

Metropolitan Transportation Commission Programming and Allocations Committee

July 11, 2007

Item Number 3b

Resolution No. 3735, Revised

Subject: RM2 Safe Routes to Transit (SR2T) Second Cycle Grant Program

Background: Regional Measure 2 (RM2) includes funds for a Safe Routes to Transit (SR2T) program. The grant program is jointly managed by the Transportation and Land Use Coalition (TALC) and the East Bay Bicycle Coalition (EBBC). MTC serves at the government agency sponsor for this program.

The SR2T program is scheduled to receive \$22.5 million in Regional Measure 2 funding, with \$2.5 million directed to City Car Share. The remaining \$20 million is distributed through a competitive grant program. This grant program has five funding cycles of approximately \$4 million each and will occur every two years until funding is depleted. Twelve projects, totaling approximately \$4 million, were approved in the first grant cycle by MTC in December 2005.

The Call for Projects for the second cycle of grant funding was released on February 1, 2007. Safe Routes to Transit outreach included presentations at Technical Advisory Committees (TAC) and other meetings around the Bay Area.

Based on the final evaluation, the Advisory Committee requests that MTC approve RM2 funding for the 10 projects and plans totaling \$3.9 million included in Attachment 1. Development of the recommendation list included attention to geographic and modal equity and improving bicycle and pedestrian access to transit for low-income people.

As background, twenty-five applications were submitted in response to the Call for Projects, with a total for all requests of \$10.8 million (Attachment 2). Applications were submitted from all Bay Area counties except Napa and Sonoma. Twenty of the applications requested funds for capital projects and five requested funds for planning activities. All but one of the submitted proposals was eligible for SR2T funds. The Benicia Breeze proposal was ineligible because it requested less than the minimum amount of \$0.1 million for a capital project.

An advisory committee provided input into the application and selection process, and evaluated the applications to make recommendations to the MTC. The 17-member advisory committee was composed of staff representatives from MTC, county and city government, transit operators, and non-profit advocacy organizations (see Attachment 3 for the list of current advisory committee members). Each application was scored by six members of the advisory committee. Fourteen of the applications advanced to the second round of evaluation in which each advisory committee member ranked all applications.

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Issues: None

Recommendation: Refer MTC Resolution No. 3735, Revised, the recommended list of RM2 Cycle 2 Safe Routes to Transit projects, to the Commission for approval. This action will provide nearly \$4 million in RM2 funds to identified projects.

Attachments: Attachment 1 – Recommended Grant Awards
Attachment 2 – List of Project Funding Requests
Attachment 3 – Evaluation Panel membership

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Attachment 1
Recommended Grant Awards – Cycle 2

Proj. No.	Primary Project Sponsor	Project Title	Capital or Planning Project	Recommended Award
201	City of Pittsburg; Contra Costa County	Bailey Road Transit Access Improvement Project	Capital	\$650,000
202	San Francisco MTA; BART	Balboa Park Ocean Avenue Pedestrian/Bicycle Connections	Planning	\$181,280
203	BART	BART Electronic Bicycle Locker Gap Closure Project	Capital	\$200,000
204	BART; City of San Leandro	Bay Fair BART Station Area Improvement Plan	Planning	\$100,000
209	Contra Costa County; BART	Contra Costa Centre/Pleasant Hill BART Shortcut Path and Wayfinding Project	Capital	\$300,000
215	San Francisco MTA; SF Department of Public Works	Mission & Geneva Pedestrian Improvements	Capital	\$940,500
217	City of San Rafael	Puerto Suello Hill Path to San Rafael Transit Center Connector Project	Capital	\$600,000
218	City of Richmond; City of El Cerrito	Richmond/Ohlone Greenway Gap Closure—Class I Access to Transit	Planning	\$200,000
219	City of Berkeley, BART	Safe Routes to Ed Roberts Campus/Ashby BART	Capital	\$325,000
225	San Francisco MTA	24 th St. & Mission BART Station Area Access Improvements	Capital	\$450,000
Total				\$3,946,780

