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ABSTRACT

Resolution No. 4092

The Resolution authorizes the Executive Director or his designated representative to negotiate and enter into a contract to accept funds from the State of California for FY 13-14 Caltrans Planning Grants, as set forth in the resolution.

Further discussion of this action is contained in the MTC Executive Director's Memorandum dated February 27, 2013.

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RE: Acceptance of Funds from the State of California for FY 13-14 Caltrans Planning Grants

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
RESOLUTION NO. 4092

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

WHEREAS, the State of California, through the State Department of Transportation (Caltrans), administers Environmental Justice and Community Based Transportation planning grant programs; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Caltrans Environmental Justice grant program includes funding coordinated transportation and land use planning that promotes public engagement, livable communities, and a sustainable transportation system, which includes mobility, access, and safety; and

WHEREAS, the National Indian Justice Center is proposing funding the development of tribal strategic transportation safety improvement plans that enhance regional transportation planning in accordance with the Caltrans Environmental Justice planning grant program goals and objectives ("the Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Project would assist Native American tribes across the state in addressing critical road safety issues through public engagement and technical analysis; and

WHEREAS, Caltrans requires MTC to adopt a resolution authorizing MTC to enter into a contract with Caltrans to receive funds for the Project; and

WHEREAS, MTC staff seeks authorization to accept and administer State funds for the Project in the amount of two hundred fifty thousand dollars ($250,000), should the grant be awarded by Caltrans; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the MTC Executive Director or his designee, is authorized to negotiate and enter into a contract with Caltrans to accept State funds for the Project in the amount of two hundred fifty thousand dollars ($250,000), or as otherwise awarded by Caltrans.

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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Amy Rein Worth, Chair

The above resolution was entered
into by the Metropolitan Transportation
Commission at a regular meeting
of the Commission held in Oakland,
California, on March 27, 2013.

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Memorandum

TO: Administration Committee

DATE: February 27, 2013

FR: Executive Director

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RE: Resolution No. 4092 – Contract Authorization for FY 2013-14 Caltrans Environmental Justice Planning Grant: National Indian Justice Center – Safe Journeys: Tribal Strategic Transportation Safety Planning

Background:

This memorandum requests that the Administration Committee forward Resolution No. 4092 which would authorize a contract with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to accept funds on behalf of the National Indian Justice Center (NIJC) for Tribal Strategic Transportation Safety Planning to the Commission for approval.

For the FY 2013-14 Caltrans Planning Grants cycle, Caltrans requires the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) in each region to apply on behalf of non-profits for the Environmental Justice and Community Based Transportation Planning grant programs. Caltrans requires MTC to adopt a resolution authorizing the agency to enter into a contract with Caltrans, should a grant be awarded. Resolution 4092, as attached, would authorize such a contract. Grant awards will be announced in late summer 2013.

MTC has received a request from the National Indian Justice Center (NIJC) to submit an Environmental Justice grant proposal on their behalf. NIJC proposes to use $250,000 in grant funding to assist Native American tribes across the state in developing tribal strategic transportation safety improvement plans. The funding would enable Native American tribes to address critical roadway safety issues by conducting public engagement and technical analysis activities.

Should this grant be awarded funding by Caltrans, Caltrans would direct funds through MTC and MTC would enter into a funding agreement with NIJC to pass the awarded monies through to them.

Recommendation

Staff is recommends questing that the Administration Committee forward Resolution No. 4092 to the Commission which would authorize the Executive Director or his designee to enter into a contract with Caltrans on behalf of NIJC as described above, for approval. Should the grant be awarded, the funding agreement with NIJC would be subject to future amendment of the agency budget and the agency FY 2013-14 Overall Work Program (OWP).

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