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**SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY**

DIVISION: Finance and Information Technology

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

Authorizing the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA), through its Director of Transportation or his designee, to accept and expend up to \$1,175,104 in Lifeline Surface Transportation Program (STP) grant funds, and adopting a Resolution of Local Support for the Eddy and Ellis Traffic Calming Improvement Project.

SUMMARY:

- On February 1, 2013, the San Francisco County Transportation Authority (SFCTA) (the County Congestion Management Agency) issued a competitive call for projects for Lifeline Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds on behalf of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC).
- The SFMTA responded to the call for projects with a grant application for the Eddy and Ellis Traffic Calming Improvement Project in the amount of \$1,175,104.
- The intent of Lifeline STP funding is to improve transportation choices for low-income populations as identified through a community-based transportation plan.
- As part of the grant application process, MTC requires that the grantee adopt a Resolution of Local Support for the Project to be funded that stipulates how the SFMTA will comply with MTC's policies governing project delivery and cost overruns (should they occur).
- Although the recommended list of San Francisco projects is not scheduled to be approved by the SFCTA Board until its April 23, 2013 meeting, the SFMTA application for the Eddy and Ellis Traffic Calming Improvement Project was the only application that the SFCTA received by the March 1, 2013 application deadline. Therefore, the odds of the project being funded are good.

ENCLOSURES:

1. SFMTAB Resolution

APPROVALS:

DATE

DIRECTOR _____

3/25/13

SECRETARY _____

3/25/13

ASSIGNED SFMTAB CALENDAR DATE: April 2, 2013

PURPOSE

Authorizing the SFMTA, through its Director of Transportation or his designee, to accept and expend up to \$1,175,104 in FY 2013 Lifeline STP funding from the MTC, and adopting a Resolution of Local Support for the grant application that the SFMTA submitted to the SFCTA on March 1, 2013 for the Eddy and Ellis Traffic Calming Improvement Project.

GOAL

This action supports the following SFMTA Strategic Plan Goals and Objectives:

Goal 2: Make transit, walking, bicycling, taxi, ridesharing & carsharing the preferred means of travel.

Objective 2.1: Improve customer service and communications.

Objective 2.3: Improve use of all non-private auto modes.

Goal 3: Improve the environment and quality of life in San Francisco.

Objective 3.2: Increase the transportation system's positive impact on the economy.

Objective 3.3: Allocate capital resources effectively.

Objective 3.5: Reduce capital and operating structural deficits.

DESCRIPTION

On February 1, 2013, the SFCTA (as the County Congestion Management Agency) issued a competitive call for projects for Lifeline STP funds on behalf of the MTC. The SFMTA responded to the Lifeline STP call for projects with a grant application for the Eddy and Ellis Traffic Calming Improvement project in the amount of \$1,175,104.

The purpose of the Lifeline STP funding is to improve transportation choices for low-income populations and address transportation gaps identified through a community-based transportation plan. The need for the Eddy and Ellis Traffic Calming Improvement Project in District 6 was identified through the Tenderloin – Little Saigon Neighborhood Transportation Plan that was adopted by the SFCTA in March 2007. The focus of the proposed SFMTA application is to improve pedestrian safety and reduce vehicular speeds on portions of Eddy and Ellis Streets by converting one way streets to two way traffic, installing pedestrian countdown signals, and installing sidewalk bulbs.

MTC requires that the SFMTA Board of Directors approve a Resolution of Local Support for the Eddy and Ellis Traffic Calming Improvement Project. The Board is requested to approve in the Resolution that:

1. SFMTA will commit the necessary local match of at least 20% in non-federal funds; and

2. That any cost increases must be funded by SFMTA and that SFMTA does not expect any cost increases to be funded with additional regional discretionary funds; and
3. SFMTA understands the funding deadlines associated with these funds and will comply with the provisions and requirements of the Regional Project Funding Delivery Policy (MTC Resolution No. 3606, as revised); and
4. The Projects will be implemented as described in the submitted applications and in this resolution and, if approved, for the amount programmed in the MTC federal Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

The two alternatives are not to pursue the Lifeline STP funds, which will leave the SFMTA's capital program in deficit, or to find alternative funds from other capital programs to fund the proposed project.

FUNDING IMPACT

The funding for the Eddy and Ellis Traffic Calming Improvement Project is from:

- Lifeline STP Funds – up to \$1,175,104, as described above, and
- The required non-federal matching funds and funding sources as shown in the table below. The SFMTA is providing a match in excess of the 20% required to fully fund the proposed project. As with the Lifeline funds, match funding amounts and their timing are subject to change.

Match Funding Source	Match	Amount of LTP Funds	Project Name
Proposition AA	\$346,898	\$1,175,104	Eddy and Ellis Traffic Calming Improvement Project
Proposition K	\$169,821		
Total	\$516,719	\$1,175,104	

OTHER APPROVALS RECEIVED OR STILL REQUIRED

At its board meeting on April 23, 2013, the SFCTA Authority Board is scheduled to approve the San Francisco list of recommended projects for FY 2013 Lifeline STP funding. The MTC is scheduled to approve the final list of Lifeline STP projects for its nine-county region on April 24, 2013.

