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Memorandum

TO: Commission

DATE: July 21, 2010

FR: Executive Director

RE: Resolution No. 3978 - Sustainable Communities Planning Grant under the State's Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84) and Sustainable Communities Initiative under the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Background

There are two upcoming grant opportunities that staff would like to apply for that require Commission authorization per grant guidelines:

1. Sustainable Communities Planning Grant under the State's Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84)
2. Sustainable Communities Initiative under the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Both grants are similar in that they fund activities designed to support smart growth planning efforts that support ongoing work of MTC and ABAG in implementing SB 375, including Transportation 2035, ABAG infill/transit oriented Projections, FOCUS/Priority Development Areas (PDAs), and the Resolution 3434 TOD Policy. As you know, the development of these various policies required significant local agency partnership and collaboration; SB 375 implementation and sustainable communities development will require unprecedented local agency partnership outreach, of which some of the costs can be offset by grant funding.

In addition, we are also coordinating our grant workscopes with the other "Big Four" MPOs (SCAG, SACOG and SanDAG) that collectively comprise over 80% of California's population. By cooperating together we can be assured that we cover areas of mutual concern, such as CEQA streamlining opportunities, interregional planning, performance measurement/monitoring, forecast modeling assistance, and outreach techniques.

Both of the grant applications are due by the end of August 2010, which is why we are seeking Commission approval this month. While we still need to sort out workscope details with the MPOs and ABAG, we anticipate the combined grant request will be in the $5 million range, covering various tasks over the next 2 ½ years leading to SCS adoption in Spring 2013.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Commission adopt Resolution No. 3978 authorizing staff to submit grant applications for the Proposition 84 and HUD grants described above.

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Date: July 28, 2010
Referred by: Commission

ABSTRACT

Resolution No. 3978

This resolution authorizes staff to apply for two grants:

1. Sustainable Communities Planning Grant under the State's Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84)
2. Sustainable Communities Initiative under the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Discussion of this resolution is contained in the Executive Director's Memorandum to the Commission dated June 21, 2010.

Date: July 28, 2010
Referred by: Commission

Re: Commission Authorization to Apply for Proposition 84 and HUD sustainable Communities Grants

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
RESOLUTION NO. 3978

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, SB 375, Chapter 728, Statutes of 2008, amended Sections 65080, 65400, 65583, 65584.01, 65584.02, 65584.04, 65587, and 65588 of, and added Sections 14522.1, 14522.2, and 65080.01 to, the Government Code, and amended Section 21061.3 of, to add Section 21159.28 to, and to add Chapter 4.2 (commencing with Section 21155) to Division 13 of, the Public Resources Code, relating to environmental quality

WHEREAS, SB 375 requires MTC and Association of Bay Area Governments ("ABAG") to adopt a Sustainable Communities Strategy, which integrates MTC's Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and the Projections and Regional Housing Needs Allocation process; and

WHEREAS, SB 375 specifies how MTC and the ABAG) are to collaborate in the preparation of the SCS; and

WHEREAS, Sustainable Communities Planning Grant under the State's Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84) and Sustainable Communities Initiative under the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provide funds to implement SB 375 and support ongoing work of MTC and ABAG that support SB 375, including Transportation 2035, ABAG infill/transit oriented Projections, FOCUS/Priority Development Areas (PDAs), and the Resolution 3434 TOD Policy; and now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that MTC authorizes staff to submit grant applications for:

1. Sustainable Communities Planning Grant under the State's Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84)
2. Sustainable Communities Initiative under the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

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Scott Haggerty, Chair

The above resolution was approved by the
Metropolitan Transportation Commission
at a regular meeting of the Commission held
in Oakland, California, on July 28, 2010.