

# Metropolitan Transportation Commission Programming and Allocations Committee

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## Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA) Savings, Round 2

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**Subject:** Regional Support for Proposed Projects to Utilize CMIA Savings

**Background:** In January 2007, MTC adopted MTC Resolution No. 3792, the Bay Area's proposed \$2 billion program of projects for the CMIA. The California Transportation Commission (CTC) approved the state priorities in February 2007, including \$1.3 billion for Bay Area Corridor projects.

Subsequently, CTC approved financial accountability supplements which provide for the reprogramming of CMIA cost savings to project enhancements in CMIA corridors and unfunded applications from the original call for projects. The CTC approved the first round of projects using CMIA savings in May and June 2010. The Bay Area was successful in capturing \$91 million to further improvements in the region's congested corridors.

The CTC released the call for projects for the second round of CMIA cost savings in March 2011. Applications were due to Caltrans on April 25, 2011. Caltrans is expected to make its recommendations by May 16, and CTC will release staff recommendations on June 2, for CTC consideration at its June 22 meeting.

The Congestion Management Agencies (CMAs), as the project sponsors, submitted the CMIA savings proposals directly to Caltrans and CTC. Nine Bay Area projects were submitted, requesting a total of \$215 million. By contrast, staff anticipates that roughly \$90 million will be available for programming in the northern part of the State in June 2011; however, more savings may be available as more projects go to construction over the next year.

MTC recommends following a similar approach as the last savings round by creating a list of prioritized projects for regional endorsement, to be forwarded to the CTC when applications are due from Caltrans in May. To that end, staff proposes using the following tiered approach to regional prioritization:

**Tier 1:** Projects that received prior regional support for CMIA savings, are strong projects in terms of delivery and regional policy, and can be awarded prior to June 30, 2012.

**Tier 2:** Projects that are strong candidates for subsequent cost savings should CTC implement a "shelf" of ready projects. These projects may be requesting a large funding amount; lack environmental clearance, or have other delivery challenges such as high-risk undelivered phases; or have a delivery schedule after June 30, 2012.

CTC has indicated that early deliverability will be a key factor in determining its staff recommendations for CMIA savings; therefore, the June 30, 2012 award deadline is an important milestone for projects to meet.

Using the proposed tiering system, staff recommends the following prioritization of project applications.

County	Project	Contract Award	CMIA Request	Total Project Cost
<b>Tier 1: Prior Regional Support; Early Delivery; and Fit Within Funding*</b>			<b>\$84.7 million</b>	<b>\$150.8 million</b>
Alameda	I-880 Interchange at Mission/Warren (Phase 1B)	March 2012	\$10.0 million	\$58.1 million
Contra Costa	SR-4 Bypass Phases 1 and 2: Sand Creek Interchange and Freeway Conversion from Laurel to Sand Creek	October 2011	\$33.0 million	\$41.2 million
San Mateo	SR-82 SMART Corridor Southern Segment (County Line-Whipple)	June 2012	\$10.6 million	\$12.7 million
Santa Clara	US-101 at Capitol Expressway (Yerba Buena Interchange Improvements)	June 2012	\$31.1 million	\$38.8 million
<b>Tier 2: Ready for Future CMIA Shelf*</b>			<b>\$130.2 million</b>	<b>\$178.7 million</b>
Contra Costa	I-680 Auxiliary Lanes (Sycamore Valley-Crow Canyon)	Sept. 2012	\$16.0 million	\$34.0 million
Santa Clara	I-880/280 Stevens Creek Interchange, Phase 2	June 2012	\$7.1 million	\$10.3 million
Solano	I-80/680/12 Interchange (Package 2: Red Top Interchange)	Sept. 2012	\$41.4 million	\$62.3 million
Sonoma	US-101 Narrows Contract B-4: Petaluma River Bridge	June 2012	\$65.7 million	\$72.1 million
<b>Total CMIA Request</b>			<b>\$214.9 million</b>	<b>\$329.5 million</b>

\* Note: The projects are listed in alphabetical order by county and are not prioritized within tiers.

**Issues:** The Transportation Authority of Marin has also submitted the US-101 Marin-Sonoma Narrows (MSN) Contract A-2 in Marin County for \$1.9 million. This project already received CMIA savings from the first round. The CTC is proposing to de-program the project at its May 2011 meeting to make up for cost increases on other contracts of the MSN project. Should the project have a funding gap and Caltrans deem MSN Contract A-2 eligible, staff recommends it be placed in Tier 1 as a project with prior regional support.

**Recommendation:** Endorse the projects above as regional priorities for the submittal of CMIA savings reprogramming request, and direct staff to transmit a letter of support to the CTC.

**Attachments:** No attachments.