The SFMTA expects to complete environmental review for the Eddy and Ellis Traffic Calming Improvement project by November 2013. The SFMTA received a categorical exemption designation and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) environmental clearance for the project by the San Francisco Planning Department in April 2012 and anticipates National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) clearance for the project by November 2013. Once NEPA clearance is secured, design and implementation of the project can proceed.

The City Attorney has reviewed this report.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the SFMTA Board authorize the SFMTA, through its Director of Transportation or his designee, to accept and expend up to \$1,175,104 in Lifeline Surface Transportation Program grant funds and adopt a Resolution of Local Support for the Eddy and Ellis Traffic Calming Improvement Project.

SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION No. _____

WHEREAS, The Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (Public Law 112-141, July 6, 2012) and any extensions or successor legislation for continued funding (collectively, MAP 21) authorize various federal funding programs including, but not limited to the Surface Transportation Program (STP) (23 U.S.C. § 133); and

WHEREAS, State statutes, including California Streets and Highways Code Sections 182.6 and 182.7, provide various funding programs for the programming discretion of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO); and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to MAP-21, and any regulations promulgated thereunder, eligible project sponsors wishing to receive federal funds for a project shall submit an application first with the appropriate MPO for review and inclusion in the MPO's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); and

WHEREAS, MTC is the MPO for the nine counties of the San Francisco Bay region; and

WHEREAS, MTC has adopted a Regional Project Funding Delivery Policy (MTC Resolution No. 3606, revised) that sets out procedures governing the application and use of STP funds; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) is an eligible sponsor for STP funding; and

WHEREAS, The SFMTA has submitted an application to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) for \$1,175,104 in federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) funding for the Eddy and Ellis Traffic Calming Improvement Project (Project); and

WHEREAS, As part of the application for STP funding, MTC requires a resolution adopted by the responsible implementing agency stating the following:

1. the commitment of necessary local match consisting of at least 20%; and
2. that the SFMTA understands that Lifeline STP funding is fixed at the programmed amount, and therefore any cost increase cannot be expected to be funded with additional STP funding; and
3. that the project will comply with the procedures, delivery milestones and funding deadlines specified in the Regional Project Funding Delivery Policy (MTC Resolution No. 3606, revised); and
4. the assurance of the sponsor to complete the project as described in the application, and if approved, as included in MTC's federal Transportation Improvement Program

- (TIP); and
5. that the project will comply with all project-specific requirements as set forth in the STP funding; and now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the SFMTA Board of Directors authorizes the SFMTA, through its Director of Transportation or his designee, to accept and expend up to \$1,175,104 in FY 2013 Lifeline Surface Transportation Program funding from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the SFMTA Board of Directors adopts a Resolution of Support for the Eddy and Ellis Traffic Calming Improvement Project under the STP programs of MAP 21, any extensions of MAP 21 or any successor legislation for continued funding; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the SFMTA Board of Directors, by adopting this Resolution, does state that:

1. The SFMTA will provide \$516,719 in non-federal matching funds; and
2. The SFMTA understands that the STP funding for the project is fixed at the MTC approved programmed amount, and that any cost increases must be funded by the SFMTA from other funds, and that the SFMTA does not expect any cost increases to be funded with additional STP funding; and
3. The SFMTA understands the funding deadlines associated with these funds and will comply with the provisions and requirements of the Regional Project Funding Delivery Policy (MTC Resolution No. 3606, revised) and the SFMTA has, and will retain the expertise, knowledge and resources necessary to deliver federally-funded transportation projects, and has assigned, and will maintain a single point of contact for all FHWA-funded transportation projects to coordinate within the agency and with the respective Congestion Management Agency (CMA), MTC, Caltrans and FHWA on all communications, inquires or issues that may arise during the federal programming and delivery process for all FHWA-funded transportation projects implemented by the SFMTA; and
4. Subject to completion of environmental review, the Eddy and Ellis Traffic Calming Improvement Project will be implemented as described in the complete application and in this resolution and, if approved, for the amount approved by MTC and programmed in the federal TIP; and
5. The SFMTA and the Eddy and Ellis Traffic Calming Improvement Project will comply with the requirements as set forth in MTC programming guidelines and project selection procedures for STP funding; and therefore be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution will be transmitted to the MTC in conjunction with the filing of the application; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the SFMTA Board requests the MTC to support the application for the Eddy and Ellis Traffic Calming Improvement Project described in the resolution and to include the Eddy and Ellis Traffic Calming Improvement Project, if approved, in MTC's federal TIP.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors at its meeting of April 2, 2013.

Secretary, Board of Directors
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency