

Metropolitan Transportation Commission Programming and Allocations Committee

December 9, 2009

Item Number 2c

Resolution No. 3932

Subject: RM2 Safe Routes to Transit (SR2T) Grant Program – Cycle 3

Background: Regional Measure 2 (RM2) includes funds for a Safe Routes to Transit (SR2T) program. The grant program is jointly managed by TransForm (formerly TALC, the Transportation and Land Use Coalition) and the East Bay Bicycle Coalition (EBBC). MTC serves as the government agency sponsor for this program.

The SR2T program is scheduled to receive a total of \$22.5 million in Regional Measure 2 funding, with \$2.5 million directed to City Car Share. The remaining \$20 million is distributed through a competitive grant program. This grant program has five funding cycles of approximately \$4 million each and will occur every two years until funding is depleted in FY 2014. Twelve projects, totaling approximately \$4 million, were approved in the first grant cycle by MTC in December 2005. Ten projects, totaling approximately \$4 million, were approved by MTC in the second grant cycle in July 2007.

The Call for Projects for the third cycle of grant funding was released on June 1, 2009. Safe Routes to Transit outreach included notification to cities, Congestion Management Agencies, and other agencies that had expressed interest. SR2T staff held two regional workshops about the grant program.

An Advisory Committee provided input into the project selection process, and evaluated the applications to make recommendations to MTC. The 17-member advisory committee was composed of staff representatives from MTC, county and city governments, transit operators, and non-profit advocacy organizations (see Attachment 3). Four members of the advisory committee scored each application. For the first round of scoring, advisory members reviewed applications from outside their jurisdictions. Thirteen of the applications advanced to the second round of evaluation, in which advisory committee members ranked all applications.

Based on the final evaluation, the Advisory Committee recommends that MTC approve RM2 funding for the 11 projects and plans totaling \$4.2 million included in Attachment 1. The Advisory Committee considered such factors as geographic and modal equity, and improving bicycle and pedestrian access to transit for low-income individuals. Note that the SR2T program proposes a higher total award amount for the third cycle than in past cycles, as the program includes unspent funds from two prior projects: 1) VTA's Santa Clara Transit Center Pedestrian/Bike Crossing experienced cost savings of \$16,000, and 2) AC Transit discontinued the TransBay Expanded Bike Access Project totaling \$180,000.

As background, 35 applications totaling approximately \$14 million were submitted in response to the Call for Projects (see Attachment 2). Applications were submitted from all Bay Area counties except Napa and Marin. Twenty-seven project sponsors requested funds for capital projects; eight requested funds for planning activities. Two of the submitted proposals were ineligible for SR2T

funds. The Miller Bridge Bicycle and Pedestrian Connection proposal was ineligible because it requested three times the maximum grant request of \$500,000 for a capital project with a single sponsoring agency. The Spofford Alleyway Pedestrian Improvement Project was ineligible because the project design lacked access to regional transit.

Issues: None

Recommendation: Refer MTC Resolution No. 3932 to the Commission for approval.

Attachments: Attachment 1 – Recommended Grant Awards
Attachment 2 – List of Project Funding Requests
Attachment 3 – Evaluation Panel and Advisory Committee
MTC Resolution No. 3932

**Attachment 1
Recommended Grant Awards – Cycle 3**

Primary Project Sponsor	Project Title	Capital or Planning Project	Recommended Award
San Francisco MTA	Balboa Park Station Connections Project Phase II	Capital	\$722,000
BART	Bay Fair BART Safety and Security Improvement Project	Capital	\$196,077
City of Berkeley	Berkeley/AC Transit Ped and Bike Access Improvements	Capital	\$498,820
City of San Leandro	Downtown San Leandro BART Pedestrian and Bicycle Access Project	Capital	\$750,000
San Francisco MTA	Glen Park Area Bicycle Project	Capital	\$168,000
City of Oakland	MacArthur Station Bicycle Access Project Phase II	Capital	\$242,500
San Francisco MTA	Market Street Multi-Modal Transportation Improvements Study	Planning	\$200,000
Richmond Community Redevelopment Agency	Nevin Avenue Bicycle/Pedestrian Improvements: BART to Civic Center	Capital	\$750,000
City of Santa Rosa	US Highway 101 Bicycle/Pedestrian Overcrossing	Planning	\$100,000
VTA	VTA Pilot Bike Sharing Implementation	Capital	\$500,000
West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee	West Contra Costa/Albany Transit Way-finding Plan	Planning	\$69,000
TOTAL			\$4,196,397

