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Memorandum

TO: Administration Committee DATE: July 2, 2008

FR: Executive Director W.I.: 12.310

RE: MTC Resolution No. 3867 – Traffic Congestion Relief Act Funds

Staff requests that the Administration Committee refer MTC Resolution No. 3867, which supercedes MTC Resolution No. 3329, to the Commission for approval to provide assurances that funds received under the Traffic Congestion Relief Act (TCRA) of 2000 will not backfill or supplant funding from other sources. The resolution is a requirement of the California Transportation Commission (CTC) for the TCRA funds granted to MTC in September 2007.

Background

In September 2000, in accordance with the CTC guidelines, MTC adopted Resolution No. 3329 asserting that TCRA funds were not supplanting other funds. In September 2007, the CTC approved an additional allocation of $1.8 million in TCRA funds to conduct a feasibility study of video tolling on the state-owned bridges in the Bay Area. The CTC has determined that an updated resolution will be required stipulating that the $1.8 million fund allocation will not supplant other funding for the video tolling project. MTC Resolution No. 3867 provides this stipulation.

Recommendation

We recommend that the Administration Committee refer MTC Resolution No. 3867 to the Commission for approval to provide assurances that TCRA funds received by MTC will not backfill or supplant funding from other sources.

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ABSTRACT

Resolution No. 3867

This resolution is required by the Traffic Congestion Relief Act of 2000 to ensure that the level of expenditure for the MTC transportation planning projects identified in this Resolution from fund sources other than funds under this Act will be sustained at a level of expenditures consistent with the average of annual expenditures between 1997-98 and 2009-10 fiscal years.

Further discussion of this action is contained in the MTC Executive Director's Memorandum dated July 2, 2008.

This resolution supersedes MTC Resolution No. 3329.

Date: July 9, 2008
W.I.: 12.310
Referred by: Administration

RE: Assurance that Traffic Congestion Relief Act Funds will not supplant existing funding

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
RESOLUTION NO. 3867

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) is the regional transportation planning agency for the San Francisco Bay Area pursuant to Government Code Section 66500 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Traffic Congestion Relief Act of 2000 (the Act) was established by Chapters 91 (AB 2928) and 92 (SB 496), as amended by SB 1662, of the statutes of 2000; and,

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission has been named in the Act to receive $5.0 million for Project # 11: 2000 San Francisco Bay Crossings Study and the Transbay Terminal Improvement Plan, and Project 11.1: Video Tolling Demonstration Project (hereafter called the Project) and,

WHEREAS, the California Transportation Commission subsequently approved an MTC funding application and allocation of $5.0 million for the Project; and,

WHEREAS, the Project consists of three segments, each of which involves one time planning studies for the following:

Segment I — Planning and feasibility studies to develop options for improving transbay travel and mobility in the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge corridor and south.

Segment II — Implementation of the Transbay Terminal Improvement Plan, environmental assessment and project development phases.

Segment III — Feasibility study and implementation of a Video Tolling Demonstration Project for state-owned toll bridges in the Bay Area.

WHEREAS, the statutes require a local or regional implementing agency to execute a cooperative agreement or fund transfer agreement with Caltrans before it can be reimbursed for project expenditures; and

WHEREAS, the Traffic Congestion Relief Program Guidelines adopted by the California Transportation Commission governing the administration of the projects contained in the Traffic Congestion Relief Program require that the cooperative agreement or fund transfer agreement contain a certification, by resolution of the governing board of the local or regional agency, as required by statutes, that the funds received from the Act for the purposes set forth in this MTC Resolution will not be used to backfill or supplant from other sources currently planned and to the extent there has been the expenditures from other sources for each transportation purpose they shall be sustained at a level of expenditures consistent with the average of annual expenditures between the 1997-98 and 2009-10 fiscal years , during the fiscal years that the allocation provided for this project is available for use; and,

RESOLVED, that the level of expenditures for the transportation purposes set forth in this Resolution from sources other than the Act will be sustained at a level of expenditures consistent with the average of annual expenditures between the 1997-98 and 2009-10 fiscal years, during the fiscal years that the allocation provided for this Project is available for use; and be it further

RESOLVED, that MTC Executive Director, or his designee, is authorized to secure State funds for the project and to execute a fund transfer agreement with Caltrans for its completion of the project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution supersedes MTC Resolution No. 3329.

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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Bill Dodd, Chair

The above resolution was entered into by the
Metropolitan Transportation Commission
at a regular meeting of the Commission held
in Oakland, California, on July 23, 2008