**

October 9, 2024

Agenda Item 3a-24-1260

**MTC Resolution No. 4663, Revised. Amendment to Nominations for Senate Bill 1 (SB1)
Solutions for Congested Corridors (SCC) Program**

Subject:

Amendment to nominations for Senate Bill 1 (SB1) Solutions for Congested Corridors (SCC) Program and Presentation from VTA on BART Silicon Valley Phase 2 Extension project.

Background:

The Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017, commonly known as Senate Bill 1 (SB1, Beall), provides over \$5 billion in new transportation revenues annually to both new and existing funding programs. SB1 directs \$250 million per year to the Solutions for Congested Corridors (SCC) Program to fund projects designed to reduce congestion in highly traveled corridors. Cycle 4 of the SCC Program covers two years (FY 2025-26 and FY 2026-27), totaling \$480 million available statewide which reflects a \$20 million overprogramming from Cycle 3.

Last month, the Commission approved MTC's nominations for the SCC Program, with seven projects requesting \$434 million in SCC funds. This month, staff propose amending the program to reflect two changes: revising the I-680 Northbound Express Lane project's requested amount, and adding VTA's BART Silicon Valley Phase 2 Extension project.

Contra Costa I-680 Northbound Express Lane (Phase 1)

In late September, the US Department of Transportation awarded \$166 million in federal National Infrastructure Project Assistance (MEGA) program funds to the Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) for Innovate 680. The I-680 Northbound Express Lane project is part of the Innovate 680 suite of projects, and the Express Lane project is slated to receive \$116 million of the MEGA award.

The federal grant funds substantially reduce the funding shortfall on the project; however, funding is still needed to complete the Express Lane project as envisioned, along with Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) mitigation measures. CCTA expects to request a maximum of \$65 million in SCC funds for the overall project, which includes Shared Mobility Hubs and Transportation Demand Management meant to offset induced VMT from the new express lane.

VTA’s BART Silicon Valley Phase 2 Extension Project

Late last month, VTA staff confirmed VTA’s intent to request SB1 funds for the BART Silicon Valley Phase 2 Extension project, with VTA’s request letter included as Attachment 1. As discussed in the September staff report, the project requires additional funds since the recent announcement of the future Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding amount still left a funding gap. VTA plans to request a total of \$100 million from SB1 competitive programs: \$75 million from SCC; and \$25 million from the SB1 Local Partnership Competitive Program. VTA expects to close the remaining gap through value engineering and other cost savings measures.

VTA staff will provide a project update at this meeting as part of this item.

Staff’s analysis of the project based on the prioritization principles approved in April 2024 are shown in Attachment 2. Based on the project’s strong alignment with the state’s Climate Action Plan for Transportation Investments (CAPTI) and other prioritization criteria, staff recommends supporting the project for SCC nomination.

MTC and Caltrans are the sole nominating agencies for Bay Area SCC projects; Caltrans is not expected to jointly-nominate the project due to its late entry in the SCC process.

Amended MTC SCC Program Nominations

A summary of the proposed SCC Program Nominations with the two amendments is shown below.

Program/ Resolution No.	No. of Projects Recommended	Amount Recommended (\$M)	Amount Available Statewide (\$M)	% Proposed
SCC / 4663	8	\$ 472	\$ 480	98%

Issues:

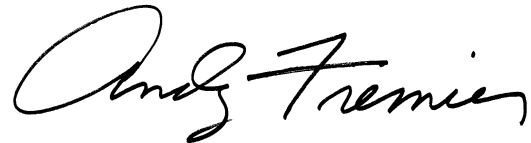
- Funding Plans Evolving. Since project sponsors are still considering additional funding opportunities as well as refining cost estimates, the final requested SB1 funding amounts may be different than shown in this staff report.

Recommendations:

Refer MTC Resolution No. 4663, Revised to the Commission for approval.

Attachments:

- Attachment A: VTA Request Letter
- Attachment B: 2024 SB1 Competitive Program Nominations
- MTC Resolution No. 4663, Revised
- Presentation



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