

Metropolitan Transportation Commission Programming and Allocations Committee

September 12, 2012

Item Number 4b

Federal Appropriations Earmark Rescissions

Subject: Rescission of Federal Earmarks—Status Report

Background: The Obama Administration announced late last month that the US Department of Transportation rescinded \$473 million in highway earmarks nationwide. These earmarks are from FY2003-2006 appropriations acts and have some or all of their funds left unobligated as of August 15, 2012. In the MTC region, this involves 11 earmark projects and roughly \$6.6 million of unobligated funding as listed on Attachment A.

If the original grant recipient is unable to obligate the funds, Caltrans requests that MTC work with the project sponsor(s) to identify alternative project(s) that can deliver the rescinded funding in our region. Any funding not delivered in the MTC region would likely be obligated through the State's SHOPP / STIP programs. States have until December 31, 2012 to obligate the funds or else lose unobligated balances to other states that can obligate 100% of their funds.

Staff is working closely with Caltrans, the congestion management agencies, and project sponsors. As of this mailing, seven of the projects appear to be moving forward to obligation and four projects are proposed to be substituted with alternate projects. The table below shows the four proposed changes. TIP revisions are being prepared this month for approval as needed to accommodate these changes.

County	Sponsor	Original Project Earmark	Alternate Project
Contra Costa	Brentwood	Lone Tree Way Undercrossing of Union Pacific Railroad	State Route 4
Contra Costa	Brentwood	SR 4 widening and bridge replacement, Brentwood, CA	State Route 4
Contra Costa	Walnut Creek	Ygnacio Valley Road Pedestrian Bike Improvements	State Route 4
Santa Clara	Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority	I-880-/Coleman Avenue Interchange Reconstruction	SR 85 Express Lane Project

Issues: None

Recommendation: Information Only

Attachments: Attachment A – List of Rescinded Earmarks in MTC Region

ATTACHMENT A

Rescinded Earmarks in the MTC Region With an Unobligated Balance

<u>County</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Legislated Description</u>	<u>Funds Authorized</u>	<u>Obligation Authority</u>	<u>Obligated as of 8/15/12</u>	<u>OA available as of 8/15/12</u>
Alameda	Port of Oakland	Port of Oakland California Inter-Regional Intermodal System	\$983,928	\$983,928	\$0	\$983,928
Alameda	Alameda County Public Works	Streetscape Improvements in Cherryland/Ashland	\$1,229,910	\$1,229,910	\$400,000	\$829,910
Alameda	City of Dublin	Dublin Boulevard and Dougherty, City of Dublin, CA	\$297,000	\$297,000	\$0	\$297,000
Alameda	Alameda County Public Works	School Pedestrian Safety, Alameda County, CA	\$643,500	\$643,500	\$0	\$643,500
Contra Costa	City of Brentwood	Lone Tree Way Undercrossing of Union Pacific Railroad	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$0	\$250,000
Contra Costa	City of Walnut Creek	Ygnacio Valley Road Pedestrian Bike Improvements	\$787,143	\$787,143	\$192,702	\$594,441
Contra Costa	City of Brentwood	SR 4 widening and bridge replacement, Brentwood, CA	\$198,000	\$198,000	\$0	\$198,000
San Mateo	City of East Palo Alto	Ravenswood Road Improvement Project, East Palo Alto, CA	\$495,000	\$495,000	\$0	\$495,000
Santa Clara	Santa Clara VTA	I-880-/Coleman Avenue Interchange Reconstruction	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$1,000,000
Santa Clara	City of San Jose	Almaden Express Pedestrian Overcrossing, San Jose	\$491,964	\$491,964	\$352,000	\$139,964
Sonoma	City of Healdsburg	Healdsburg Pedestrian and Bicycle Path	\$1,229,910	\$1,229,910	\$0	\$1,229,910
			\$7,606,355	\$7,606,355	\$944,702	\$6,661,653