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Memorandum

TO: Administration Committee

DATE: November 5, 2008

FR: Executive Director

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RE: Funding Agreements: Fiscal Year 2008-09 Caltrans Planning Grants

Staff recommends that this Committee approve funding agreements with organizations that have been awarded Fiscal Year 2008-09 Federal Transit Administration Section 5304 transit planning grants and Caltrans Environmental Justice: Context-Sensitive Planning Grants.

Caltrans Planning Grant Program

Each year Caltrans solicits proposals for federal grant monies available through the SP&R and Federal Transit Administration Section 5304 grant programs. State Planning and Research grants target studies that have a statewide and/or multi-jurisdictional significance. FTA Section 5304 grants fund three areas of work: planning efforts of statewide or multi-regional significance, technical assistance for rural and small urban areas, and transit professional development.

Caltrans requires the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) in each region to apply on behalf of partner agencies. Once Caltrans has selected projects for funding, Caltrans directs the funds through the MPOs to the selected sub-applicants who are responsible for performing the work. Each year MTC executes funding agreements with each the sub-applicants to facilitate this process.

FY 2008-09 Grant Awards

Caltrans recently announced FY 2008-09 Planning Grant awards, including one to MTC and four that were submitted by MTC on behalf of other Bay Area agencies. In addition, eight other grants were awarded directly to agencies in the Bay Area for planning work (See Table 1).

Under item 2b, Resolution 3857, the Committee has been requested to amend the Fiscal Year 2008-09 OWP to include these awarded grants.

Recommendation

Staff recommends this Committee authorize the Executive Director or his designee to negotiate and enter into funding agreements with Bay Area public entities as specified in Table 1, with the total amount of all funding agreements not to exceed \$626,407. Staff will return at a later date to seek authorization to enter into funding agreements and consultant contracts for work to be conducted under the grant awarded to MTC.

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Table 1: FY 2008-09 Planning Grants Awarded to Bay Area Agencies

Grantee	Project	Grant Award*
MTC	Transit-Accessible Locations: Social Service/Health Care and Transit Coordination <i>The goals of this project are to 1) document current accessibility of social service and health facilities by public transit in both urban and suburban areas, 2) propose policies that encourage agencies to locate in transit-accessible locations, and 3) raise awareness about the importance of transit-accessible locations with social service and health care leaders who make decisions about where to site facilities.</i>	FTA \$200,912
ABAG lead/ MTC support	ABAG Model Improvements, Phase 1 <i>Work will focus on upgrading the ABAG/MTC land use/transportation model, with emphasis on the land use model components. During this phase, changes to aggregate level models would also be made to improve the next round of regional forecasting.</i>	FTA \$338,868
Marin County, Health and Human Services	Senior Mobility Action and Implementation Plan <i>The Division of Aging will work with Marin Transit to address gaps in senior mobility and develop action strategies and an implementation timeline for Marin County.</i>	FTA \$113,000
City of Benicia	Benicia Breeze Local Service Transit Plan <i>Develop an implementation plan for modifying Benicia Breeze transit services in Benicia to coordinate with the implementation of Vallejo Transit Route 70 regional express route connecting Vallejo, Benicia and Contra Costa County. This will require a significant restructure of Benicia Breeze transit operations.</i>	FTA \$40,000
TALC	TALC Safe Routes to School <i>EJ grant to fund community education around community design for ped/bike safety, walk audits and conceptual plans for school communities in Oakland and Berkeley that participate in our Safe Routes to Schools program. The funds will go directly to fund these services and tools for Safe Routes participating schools that serve low-income populations.</i>	State Environmental Justice grant \$134,539

* Includes local match of at least 20% for SP&R grants and 11.47% for FTA 5304 grants.

Other Selected Projects in the Region (do not require MTC funding agreement or inclusion in the OWP)

Grant	Program*	Applicant	Grant funds**
Dry Creek Rancheria Transportation Plan	EJ	Dry Creek Rancheria	\$125,845
Community Driven Pedestrian Plan for the City of Richmond	EJ	City of Richmond	\$250,000
International Blvd Transit Oriented Development Plan	CBTP	City of Oakland/TALC	\$245,000
Santa Rosa Avenue Corridor Plan	CBTP	Santa Rosa Public Works	\$80,000
The Alameda: A Plan for "The Beautiful Way"	CBTP	San Jose Redevelopment	\$250,000
Improving Safety and Mobility Along Highway 1 on the Unincorporated San Mateo Midcoast	CBTP	San Mateo County	\$108,834
Bike/Ped Improvements North & South of the Rt 580 entrance to the Richmond/San Rafael Bridge	CBTP	Marin County	\$80,000
Mills Corridor-MacArthur Blvd Inter-Modal Mobility and Community Connection Planning	CBTP	City of Oakland	\$257,000

*EJ: Environmental Justice, Context Sensitive Planning Grant

CBTP: Community-Based Transportation Planning Grant

**Grant funds do not include local match.

REQUEST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL

Summary of Proposed Funding Agreements

Work Item No.: See below

Agency: See below

Work Project Title: Caltrans Planning Grants: FTA 5304 and Caltrans Environmental Justice: Context Sensitive Planning grant programs.

Purpose of Project: Conduct planning activities in accordance with SP&R, FTA 5304 and Caltrans Environmental Justice grant objectives.

Brief Scope of Work: Various planning efforts related to transportation planning and transit planning as outlined in the awarded grant proposals summarized in the memo dated November 5, 2008.

Project Cost Not to Exceed:	WE 1120	City of Benicia	\$40,000 (FTA 5304)
	WE 1122	Association of Bay Area Governments	\$338,868 (FTA 5304)
	WE 1311	Marin County	\$113,000 (FTA 5304)
	WE various	Transportation and Land Use Coalition (TALC)	\$134,539 (EJ grant, SHA funded)

Total not to exceed \$626,407

Funding Source: FTA 5304, State Highway Account (SHA), local match provided by agencies

Fiscal Impact: None.

Motion by Committee: That the Executive Director or his designee is authorized to negotiate and enter into funding agreements with the agencies listed above, in the amounts indicated, and the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to set aside funds for the funding agreements.

Administration Committee:

Tom Bates, Chair

Date Approved: