

Metropolitan Transportation Commission Programming and Allocations Committee

October 9, 2024

Agenda Item 2f-24-1196

FY 2023-24 Federal Earmark Repurposing Update

Subject:

Update to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) earmark repurposing process enabled through the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2024.

Background:

The federal Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2024 includes a provision enabling states to repurpose unused earmark balances from projects that have not substantially progressed, or that are completed and closed.

In July, the Commission directed staff to develop the list of available earmark balances in the Bay Area recommended for repurposing and submit necessary documentation to Caltrans by the required deadline. This agenda item is an informational update on this year's earmark repurposing process.

FY 2023-24 Earmark Repurposing – No MTC Submittal

This year, only one small earmark balance was eligible for repurposing from the Bay Area (see table below). Staff worked with the affected project sponsor and County Transportation Agency (CTA) to verify the status of projects associated with the available earmark balance.

Earmark Sponsor	Earmark Description	Earmark Balance	Earmark Repurposing - MTC Recommendation
Solano County	Construct I-80 HOV lanes and interchange in Vallejo	\$26,573	Do not repurpose at this time; earmark balance will be obligated on Solano County's Redwood-Fairgrounds Dr. Interchange Improvements project this year.

Solano County, the sponsor of the available earmark balance, confirmed that this balance will be obligated on Solano County's Redwood-Fairgrounds Dr. Interchange Improvements project. As the project is consistent with the scope of the original earmark, the funds do not need to be repurposed in order to be spent on the project. As a result, MTC does not need to request Caltrans repurpose any earmark balances this year.

Issues:

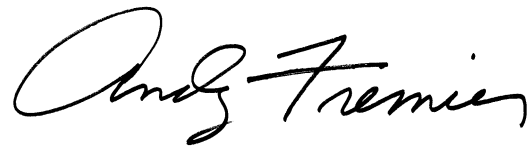
None.

Recommendation:

Information only.

Attachments:

None.

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Andrew B. Fremier