Attachment 2
All Funding Requests, Cycle 2

Sponsors	Project Title	Capital or Plan	Amount Requested
City of Pittsburg, Contra Costa County	Bailey Rd. Transit Access Improvement Project	Capital	\$1,049,893
San Francisco MTA; BART	Balboa Park Ocean Ave. Pedestrian/Bicycle Connections	Planning	\$181,280
BART	BART Electronic Bicycle Locker Gap Closure Project	Capital	\$\$499,500
BART; City of San Leandro	Bay Fair BART Station Area Improvement Plan	Planning	\$100,000
City of Menlo Park	Bay Front Expressway Pedestrian and Bicycle Undercrossing	Capital	\$675,000
City of Benicia; City of Rio Vista	Benicia Breeze/Rio Vista Delta Breeze Transit Stops Enhancement Project	Capital	\$60,000
City of Burlingame	Burlingame Bicycle/Pedestrian Transit Access Project	Capital	\$157,000
City of Hayward; BART	Central Alameda County Transit Access Improvement Project	Capital	\$363,140
Contra Costa County; BART	Contra Costa Centre/Pleasant Hill BART Shortcut Path and Wayfinding Project	Capital	\$300,000
Town of Fairfax	Fairfax Parkade Planning Study	Planning	\$100,000
Tri Delta Transit; City of Antioch	Hillcrest Park and Ride – Ped & Bike Access Improvements	Capital	\$130,000
City of Daly City	John Daly Blvd. Pedestrian Improvements—Mission St. to Daly City BART	Capital	\$473,000
City of Daly City	John Daly Blvd. Pedestrian/Bicycle Path Lighting Improvements	Capital	\$150,000
City of Concord	Mesa Street Trail Improvements	Capital	\$254,600
San Francisco MTA; SF Department of Public Works	Mission & Geneva Pedestrian Improvements	Capital	\$940,000
VTA; Caltrain/JPB; City of Santa Clara	Pedestrian /Bicycle Tunnel --Santa Clara Transit Center/Caltrain Tunnel	Capital	\$1,500,000
City of San Rafael	Puerto Suello Hill Path to San Rafael Transit Center Connector Project	Capital	\$600,000
City of Richmond; City of El Cerrito	Richmond/Ohlone Greenway Gap Closure Project—Class I Access to Transit	Planning	\$200,000
City of Berkeley; BART; Ed Roberts Center	Safe Routes to Ed Roberts Campus /Ashby BART Station	Capital	\$950,000
Town of Danville; City of San Ramon	San Ramon Valley Iron Horse Trail Corridor Safety Project	Capital	\$100,000
SF State University	SF State’s BART, Bike & Walk to Campus	Capital	\$125,000
BART	Smart-Card Bicycle Parking Cage Demonstration	Capital	\$286,200

Sponsors	Project Title	Capital or Plan	Amount Requested
Alameda County Public Works Agency	Union Pacific Railroad Corridor Improvement Study	Planning	\$125,000
City of Belmont	US Hwy 101 Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge	Capital	\$750,000
San Francisco MTA	24 th St. & Mission BART Station Area Access Improvements	Capital	\$681,794
	Total		\$10,751,907

Attachment 3
Evaluation Panel Membership

SR2T Advisory Committee Members for Funding Cycle Two

Current Advisory Committee members and their affiliations.

Rebecca Arthur	San Mateo County Transit District
Brad Beck	Contra Costa Transportation Authority
Dave Campbell	East Bay Bicycle Coalition
Sean Co	Metropolitan Transportation Commission
Amber Crabbe	San Francisco County Transportation Authority
Michelle DeRobertis	Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority
Harley Goldstrum	former BART manager
Lisa Hammon	West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee
Rachel Kraai	San Francisco Bicycle Coalition
Nathan Landau	AC Transit
Carli Paine	Transportation and Land Use Coalition
Jason Patton	City of Oakland
Eileen Ross	San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency
PJ Sekhon	City of San Ramon
Eric Shatmeier	Transportation Authority of Marin
Sam Shelton	Solano County Transportation Authority
Steve Vanderlip	Peninsula Bicycle and Pedestrian Coalition
Rochelle Wheeler	Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority

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ABSTRACT

MTC Resolution No. 3735, Revised

This resolution adopts the Regional Measure 2 (RM2) Safe Routes to Transit Grant Program.

The following attachment is provided with this resolution:

Attachment A — RM2 Safe Routes to Transit Grant Program Fund Recipients

This resolution was revised by Commission Action on July 25, 2007, to include the second cycle projects for the RM2 Safe Routes to Transit Grant Program.

Further discussion of this action is contained in the Programming and Allocations Committee Summary Sheet dated December 14, 2005 and July 11, 2007.

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Recommended List of Cycle 1 Safe Routes to Transit Grant Program Fund Recipients

Primary Project Sponsor	Project Title	Capital or Planning Project	Recommended Award
AC Transit	AC Transit TransBay Expanded Bike Access	Capital	\$180,000
AC Transit	AC Transit Bicycle Parking Plan	Planning	\$100,000
BART	BART C2 Rail Car Reconfiguration Project	Capital	\$581,000
City of Albany Community Development Department	El Cerrito/Albany Ohlone Greenway Safety Project	Capital	\$807,000
City of Berkeley	Downtown Berkeley BART Bikestation	Capital	\$496,784
City of Fairfield	Union Avenue/Suisun Train Station Enhancement Program	Capital	\$300,000
City of Oakland CEDA Redevelopment	MacArthur Transit Hub Streetscape Improvement Project Phase II	Capital	\$398,800
City of Oakland Public Works Department	MacArthur BART Station Bicycle Access Project Phase I	Planning	\$30,000
San Francisco Department of Parking & Traffic	Improved Bicycle Access to 16th Street BART Station	Capital	\$195,000
San Francisco Municipal Railway	Balboa Park Station Intermodal Connections	Planning	\$200,000
San Francisco Municipal Railway	Market Street Safety Zone Calming	Capital	\$600,000
Valley Transportation Authority	Santa Clara Transit Center– Pedestrian/Bike Crossing	Planning	\$50,000
TOTAL			\$3,938,584

Recommended List of Cycle 2 Safe Routes to Transit Grant Program Fund Recipients

Primary Project Sponsor	Project Title	Capital or Planning Project	Recommended Award
City of Pittsburg; Contra Costa County	Bailey Road Transit Access Improvement Project	Capital	\$650,000
San Francisco MTA; BART	Balboa Park Ocean Avenue Pedestrian/Bicycle Connections	Planning	\$181,280
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