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Memorandum

TO: Legislation Committee

DATE: June 11, 2010

FR: Executive Director

RE: FTA State of Good Repair Funding Opportunity — MTC Staff Recommendations

As a follow-up to the June 4th memorandum in your packet, staff has completed its expedited review of the 22 transit projects submitted as candidates for the FTA State of Good Repair (SGR) program. Of the \$173 million in federal funding requests, staff is recommending endorsement of a “Tier 1” subset of the projects totaling approximately \$100 million.

Background

As noted in your packet, the FTA will evaluate projects for the SGR program based on planning/prioritization at the local or regional level; project readiness; and technical, legal, and financial capacity of the applicant to implement the project. The solicitation generally covers bus replacement, bus facility rehabilitation/upgrades, and the development of capital asset management systems. For each project type, FTA will be looking at certain age/usage, technology, and fiscal factors, and will consider whether the project addresses a demonstrated backlog of deferred maintenance.

An additional overriding consideration in reviewing projects is that although there are many necessary and important rehabilitation projects throughout the region, staff believes that the limited resources offered by this funding opportunity should in general be focused on those projects that serve the most transit riders and are of a scale to attract discretionary federal funding. Furthermore, in the FTA Section 5307 annual formula program, which funds transit maintenance and rehabilitation projects, the MTC region typically garners about 5% of total national funding. For this SGR opportunity, staff proposes that a regional request of about \$100 million, or a bit over 10% of the funding available, would be the upper range of a reasonable submittal.

With the evaluation criteria and funding target in mind, staff reviewed the project submittals and identified a set of “Tier 1” projects that align with the funding envelope of roughly \$100 million. The Tier 1 projects that staff is seeking approval from this Committee for regional endorsement fit into three broad categories:

- State of Good Repair Asset Management Systems
- Replacement of Revenue Vehicles with Clean Fuel Vehicles
- Operations/Maintenance Facility Upgrades

Generally, the projects that are being proposed in Tier 1 are those that appear to best meet the FTA priorities, while serving the bus operators' state of good repair needs within the region's funding target.

If the Legislation Committee approves the project list, staff will provide an MTC support letter that operators with Tier 1 projects can attach to their applications. Note that other project candidates in Tier 2 can submit applications directly to FTA per the Notice of Available Funding.

Staff recognizes that the region has a large backlog of transit capital needs that are important to the region's operators and transit riders. We will continue to work with the operators and FTA to identify future funding opportunities to address this backlog.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Legislation Committee endorse the Tier 1 State of Good Repair project candidates and direct staff to provide support letters to the Tier 1 project applicants for submittal to FTA.



Steve Heminger

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FTA State of Good Repair Project Requests (Tier 1 and Tier 2)
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TIER 1 - To be Endorsed in Regional Application Package			
Project Sponsor:	Project Name:	Total Project Cost:	Federal Request:
AC Transit	Implement Comprehensive State of Good Repair Program – Revenue Vehicles	\$6,778,000	\$5,422,400
AC Transit	Bus Maintenance Lift Equipment Replacement Program	\$19,090,000	\$18,326,400
LAVTA	Operations Maintenance Facility - Phase 2	\$9,000,000	\$4,491,130
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency	Islais Creek Motor Coach Operations & Maintenance Facility	\$89,318,526	\$35,000,000
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency	Transportation Asset Management System	\$16,000,000	\$12,800,000
San Mateo County Transit District	In-ground Lift Overhaul; Cylinder and Valve Replacement	\$3,662,500	\$2,930,000
Santa Rosa CityBus	Replace 6 Buses with Hybrid Buses	\$4,068,000	\$2,184,269
VTA	Replace Hybrid Diesel/Electric Buses	\$24,500,000	\$19,600,000
City of Vallejo	Bus Maintenance Facility Rehabilitation/Renovation	\$1,500,000	\$422,400
TOTAL		\$173,917,026	\$101,176,599

TIER 2			
Project Sponsor:	Project Name:	Total Project Cost:	Federal Request:
GGBHTD	Purchase thirty-two 45 ft Over-the-Road Commuter Buses for Replacement Purposes	\$20,294,000	\$16,844,020
GGBHTD for Sub Recipient Marin Transit	Local Bus Stop Revitalization in Marin County	\$2,000,000	\$1,600,000
LAVTA	Operations Maintenance Facility - Phase 3	\$11,000,000	\$11,000,000
Napa County Transportation and Planning Agency	Capital Vehicle Replacement	\$4,235,000	\$3,388,000
Napa County Transportation and Planning Agency	Intermodal Transit Facility	\$8,020,000	\$2,645,832
Petaluma Transit – City of Petaluma	Transit Maintenance Facility Rehabilitation and Modernization	\$750,000	\$600,000
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency	Bus Rehabilitation Project	\$25,000,000	\$20,750,000
San Mateo County Transit District	Communication/Automatic Vehicle Location System (AVL) Replacement	\$8,921,000	\$7,136,800
San Mateo County Transit District	Radio Backbone	\$6,575,000	\$5,260,000
Santa Rosa CityBus	AVL Procurement/Farebox Replacement	\$2,025,000	\$1,620,000
Sonoma County Transit	Bus Yard & Parking Lot Rehabilitation	\$750,000	\$600,000
City of Union City – Union City Transit	Bus Rehabilitation and Repowering	\$750,000	\$600,000
TOTAL		\$90,320,000	\$72,044,652

Note:
City of Benicia submitted 2 projects (not listed here) that were deemed ineligible due to federal matching fund requirements.