Metropolitan Transportation Commission Programming and Allocations Committee

September 13, 2023

Agenda Item 2f - 23-1039

FY 2022-23 Federal Earmark Repurposing

Subject:

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) repurposed earmark funds under the earmark repurposing provision of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023.

Background:

The federal Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 includes a provision enabling states to repurpose unused earmark balances from projects that have not substantially progressed, or that are completed and closed.

FY 2022-23 Earmark Repurposing – MTC Submittal

In July, the Commission directed staff to develop and submit to Caltrans the list of Bay Area earmarks for repurposing. This agenda item is a follow-up to the Commission to report earmarks that MTC submitted to Caltrans for repurposing this year.

Caltrans distributed the list of earmark balances eligible for repurposing on August 17, 2023, with requests for repurposing any balances due by August 25, 2023. Under this extremely compressed timeline, staff worked with affected project sponsors and County Transportation Agencies (CTAs) to verify the status of projects associated with available earmark balances and identify projects accept the repurposed funds. By the deadline, staff submitted \$2.6 million in earmark balances to Caltrans for repurposing to eight projects, as detailed in the table below.

Earmark Sponsor	Earmark Description	Earmark Balance	Earmark Repurposing - MTC Submittal	
Alameda County CMA	Engineering, right-of-way and construction of HOV lanes on I-580 in the Livermore Valley, California	\$1,804,263	Repurpose to: (1) Alameda CTC: I-80 Gilman Interchange* \$1,804,263	
Alameda County Public Works	Vasco Road Safety Improvements, Contra Costa Transportation Authority and the County of Alameda Public Works, California	\$43,547	Repurpose to: (2) Livermore: I-580 Vasco Interchange \$43,547	
Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority	Highways 152-156 Intersection improvements, CA	\$341,659	Repurpose to: (3) VTA: US 101/SR 25/Santa Teresa Boulevard Extension \$341,659	

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Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority	Construct I-580 Interchange Improvements in Castro Valley	\$411,517	Repurpose to: (1) Alameda CTC: I-80 Gilman Interchange* \$195,737 (4) Alameda CTC: I-80 Ashby Interchange \$50,000 (5) Hayward: I-880 Winton and A St Interchanges \$50,000 (6) Pleasanton: I-680 Sunol Interchange \$40,000 (7) Fremont: Fremont Boulevard/Walnut Ave Complete Streets \$40,000 (8) Fremont: East Bay Greenway \$35,780				
Total Recommended for Repurposing: \$2,600,985							

Note: Totals may not add due to rounding.

None.

Issues:		
None.		
Recommendation:		
Information only.		
Attachments:		

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^{*}A total of \$2,000,000 in available earmark balances is recommended to be repurposed towards the Alameda CTC I-80 Gilman Interchange project.