Attachment 2
List of Project Funding Requests - Cycle 3

Project Sponsors	Project Name	Capital or Planning	Amount Requested
East Bay Regional Park District, City of Dublin, City of Pleasanton	Alamo Canal Trail Undercrossing of I-580	Capital	\$500,000
San Francisco MTA, BART	Balboa Park Station Connections Project Phase II	Capital	\$750,000
BART	BART Bicycle Plan Update	Planning	\$197,500
BART	Bay Fair BART Safety and Security Improvement Project	Capital	\$196,077
City of Mountain View, VTA	Bayshore/NASA Light Rail Station Ped/Bike Access Study	Planning	\$180,000
City of Berkeley	Berkeley/AC Transit Ped and Bike Access Improvements	Capital	\$498,820
City of Suisun City	Bike Path and Roadway Lighting--Main St. North	Capital	\$150,000
UC Berkeley	Bike/Pedestrian Routes to Transit Improvements Study	Planning	\$149,000
City of Albany	Buchanan Bicycle and Pedestrian Path Segments I and II	Capital	\$500,000
City of South San Francisco	Chestnut Avenue Sidewalk Project	Capital	\$326,500
City of Alameda Public Works Department	City of Alameda Major Transit Corridor Enhancement Project	Capital	\$250,000
San Francisco CTA	Columbus Ave Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements Implementation Plan	Planning	\$100,000
City of Concord	David Avenue and Minert Rd Sidewalk/Bike Route Gap Closure	Capital	\$329,288
City of San Leandro, BART	Downtown San Leandro BART Pedestrian and Bicycle Access Project	Capital	\$750,000
City of El Cerrito	Further Safety Improvements at Ohlone Greenway Pathway	Capital	\$488,000
San Francisco MTA	Glen Park Area Bicycle Project	Capital	\$168,000
City of Suisun City	Grizzly Island Bicycle and Pedestrian Trail	Capital	\$500,000

Project Sponsors	Project Name	Capital or Planning	Amount Requested
Alameda County Public Works Agency	Hacienda Avenue Transit Access Improvements	Capital	\$166,000
City of Lafayette	Happy Valley Rd. Ped & Bike Access & Safety Improvements	Capital	\$369,000
Peninsula Corridor JPB (Caltrain), City of San Mateo	Hayward Park Station Area Planning Study	Planning	\$157,000
City of San Jose Dept of Parks, Rec, and Neighborhood Services	Hetch-Hetchy Ramp/Staircase	Capital	\$500,000
City of Walnut Creek, Caltrans District 4	Hillside Sidewalk Connection	Capital	\$701,531
City of Oakland	MacArthur Station Bicycle Access Project--Phase II	Capital	\$242,500
San Francisco MTA, SF Department of Public Works	Market Street Multi-Modal Transportation Improvements Study	Planning	\$200,000
City of Benicia	Miller Bridge Bicycle and Pedestrian Connection**	Capital	\$1,500,000
City of Fremont, AC Transit	Mission Boulevard Transit Access Improvements	Capital	\$495,000
Richmond Community Redevelopment Agency, BART	Nevin Avenue Bicycle/Pedestrian Improvements: BART to Civic Center	Capital	\$750,000
BART	Pedestrian and Bicycle Access Improvements for the West Dublin/Pleasanton BART Station	Capital	\$750,000
City of Pittsburg	Power Avenue Class I Bicycle Path	Capital	\$100,000
City of Santa Rosa	Sixth St. Bicycle and Pedestrian Linkage	Capital	\$300,000
San Francisco Dept of Public Works	Spofford Alleyway Pedestrian Improvement Project *	Capital	\$496,739
City of San Jose Dept of Parks, Rec, and Neighborhood Services	Tasman Drive Undercrossing	Capital	\$500,000
City of Santa Rosa	US Highway 101 Bicycle/Pedestrian Overcrossing	Planning	\$100,000

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VTA, City of Palo Alto, City of Mountain View, City of San Jose	VTA Pilot Bike Sharing Implementation	Capital	\$500,000
WCCTAC, Cities of Albany, El Cerrito, Hercules, Pinole, Richmond, San Pablo, Contra Costa County, AC Transit, BART, WestCat	West Contra Costa/Albany Transit Way-finding Plan	Planning	\$200,000
TOTAL			\$14,060,955

*Project Ineligible: Does not provide access to regional transit.

