

Metropolitan Transportation Commission Programming and Allocations Committee

September 12, 2007

Item Number 3b

Regional Measure 2: Program Monitoring Update

Subject: Regional Measure 2 Program Update

Background: Staff's scheduled semi-annual presentation to the Committee on the progress of the capital projects in the Regional Measure 2 program is attached. The capital program is the focus of this month's report. The operating program is reported on an annual basis and the next operating program update (for FY 2006-07 activities) is scheduled for March 2008.

Regional Measure 2 was passed in March of 2004 and the Commission began allocating funds in July 2004. Since then, MTC has approved \$428 million in capital allocations. In the past we have reported slow reimbursements on projects. However in the last year sponsors have shown better progress in expending the funds..

Issues:

General program events over the last six months include:

- Amendment to three BART projects in the RM 2 Statute.
- Regional approval of the Proposition 1B- Transit funding with some funding approved for RM2 projects.
- Significant construction and engineering progress on some major projects.

General assessment of the program includes:

- MTC has allocated almost one-third of the RM 2 funds and many projects are progressing but some large challenges remain. Further, a small set of large projects is driving the progress of the RM 2 program.
- Other funding sources, especially the Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA), are pushing the progress for RM2-funded highway projects.
- Reimbursements are accelerating, but still slower than we would prefer.

Emphasis will be placed on monitoring the larger projects. In addition to the RM 2 funding, some of these large transit expansion projects are funded with other bridge tolls (RM 1 and AB 1171) overseen by BATA and have implications to the overall bridge toll program. Hence, staff is undertaking a strategic plan to develop a framework for successful delivery of these projects.

None.

Recommendation: Information.

Attachments: Presentation Slides