
Attachment A: Programming Recommendations Detail

Transit Oriented Community (TOC) Planning and Capital Implementation Call for Projects

In September 2024, staff released a coordinated call for projects for Transit-Oriented Communities (TOC) planning and capital implementation. Consistent with the recommendation to the Joint Planning Committee this month, staff recommend programming a total of \$40.7 million for various local capital implementation projects:

- \$20.2 million in CRP funds to various sponsors for 16 Charging Infrastructure Technical Assistance grants,
- \$18 million in OBAG 3 and CRP Climate Initiative funds to various sponsors for four Mobility Hubs grants (\$10.4 million CRP and \$3.9 million OBAG 3), four Parking Management grants (\$3.5 million OBAG 3), and \$72,000 in technical assistance to support sponsors with Mobility Hub design and evaluations, and
- \$2.7 million in OBAG 3 Complete Streets and Community Choice funds to MTC for 11 Active Transportation Technical Assistance grants.

As part of this action, staff recommend changing the fund source for the \$2.7 million in Active Transportation Technical Assistance Program funds from federal STP/CMAQ to non-federal MTC exchange funds, allowing MTC to sponsor project development activities on behalf of local agencies. Staff have identified that these cost-effective projects would substantially benefit from the reduced administrative effort associated with non-federal MTC exchange funds.

Consistent with the project list approved by the Joint Planning Committee in February, staff recommend programming a total of \$20.8 million to MTC for various local TOC planning projects:

- \$12.4 million in OBAG 3 Growth Framework Implementation funds for 19 TOC Planning and Rezoning grants (\$9.4 million), seven TOC Housing Policy Development grants (\$2.2 million), and implementation of TOC and Regional Housing Technical Assistance programs (\$1.0 million). As part of this action, MTC recommend redirecting \$1.9 million in unprogrammed OBAG 3 funds set aside for Mobility Hubs capital projects to increase the number of grant awards for Growth Framework Implementation. In addition, staff recommend changing the fund source for the \$3.2 million in TOC Housing Policy Development grants from federal STP/CMAQ to non-federal MTC exchange funds to align with eligibility limitations of federal transportation funds.

- \$8.1 million in OBAG 2 and 3 Climate program funds for 14 TOC Station Access and Circulation Planning grants (\$4.1 million) and 18 TOC Parking Management Planning grants (\$4.0 million). Funds for these grants come from \$2.9 million in OBAG 2 Climate Initiatives balances and \$5.1 million in OBAG 3 Climate, Conservation, and Resilience funds.

As part of this action, staff recommend adjusting the award amounts for various OBAG 2 Priority Development (PDA) planning grants to reflect updated cost estimates, reprogramming two previously awarded PDA planning grants from OBAG 3 to OBAG 2, and using the resulting capacity in OBAG 3 for newly awarded TOC planning grants. These adjustments between program cycles are recommended to better align project delivery schedules with the respective deadlines for each program cycle.

Bay Bridge Forward

In July 2016, the Commission programmed \$2.5 million in OBAG 2 funds for commuter parking in the East Bay, as part of a \$9 million suite of near-term Bay Bridge Forward projects to relieve congestion on the corridor. Due to recent shifts in travel patterns associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, MTC staff decommissioned these commuter parking sites, resulting in \$1.6 million in project savings. Staff recommend reprogramming these funds to MTC for Bay Bridge Forward preliminary engineering, supporting development of the next phase of projects to reduce congestion on regional state-owned bridge corridors using a variety of multi-modal demand management strategies.

Priority Conservation Area (PCA) Grants

In November 2024, the Commission programmed a total of \$8.5 million in OBAG 3 and non-federal MTC exchange funds to various Priority Conservation Area (PCA) projects. This month, staff recommend changing the fund source for San Francisco Recreation and Parks' \$750,000 PCA award for Visitacion Avenue Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Improvements from federal STP/CMAQ to non-federal MTC exchange funds. While major elements of this project remain eligible for federal transportation funds, staff have consulted with the sponsor and determined that this project would substantially benefit from the additional flexibility and support available through an MTC-administered non-federal grant.

Regional Vision Zero/Safety Program

In June 2022, the Commission programmed \$2 million in OBAG 3 Complete Streets and Community Choice funds to MTC for the Bay Area Vision Zero Data System (BayViz). In December 2023, the US Department of Transportation awarded MTC a \$10 million Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Planning and Demonstration Grant to complement MTC's Regional Vision Zero/Safety Program, including expanding and improving the BayViz system. In March 2024, the Commission approved reprogramming an additional \$80,000 to MTC for a one-year extension of MTC's contract with mySidewalk for BayViz operations. As part of that action, the Commission changed the fund source from federal STP/CMAQ to non-federal MTC exchange funds to support the existing BayViz contract, which is ineligible for federal funds.

While MTC staff intend to expand and maintain the BayViz system as part of the overall SS4A grant, delays in executing the grant require staff to extend the existing mySidewalk contract with alternate funds. This month, staff recommend changing the fund source for an additional \$80,000 in federal STP/CMAQ funds for BayViz to non-federal MTC exchange funds to support the final one-year contract extension.