

**Metropolitan Transportation Commission
Programming and Allocations Committee**

May 8, 2024

Agenda Item 2h-24-0566

MTC Resolution Nos. 3989, Revised; 4202, Revised; and 4505, Revised

Subject:

Various revisions to the One Bay Area Grant (OBAG 2 and 3) and MTC exchange programs, including programming \$11.6 million in OBAG 3 funds to various projects within the Bus Accelerated Infrastructure Delivery (BusAID) program, programming \$6 million in OBAG 3 funds to MTC for public fleet electrification planning assistance for various local agencies, and an informational update on a FY 2022-23 apportionment exchange agreement.

Background:

The OBAG 2 and 3 programs adopted by the Commission 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 federal STP/CMAQ funds.

This month, staff recommend revisions to the OBAG 2 and 3 and MTC exchange programs as described in Table 1 below and detailed in Attachment 1.

Table 1: Summary of Recommended Programming Actions *\$ in millions*

Fund Program	Project Name	Current Programming	Recommended Programming (This Month)	Remaining
OBAG 3	Public Fleet Electrification: Planning Assistance	10.0	6.0 Award to specific projects	4.0
OBAG 3	Transit Priority - Arterial Investments (BusAID)	15.0	11.6 Award to specific projects	3.4

Fund Program	Project Name	Current Programming	Recommended Programming (This Month)	Remaining
OBAG 2	PDA Planning to Priority Sites Technical Assistance	1.9	1.6 Redirect balances and award to specific projects	0.3
OBAG 2 & 3	Parking Management Balances	0.4	0.4 Redirect balance	-
OBAG 2	Connected Bay Area	6.7	6.7 Adjust programming	-
OBAG 3, Exchange	Bay Trail Implementation	0.4	0.4 Fund source change	-
OBAG 3, RTIP*	Story-Keys Complete Streets	27.7	27.7 Fund source change	-
Totals:		62.0	54.3	7.7

*Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) funds previously approved.

FY 2023-24 Apportionment Exchange Agreement

In addition to the programming changes summarized above, this month staff are also providing an informational update on a federal apportionment exchange agreement executed in March 2024.

As a reminder, the OBAG 3 policy authorizes MTC’s Executive Director to execute federal apportionment exchange agreements with other California Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPAs). Apportionment exchanges benefit both regions by advancing projects in one region that may be stalled due to a lack of funding, while also avoiding the loss or lapse of funds in the other region.

Exchange agreements over \$2 million must be reported to a standing Committee of the Commission for information. Consistent with this policy, MTC entered into one apportionment exchange agreement this fiscal year for \$13,000,000 in FY2023-24 STP apportionment from San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG), to be repaid with an equal amount of FY2024-25 STP apportionment on October 1, 2024. This apportionment loan enables Bay Area project sponsors to deliver additional federal-aid projects this fiscal year, while also using up lapsing federal funds from the SJCOG region.

Issues:

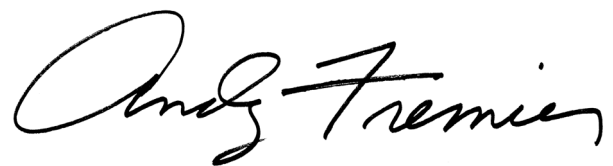
None.

Recommendations:

Refer MTC Resolution Nos. 3989, Revised; 4202, Revised; and 4505, Revised to the Commission for approval. Transit Priority BusAID and Priority Sites Technical Assistance grant recommendations are included on the May RNM Committee and Planning Committee agendas, respectively. Only the applicable recommendations approved by the Programming and Allocations Committee, the RNM Committee, and the Planning Committee will be referred to the Commission for approval.

Attachments:

- Attachment A: OBAG 2 and 3, MTC Exchange Proposed Programming
- MTC Resolution No. 3989, Revised
 - Attachment A
 - Attachment B
- MTC Resolution No. 4202, Revised
 - Attachment B-1
- MTC Resolution No. 4505, Revised
 - Attachments B-1
 - Attachment B-2



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Attachment A – OBAG 2 and 3, MTC Exchange Proposed Programming

Public Fleet Electrification

In May 2023, the Commission set aside \$10 million in OBAG 3 funds for Local Public Fleet Electrification Planning Assistance as one of the Transportation Electrification initiatives under the broader Climate Initiatives program. In April 2024, the Planning Committee approved planning assistance totaling \$6 million to 32 public agencies. This month, staff recommend revisions to the OBAG 3 Regional program to reflect the project list approved by the Planning Committee, including:

- \$2 million to MTC for large (500+ vehicle) fleet planning for the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART), City of Berkeley, County of Marin, City/County of San Francisco, and County of Sonoma;
- \$2.6 million to MTC for medium (100-500 vehicle) fleet planning for the City of Alameda, City of Oakland, City of San Leandro, City of Concord, City of El Cerrito, City of Novato, City of San Rafael, City of Napa, County of Napa, City of San Mateo, City of South San Francisco, City of Benicia, and City of Vacaville; and
- \$1.4 million to MTC for small (<100 vehicle) fleet planning for the City of Dublin, Town of Corte Madera, Town of Fairfax, City of Mill Valley, Town of San Anselmo, City of Sausalito, Town of Tiburon, City of Calistoga, City of St. Helena, Town of Yountville, City of Belmont, City of Half Moon Bay, Town of Hillsborough, and City of Dixon.