**Project Ineligible: Request exceeds maximum request allowed.

Attachment 3
Evaluation Panel and Advisory Committee

SR2T Advisory Committee Members for Funding Cycle Three

Name	Organization/Agency
Liz Brisson & Sean Co	Metropolitan Transportation Commission
Dave Campbell	East Bay Bicycle Coalition
Gladwyn DeSouza	Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition
Harley Goldstrom	Former BART manager
Nathan Landau	AC Transit
Carey Lando	Marin County Public Works Dept.
Judy Leaks	Solano Napa Commuter Information
Jeremy Lochirco	City of Walnut Creek
Carli Paine	TransForm
Joanna Pallock	WCCTAC
Neal Patel	San Francisco Bicycle Coalition
Eileen Ross	San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency
John Sighamony	Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority
Jennifer Stanley	City of Oakland
Ben Stupka	San Francisco County Transportation Authority
Rochelle Wheeler	ACTIA
Sara Woo	Solano County Transportation Authority

Date: December 16, 2009
W.I.: 1255
Referred by: PAC

ABSTRACT

MTC Resolution No. 3932

This resolution adopts the third cycle of the Regional Measure 2 (RM2) Safe Routes to Transit Grant Program.

The following attachment is provided with this resolution:

Attachment A — RM2 Safe Routes to Transit Grant Program Cycle 3 Fund Recipients

Further discussion of this action is contained in the Programming and Allocations Committee Summary Sheet dated December 9, 2009.

The Commission approved the first and second cycles of the RM2 Safe Routes to Transit Grant Program by adopting Resolution No. 3735 on December 21, 2005 and revising Resolution No. 3735 on July 25, 2007.

Date: December 16, 2009
W.I.: 1255
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RE: Regional Measure 2 (RM2) Safe Routes to Transit Grant Program Cycle 3

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
RESOLUTION NO. 3932

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

WHEREAS, Streets and Highways Code Sections 30950 *et seq.* created the Bay Area Toll Authority (“BATA”) which is a public instrumentality governed by the same board as that governing MTC; and

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2004, voters approved Regional Measure 2, increasing the toll for all vehicles on the seven state-owned toll bridges in the San Francisco Bay Area by \$1.00, with this extra dollar funding various transportation projects within the region that have been determined to reduce congestion or to make improvements to travel in the toll bridge corridors, as identified in SB 916 (Chapter 715, Statutes of 2004), commonly referred as Regional Measure 2 (“RM2”); and

WHEREAS, RM2 establishes the Regional Traffic Relief Plan and lists specific capital projects and programs and transit operating assistance eligible to receive RM2 funding as identified in Streets and Highways Code Sections 30914(c) & (d); and

WHEREAS, RM2 assigns administrative duties and responsibilities for the implementation of the Regional Traffic Relief Plan to MTC; and

WHEREAS, BATA shall fund the projects of the Regional Traffic Relief Plan by transferring RM2 authorized funds to MTC; and

WHEREAS, MTC adopted policies and procedures for the implementation of the Regional Measure 2 Regional Traffic Relief Plan, which specifies the allocation criteria and project compliance requirements for RM 2 funding (MTC Resolution No. 3636); and

WHEREAS, the RM2 Safe Routes to Transit Grant Program is identified as capital project number 20 under RM 2 and is a competitive grant program available to public agencies including transit operators, cities, and counties; and

WHEREAS, TransForm (formerly the Transportation and Land Use Coalition) and the East Bay Bicycle Coalition and MTC developed a process and criteria to be used in the selection of the RM2 Safe Routes to Transit grant recipients to be funded with Regional Measure 2 funds; and

WHEREAS, Attachment A to this resolution, attached hereto and incorporated herein as though set forth at length, lists the recommended grant recipients and the correlated funding amounts for the third cycle of the program; and

RESOLVED, that MTC approves MTC staff's review of the RM2 Safe Routes to Transit Grant Cycle 3 applications; and be it further

RESOLVED, that MTC approves the list of grant recipients and their associated funding amounts for the third cycle as set forth in Attachment A; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that encumbrance of the Safe Routes to Transit grants require a subsequent action, whereby MTC allocates the RM2 funds specific to each grant recipient consistent with the provisions of the Regional Measure 2 Regional Traffic Relief Plan Policy and Procedures as set forth in length in MTC Resolution No. 3636.

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Scott Haggerty, Chair

The above resolution was entered into by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission at the regular meeting of the Commission held in Oakland, California, on December 16, 2009.

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Attachment A
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