

# San Francisco Bay Trail

## Board of Directors

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April 28, 2023

Agenda Item 6.a.

### Regional Measure 3

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#### **Subject:**

Update on Regional Measure 3

#### **Background:**

Regional Measure 3 (RM3) was a ballot measure on the June 5, 2018, ballot in the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area. The measure, which was approved by 55 percent of voters in the nine Bay Area counties, identified a plan to build major roadway and public transit improvements via an increase in bridge tolls on all Bay Area toll bridges except the Golden Gate Bridge. RM3 was authorized by the State Legislature by Senate Bill 595 and signed into law in 2017. The RM3 toll increase is phased in; toll collection began on January 1, 2019 at \$1, increased to \$2 in January 2022, and will increase to the full \$3 in January 2025.

In January 2023, the state Supreme Court dismissed legal challenges to RM3 and final procedural orders were issued by the Court of Appeal in February. In March, the Bay Area Toll Authority terminated the escrow arrangements under which collected RM3 tolls were being held, clearing the way for the Commission to consider allocations in the coming months.

The RM3 expenditure plan includes \$150 million for San Francisco Bay Trail/Safe Routes to Transit. The statutory project description is as follows:

San Francisco Bay Trail/Safe Routes to Transit. Provide funding for a competitive grant program to fund bicycle and pedestrian access improvements on and in the vicinity of the state-owned toll bridges connecting to rail transit stations and ferry terminals. Eligible applicants include cities, counties, transit operators, school districts, community colleges, and universities. The project sponsor is the Metropolitan Transportation Commission. One hundred fifty million dollars (\$150,000,000).

MTC staff will work with stakeholders, including this group, in the development of the grant program in the coming months.

#### **Issues:**

None

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**Recommended Action:**

Information

**Attachments:**

None

**Reviewed:**

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Andrew Fremier