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Memorandum

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RE: Draft Process for Amending Regional Bicycle Network Projects

Background

Since the development of the Regional Bicycle Network (RBN) in 2001, there has not been a clearly defined process for selecting and amending projects on the network. During the revision of the network in 2004, projects were added on an ad hoc basis often tied to updates of county bicycle plans.

A well defined selection criteria for amending projects on the network needs to be defined for agencies that desire to add or subtract projects that would be eligible for RBN funds. Below are draft steps to amend projects on the network

Amending Projects on Regional Bicycle Network (RBN)

1. Projects are limited to the RBN mileage limit and dollar amount approved by the commission in Transportation 2035 and the Regional Bicycle Plan for the San Francisco Bay Area – 2009 Update. These mileage and cost estimates can be found in Appendix A of the Bicycle Plan.
2. Submitted projects must meet at least one of the three network criteria as part of a regional destination, regional connection or regional route.
3. A Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPACs) (or other committees with bicycle and pedestrian interests) must review the projects submitted to MTC for consideration for inclusion of the network.
4. Representatives from the Regional Bicycle Working Group must evaluate and approve projects submitted to be included on the network.
5. Fund swaps for RBN projects programmed by MTC must be reviewed by Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPACs) (or other committees with bicycle and pedestrian interests)

Discussion Questions

1. Agencies often swap projects by removing a RBN project in order to free up the county share of funds for another project. How are new projects substitutions submitted to MTC on the RBN considered?
2. How often should projects on the RBN be considered?
3. If a project has significant cost increases, how does the new cost of the project fit within the county cost estimate?