Transit Priority BusAID

In June 2022, the Commission set aside approximately \$117 million in various regional discretionary funds to support implementation of the Transit Transformation Action Plan, including \$15 million in OBAG 3 funds for transit priority on arterial roadways. Consistent with recommendations to the Regional Network Management (RNM) Committee this month, staff recommend programming \$11.6 million of these funds through the Bus Accelerated Infrastructure Delivery (BusAID) program for the following projects:

- \$3.9 million to the Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District (AC Transit) for International Boulevard Transit Lane Delineation,
- \$1.4 million to the San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans) for El Camino Real Bus Boarding Islands & Bus Stop Balancing in Redwood City,

- \$2.2 million to the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) for K-Ingleside Rapid Project Ocean Avenue Quick-Build, and
- \$4.0 million to the City of San Jose for Vision Zero East San Jose Safety Corridor Project for Senter Road Boarding Islands.

Staff anticipate returning to the Commission in early 2025 to recommend programming for the remaining \$3.4 million in OBAG 3 BusAID funds.

Priority Sites Technical Assistance

Consistent with recommendations to the Planning Committee this month, staff recommend reprogramming \$1.6 million in project savings and unprogrammed or unused OBAG 2 Regional Priority Development Area (PDA) Planning and Implementation balances to MTC for Priority Sites Technical Assistance in the following jurisdictions: Alameda County, Berkeley, Concord, Contra Costa County, Milpitas, Richmond, San Jose, and San Leandro.

Parking Management

In June 2023, the Commission programmed a total of \$7.6 million in OBAG 2 and OBAG 3 funds for various Parking Management Capital and Planning grants. After subsequent discussions with project sponsors, staff recommend programming additional funding to the following Parking Management projects to fully fund the project scopes as awarded:

- \$394,000 in OBAG 2 Parking Management Capital balances to the City of Martinez to supplement the \$875,000 currently programmed for the City's Parking Meter Program Update, and
- \$30,000 in OBAG 3 Parking Management Planning balances to MTC to supplement the \$80,000 currently programmed for Concord's Downtown Parking Technology Solutions Study.

MTC Exchange Program

In September 2022, the Commission programmed \$750,000 in OBAG 3 funds to MTC for Bay Trail Project Delivery. To assist with implementation of the Bay Trail Equity Strategy Phase III, an action and implementation plan to pilot the recommendations gathered in Phases I and II (2022-23), staff recommend changing the fund source for \$350,000 of the Bay Trail Project Delivery funds from STP/CMAQ to non-federal MTC exchange funds. This fund source change will allow MTC to partner with Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) to deliver

recommended Bay Trail pilot programs and projects that are ineligible or poorly suited for federal funds, such as affinity-based group activities and community art installations.

In addition, staff recommend revising the MTC exchange program to reflect the \$30 million Regional Measure 3 (RM3) loan to MTC for Next-Generation Clipper (C2) Capital as previously approved. In February 2022, the Commission programmed \$30 million in OBAG 3 federal STP/CMAQ funds to MTC for Clipper C2 to ensure continuity of contractual payments while RM3 funds were unavailable.

Regional Communications Infrastructure Upgrade Project

In April 2023, the Commission approved OBAG 2 revisions to component projects within MTC and Caltrans' joint Regional Communications Infrastructure Upgrade program to reflect the agencies' latest partnership arrangement and delivery plan for the Bay Area Regional Communications Infrastructure Strategic Investment Plan. To further clarify that the scope of this effort has been expanded to encompass communications enhancements along various regional freeway corridors and arterial streets, in addition to the I-880 corridor, and to reflect that currently distinct programming items are more accurately represented as a single joint project, staff now recommend consolidating \$16.1 million in OBAG 2 funds for MTC and Caltrans under one Regional Communications Infrastructure Upgrade project.

Story-Keyes Complete Streets

In December 2023, the Commission approved fund source revisions for the Housing Incentive Pool (HIP) program to remove Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) funding in exchange for OBAG and local funds, which will allow project sponsors to access their HIP awards earlier than would otherwise be possible with the available RTIP funds. This strategy involved exchanging \$27.7 million in RTIP funds with OBAG 3 County & Local funds programmed to the City of San José's Story-Keyes Complete Streets project. With the California Transportation Commission's approval of the 2024 STIP in March 2024, staff now recommend reducing OBAG 3 County & Local funds programmed to San Jose's Story-Keyes project by \$27.7 million to finalize this fund source change.