

**Metropolitan Transportation Commission**  
**Regional Network Management Committee**

**March 13, 2026**

**Agenda Item 5a**

**Bay Area Traffic Incident Management Micro-Grant Pilot Program – Recommended Awards: American Canyon Police Department (\$11,200), Benicia Fire Department (\$76,200), Mountain View Fire Department (\$141,800), Oakland Fire Department (\$87,200), San Jose Fire Department (\$63,100), and Santa Rosa Fire Department (\$96,500);  
Totaling (\$500,000)**

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**Subject:**

Approval of \$500,000 in recommended grant awards to six local agency lead applicants to pilot strategies that will improve safety and the quick clearance of incidents in the Bay Area and authority to negotiate and enter into funding agreements with grant recipients.

**Background:**

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) partners with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the California Highway Patrol (CHP) to lead the Bay Area Incident Management Task Force (Task Force), which was formed in 2002. Today, the Task Force is an active multi-agency partnership that includes MTC, Caltrans, the CHP, the Federal Highway Administration, local law enforcement and fire departments, emergency medical services, county coroners, tow truck companies, transit agencies, and others who are focused on the safe and quick clearance of freeway traffic incidents. The Task Force complements efforts by the Bay Area Freeway Service Patrol (FSP) and the MTC Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways (SAFE) to reduce congestion, improve public safety, and enhance air quality by quickly identifying, responding to, and clearing freeway incidents.

The Bay Area Incident Management Micro-Grant Pilot Program was identified by MTC and regional partners as a strategic initiative to advance the Bay Area Traffic Incident Management Strategic Plan vision of safer, more reliable freeways. The pilot aims to strengthen regional traffic incident management by improving local agencies' ability to respond to and clear incidents more quickly, safely, and efficiently, thereby reducing congestion, fatalities, and serious injuries. Through targeted funding, the pilot equips local public safety agencies with

critical training, equipment, and technology, while enhancing coordination and operational effectiveness across the Bay Area.

MTC issued a call for projects in October 2025 following nine months of outreach to local public safety agencies through Bay Area Task Force meetings, emails, and phone calls. MTC advertised the call for projects on MTC’s website, and potential applicants were encouraged to attend a pre-application webinar and/or request technical assistance. Feedback from public safety stakeholders informed development of the pilot, and details of the funding opportunity were provided at quarterly meetings open to all public safety agencies.

MTC received 22 eligible applications requesting \$1.8 million in funding. A panel of MTC staff from different safety disciplines, including Incident Management, Vision Zero, and the Freeway Service Patrol, screened and evaluated applications. Beyond baseline eligibility review, applications were evaluated based on the proposals’ ability to support the safety of freeway motorists, address known safety issues, provide multi-jurisdictional impact, ensure cost-effectiveness and post-implementation sustainability, advance equity, demonstrate innovation, and utilize proven solutions. Five (5) projects totaling \$500,000 are recommended for award as detailed in table 1 below. All projects serve at least one Equity Priority Community, and all nine Bay Area counties will benefit from one or more of these investments.

Funding agreements for awarded projects require continued adherence to program goals and requirements including summary reports, information sharing, and coordination with MTC staff for implementation support and monitoring. Post-pilot evaluation criteria include number of strategic plan goals furthered, number of agencies, counties, and corridors benefitted by projects, number of Equity Priority Communities reached, number of equipment deployments, and other quantitative and qualitative metrics specific to project type. Staff will evaluate the pilot’s effectiveness and use that information to assess whether to conduct future pilot cycles, subject to funding availability.

**Table 1. Projects Recommended for Funding**

Project Name	Amount
Electric Vehicle Emergency Devices	\$82,200

Project Name	Amount
Battery-Powered Extrication Tools (3 recipients)	\$235,700
Safety Air Cushion and Response Trailer	\$59,600
Advanced Motorcycle Officer Response Training Pilot	\$11,200
Safety Lighting Upgrade for Emergency Vehicles	\$87,200
Contingency	\$24,000
Total	\$500,000

**Next Steps:**

Following approval, staff will work with awardees to confirm work scopes and begin the contracting process to complete the work. Staff anticipate projects to begin in Summer 2026.

**Issues:**

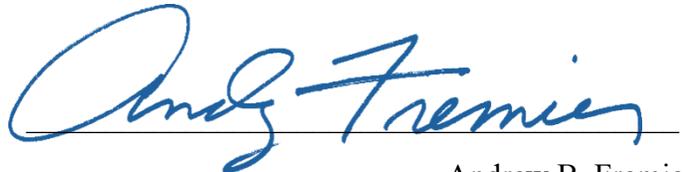
None identified.

**Recommendations:**

Staff request the MTC Regional Network Management Committee to approve \$500,000 in grants to Mountain View Fire Department, Benicia Fire Department, San Jose Fire Department, Oakland Fire Department, Santa Rosa Fire Department, and American Canyon Police Department as shown in Table 1 to implement safety and system reliability enhancements in the Bay Area and to authorize the Executive Director or designee to negotiate and enter into funding agreements with these grant recipients.

**Attachments:**

- Attachment A: Request for Committee Approval
- Attachment B: PowerPoint
- Attachment C: Appendix



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**Request for Committee Approval**

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**Summary of Proposed Funding Agreements**

Work Item No.:	630-6321-24
Recipients:	City of American Canyon Police Department (\$11,200), American Canyon, CA; City of Benicia Fire Department (\$76,200), Benicia, CA; City of Mountain View Fire Department (\$141,800), Mountain View, CA; City of Oakland Fire Department (\$87,200), Oakland, CA; City of San Jose Fire Department (\$63,100), San Jose, CA; and City of Santa Rosa Fire Department (\$96,500), Santa Rosa, CA.
Work Project Title:	Bay Area Traffic Incident Management Micro-Grant Pilot Program
Purpose of Project:	The pilot strengthens regional traffic incident management by improving local agencies' ability to respond to and clear incidents quickly and safely, reducing congestion, fatalities, and serious injuries.
Brief Scope of Work:	Through targeted funding, the pilot equips local public service departments with critical training, equipment, and technology, while enhancing coordination and operational effectiveness across the Bay Area. This investment empowers agencies to manage incidents and unexpected events more efficiently, ultimately improving mobility and safety for all freeway users.
Project Cost Not to Exceed:	\$500,000
Funding Source:	MTC Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways (SAFE) 630
Fiscal Impact:	Funding is included in the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget.

Motion by Committee:                    That the grant awards as referenced in the Regional Network Management Summary Sheet dated March 13, 2026 are hereby approved, that the Executive Director or designee is authorized to negotiate and enter into funding agreements with the recipients listed above for the Bay Area Traffic Incident Management Micro-Grant Pilot Program described in the Regional Network Management Committee Summary Sheet dated March 13, 2026 and that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to set aside funds in the amounts listed above for such funding agreements

Regional Network  
Management Committee:

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Candace Andersen, Chair

Approved:                                    March 13, 2026