

Metropolitan Transportation Commission Programming and Allocations Committee

June 11, 2008

Item Number 4c

Station Area Planning Grant Recommendations

Subject: Recommended list of planning grants to award via MTC's Station Area Planning grant program

Background: The Station Area Planning program is intended to increase transit ridership by creating complete communities and encouraging an intensification of land use near transit stations and high quality bus service. Originally developed to advance MTC's Transit Oriented Development (TOD) policy, which set minimum level of zoning for land adjacent to Resolution 3434 transit corridors, the Commission expanded the program to include FOCUS Priority Development Areas (PDAs) in October 2007.

The current call for projects was announced in November 2007, with applications due February 29, 2008 and followed application workshops in Petaluma, Oakland, and San Jose. This is the second call for applications under the program, with eligibility established *either* through status as a PDA *or* as one of five Resolution 3434 corridors that do not currently meet the housing thresholds in MTC's TOD policy. Staff received 37 applications totaling \$13.9 million and all but three of the applications were in PDAs. Staff convened an evaluation committee that included representatives from transit operators, city staff, congestion management agency staff, regional agency staff, MTC's advisory council, and non-profit partners. Scores were based on the following criteria: potential impact (30), current city policies (10), quality of proposed planning process (25), local commitment (20), and commitment to implementation (15). Staff from ABAG and MTC supported the evaluation team but did not score applications.

The attached list includes the recommended funding allocation of \$7.5 million for 20 grants, including six Resolution 3434 station areas that were given priority for these funds per the program guidelines. These Surface Transportation Program funds were previously set aside by the Commission. The grants vary in funding amounts depending on what each city requires to complete a station area plan. Many cities are already engaged in extensive land use planning but require additional planning funds to complete a complementary elements (e.g. environmental reports and access studies).

Issues: (1) The San Francisco/Brisbane Bi-County planning area grant was screened as ineligible by staff since a significant majority of the planning area lies in Brisbane, which is not a Priority Development Area. The City of Brisbane is encouraged to apply for PDA status for this area when the next PDA application process opens at the end of summer 2008.

(2) One Resolution 3434 station did not receive funding. The application for the Warm Springs BART station did not include any housing to

advance the corridor's housing thresholds and thus meet MTC's TOD policy. This application did not compete well within the larger pool of PDA applications, scoring well below the cut off for funding. As such, staff recommends that this grant application not be funded. It should be noted that housing threshold requirements are being satisfied elsewhere throughout the BART to San Jose/Santa Clara corridor, per Resolution 3434 TOD policy.

Recommendation: Staff seeks Commission approval of the attached list of projects for the Second Cycle of Station Area Planning Grants.

Attachments: Station Area Planning Grant recommended funding amounts and complete list of applications.

City	Co	Application	Res. 3434	Request	Recommended Funding	Match	Team Score	Funding Total
San Jose	SCL	San Jose, Diridon	Yes	\$ 750,000	\$ 750,000	27%	79	\$ 750,000
Pittsburg & County	CC	BART station area	Yes	\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000	20%	78	\$ 1,100,000
East Palo Alto	SM	NE - Station Area	Yes	\$ 360,000	\$ 360,000	25%	75	\$ 1,460,000
Newark	ALA	Station Area	Yes	\$ 544,000	\$ 544,000	25%	68	\$ 2,004,000
Cloverdale	SON	SMART Station & Downtown Hub	Yes	\$ 140,000	\$ 140,000	27%	67	\$ 2,144,000
Antioch	CC	Hillcrest EBART	Yes	\$ 120,000	\$ 20,000	25%	62	\$ 264,000
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Oakland	ALA	Lake Merritt BART		\$ 720,000	\$ 720,000	25%	87	\$ 2,984,000
San Francisco	SF	EN TRIP - Eastern Neighborhoods		\$ 750,000	\$ 750,000	67%	83	\$ 3,734,000
Berkeley	ALA	Downtown Area Planning & Implementation		\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000	73%	80	\$ 4,034,000
Concord	CC	Naval Weapons Reuse		\$ 750,000	\$ 750,000	20%	78	\$ 4,784,000
San Leandro	ALA	San Leandro Blvd		\$ 200,000	\$ 175,000	25%	77	\$ 4,959,000
San Francisco	SF	Market - Octavia		\$ 160,000	\$ 160,000	25%	76	\$ 5,119,000
Oakland	ALA	Upper Broadway		\$ 750,000	\$ 400,000	33%	74	\$ 5,519,000

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San Mateo - City	SM	Hillsdale Station Area		\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000	25%	73	\$ 5,919,000
Union City	ALA	Station Area	Yes	\$ 200,000	\$ 125,000	25%	72	\$ 6,044,000
Dublin	ALA	W Dublin BART Specific Plan		\$ 561,000	\$ 200,000	25%	71	\$ 6,244,000
San Leandro	ALA	Infrastructure		\$ 100,000	\$ 75,000	25%	71	\$ 6,319,000
Lafayette	CC	Downtown		\$ 200,000	\$ 150,000	30%	70	\$ 6,469,000
San Pablo	CC	San Pablo Avenue Corridor PDA		\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	20%	70	\$ 6,969,000
San Mateo - County	SM	North Fair Oaks		\$ 750,000	\$ 500,000	20%	70	\$ 7,469,000
TOTAL SUGGESTED FUNDING								\$ 7,469,000
Richmond	CC	Richmond BART/Intermodal Transit Station		\$ 300,000		50%	69	
Fremont	ALA	Irvington		\$ 385,000		39%	68	
Fremont	ALA	Warm Springs	Yes	\$ 480,000		27%	64	
Fairfield	SOL	Downtown Fairfield		\$ 150,000		20%	63	
El Cerrito	CC	Del Norte BART		\$ 286,500		25%	62	

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Mountain View	SCL	S Whisman		\$ 640,000		25%	61	
Antioch	CC	Ferry Station - Downtown		\$ 520,000		25%	61	
San Carlos	SM	El Camino - Caltrain Station		\$ 150,000		20%	61	
South San Francisco	SM	S. SF BART & El Camino		\$ 480,000		25%	60	
Moraga	CC	Town Center		\$ 320,000		25%	59	
Millbrae	SM	BART/Caltrain Station Area		\$ 120,000		25%	58	
Dublin	ALA	W Dublin BART Access		\$ 300,000		25%	54	
Newark	ALA	Old Town		\$ 240,000		25%	52	
Pleasant Hill	CC	Diablo Valley College Transit Center		\$ 500,000		20%	52	
County of Marin	MAR	Marinwood Priority Development Area		\$ 328,000		25%	49	
Martinez	CC	Downtown		\$ 120,000		25%	47	
San Francisco	SF	Bi-County Planning Area	-	\$ 280,000	Brisbane not a PDA. Not eligible.	25%	-	