

**Metropolitan Transportation Commission
Programming and Allocations Committee**

June 11, 2025

Agenda Item 2c-25-0731

MTC Resolutions Nos. 3989, Revised; 4202, Revised; 4505, Revised; and 4650, Revised

Subject:

Various revisions to the One Bay Area Grant (OBAG 2 and 3), Regional Early Action Planning Grant (REAP 2), and MTC exchange Programs, including reprogramming \$2 million in OBAG 3 Multimodal Systems funds to MTC for various Adaptive Ramp Metering projects, \$505,000 in OBAG 3 County & Local Program funds to San Jose's Jackson Ave project, \$315,000 in REAP 2 and OBAG 2 funds to various Priority Sites Technical Assistance projects, and \$240,000 in MTC exchange funds for Regional Housing Technical Assistance (RHTA) implementation.

Background:

The OBAG 2 and 3 programs establish 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 2017-18 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.

The REAP 2 program is a state investment to advance implementation of adopted regional plans by funding transformative planning and implementation activities that accelerate infill housing development, reduce per capita vehicle miles traveled (VMT), and affirmatively further fair housing.

This month, staff recommend revisions to the OBAG 2 and 3, REAP 2, and MTC exchange programs as detailed below.

Adaptive Ramp Metering

In September 2022, the Commission set aside \$4 million in OBAG 3 funds for Adaptive Ramp Metering (ARM) projects along major corridors in the Bay Area. These corridor-wide adaptive systems reduce congestion and improve travel times, particularly for transit and high-occupancy vehicles utilizing dedicated bypass lanes at metered ramps. To date, the Commission has

programmed \$2 million in OBAG 3 funds for ARM projects along two corridors: \$1 million for SR 237 in Santa Clara County and \$1 million for SR 4 in Contra Costa County.

This month, staff recommend reprogramming \$2 million in OBAG 3 funds currently set aside for Express Lanes Studies and Pilots to MTC for the following projects:

- \$1 million for ARM implementation on US 101 in Marin and Sonoma Counties, to support upcoming changes to HOV hours following the recent completion of the Marin-Sonoma Narrows project, and
- \$1 million for ARM implementation on I-80 in Solano County, to support upcoming implementation of weekend Express Lanes operations.

These funds were originally intended to support evaluation of the Express Lanes START and Vehicle Occupancy Detection Pilots, which will be completed using other funding sources. Staff will return to the Commission to recommend programming for the remaining \$2 million OBAG 3 ARM funds in the coming months, pending ongoing staff coordination with Caltrans and other partner agencies on project selection and delivery timing.

OBAG 3 County & Local Program

With adoption of the OBAG 3 County & Local Program projects in January 2023, the Commission approved a ranked contingency list of unfunded project nominations that established priorities for reprogramming any future program capacity. The Commission directed staff to consider project priority ranks and deliverability in subsequent contingency reprogramming recommendations. To date, the Commission has awarded \$15.4 million of the \$33.6 million in projects originally included on the contingency list (**Attachment A**).

In March 2025, the City Council of Sausalito voted not to proceed with the Bridgeway Bike Lane (Princess to Richardson) project, which was awarded \$505,000 in OBAG 3 County & Local Program funds. After consulting with sponsors on the contingency list and evaluating their responses for consistency with Commission priorities, staff recommend reprogramming the \$505,000 in OBAG 3 County & Local Program funds from Sausalito's Bridgeway Bike Lane project to San Jose's Jackson Ave project.

MTC previously awarded \$3.3 million in OBAG 3 County & Local funds to San Jose to fund a reduced design scope for the Jackson Ave project. If awarded additional contingency funds, the City will complete design for the full project scope from their original application. This will position the City to compete for future discretionary funds for construction outside of the OBAG

3 period. With this action, staff recommend that the Commission remove the remaining \$6.2 million unfunded nomination amount for San Jose's project from the contingency list.

Priority Sites Program

The Priority Sites Program is a joint effort between MTC and BAHFA to advance Plan Bay Area 2050 strategies that call for repurposing underutilized malls, office parks, and public lands for housing. In November 2023, MTC and ABAG approved over 200 locally identified Priority Sites across the region that have capacity to add 171,000 homes. Since then, MTC and BAHFA have provided over \$30 million in technical assistance and predevelopment funding for dozens of Priority Sites throughout the region.

In December 2024, the Commission reprogrammed \$315,000 in REAP 2 and OBAG 2 funds for Regionwide Priority Sites Technical Assistance to address time-sensitive needs of additional priority sites and conduct discrete technical studies. Based on a review of applications received by the February 2025 priority deadline, this month staff recommend programming these funds to MTC for the following projects:

- \$160,000 in OBAG 2 (\$141,000) and REAP 2 (\$19,000) for San Rafael: Public Sites Portfolio,
- \$95,000 in REAP 2 for Napa: Cinedome Site, and
- \$60,000 in REAP 2 for BART: El Cerrito Del Norte BART Station.

Regional Housing Technical Assistance

In March 2025, the Commission programmed \$3.2 million in MTC exchange funds through the OBAG 3 framework for Regional Housing Technical Assistance (RHTA) projects as part of a suite of awards for Transit Oriented Communities (TOC) planning and implementation. This month, staff recommend the following updates to RHTA programming:

- Reprogram \$240,000 in OBAG 3 Climate Initiatives funds from MTC's Mobility Hubs and Parking Management Technical Assistance project to MTC's RHTA implementation project and revise the fund source from federal STP/CMAQ to non-federal MTC exchange funds to accommodate eligibility constraints, and
- Update the project name for MTC's TOC Housing Policy Development project in San Mateo County to reflect that the City of Belmont will be contracting with MTC on this project on behalf of multiple jurisdictions in the County.

Issues:

None.

Recommendations:

Refer MTC Resolution Nos. 3989, Revised, 4202, Revised, 4505, Revised, and 4650, Revised to the Commission for approval.

Attachments:

- Attachment A: OBAG 3 County & Local Program Contingency Projects
- MTC Resolution No. 3989, Revised
 - Attachment B
- MTC Resolution No. 4202, Revised
 - Attachment B-1
- MTC Resolution No. 4505, Revised
 - Attachment B-1
 - Attachment B-2
- MTC Resolution No. 4650, Revised
 - Attachment A



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