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**SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY**

DIVISION: Finance and Information Technology

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

Authorizing the Director of Transportation, or his designee, to execute a fund transfer agreement for \$438,200 in discretionary funding programmed by the California Department of Transportation for the SFMTA's San Francisco Transit Corridors Study.

SUMMARY:



- The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) programs grant funds for the Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program (Program), the purpose of which is to support Caltrans' mission: to provide a safe, sustainable, integrated, and efficient transportation system to enhance California's economy and livability.
- Caltrans selected the San Francisco Transit Corridors Study (the Study) for \$438,200 in funding. The San Francisco Transit Corridors Study is a plan that will identify and prioritize the next generation of transit investments along key corridors in San Francisco. The Study will evaluate current and future land uses and operating environments for each corridor, identify priority projects, and develop an implementation strategy that especially supports sustainable mobility for disadvantaged communities.
- In order to receive funding under the Program, Caltrans requires that the SFMTA obtain a resolution from its governing board approving a fund transfer agreement with Caltrans for the project.

ENCLOSURES:

1. SFMTAB Resolution

APPROVALS:

DATE

DIRECTOR		7/10/2018
SECRETARY		7/10/2018

ASSIGNED SFMTAB CALENDAR DATE: July 17, 2018

PURPOSE

To authorize the Director of Transportation, or his designee, to execute a fund transfer agreement for \$438,200 in discretionary funding programmed by Caltrans for the SFMTA's San Francisco Transit Corridors Study.

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS AND TRANSIT FIRST POLICY PRINCIPLES

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

Goal 1: Create a safer transportation experience for everyone.

Objective 1.1: Achieve Vision Zero by eliminating all traffic deaths.

Objective 1.2: Improve the safety of the transit system.

Objective 1.3: Improve security for transportation system users.

Goal 2: Make transit and other sustainable modes of transportation the most attractive and preferred means of travel.

Objective 2.1: Improve transit service.

Objective 2.2: Enhance and expand use of the city's sustainable modes of transportation.

Objective 2.3: Manage congestion and parking demand to support the Transit First Policy.

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

Objective 3.1: Use agency programs and policies to advance San Francisco's commitment to equity.

Objective 3.2: Advance policies and decisions in support of sustainable transportation and land use principles.

Objective 3.3: Guide emerging mobility services so that they are consistent with sustainable transportation principles.

Objective 3.4: Provide environmental stewardship to improve air quality, enhance resource efficiency, and address climate change. Objective 3.5: Achieve financial stability for the agency.

This action supports the following Transit First Policy principles:

- To ensure quality of life and economic health in San Francisco, the primary objective of the transportation system must be the safe and efficient movement of people and goods.
- Public transit, including taxis and vanpools, is an economically and environmentally sound alternative to transportation by individual automobiles. Within San Francisco, travel by public transit, by bicycle, and on foot must be an attractive alternative to travel by private automobile.
- The City and County shall encourage innovative solutions to meet public transportation needs wherever possible and where the provision of such service will not adversely affect the service provided by the Municipal Railway.
- Decisions regarding the use of limited public street and sidewalk space shall encourage the use of public rights of way by pedestrians, bicyclists, and public transit, and shall strive to reduce traffic and improve public health and safety.

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- Pedestrian areas shall be enhanced wherever possible to improve the safety and comfort of pedestrians and to encourage travel by foot.
- Bicycling shall be promoted by encouraging safe streets for riding, convenient access to transit, bicycle lanes, and secure bicycle parking.

DESCRIPTION

Caltrans programs grant funds for the Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program (the Program), the purpose of which is to support Caltrans' mission: to provide a safe, sustainable, integrated and efficient transportation system to enhance California's economy and livability.

The SFMTA submitted one application under the Program and Caltrans selected the San Francisco Transit Corridors Study Project for \$438,200 in funding.

The Study is a community-driven planning effort led by the SFMTA with the San Francisco County Transportation Authority and strong local stakeholder partnerships that will identify and prioritize the next generation of transit investments along key corridors in San Francisco. A consultant will support the Study, which will evaluate current and future land uses and operating environments for each corridor, identify priority projects, and develop an implementation strategy that especially supports sustainable mobility for disadvantaged communities.

In order to receive the funding under the Program, Caltrans requires that the SFMTA obtain a resolution from its governing board approving a fund transfer agreement with Caltrans for the project. The fund transfer agreement includes key time, financial, and process requirements and is expected to be completed before the Program funded activities are scheduled to start in November 2018.

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

The Study builds on the ConnectSF program, a multi-agency collaborative process to build an effective, equitable, and sustainable transportation system for San Francisco's future. In April, the governing boards of the SFMTA, San Francisco County Transportation Authority, and Planning Department approved a 50-year vision that represents San Francisco's priorities, goals, and aspirations as a city. The Vision involves extensive public outreach, engaging with over 5,000 individuals.

The Study will include significant additional community engagement, coordinating with other ConnectSF studies on an integrated outreach program that will especially encourage involvement from vulnerable and under-represented groups, such as low-income and minority populations, non-English-speaking populations, seniors, youth, people with disabilities, and transit-dependent persons.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

This Project is consistent with the SFMTA’s Capital Investment Program. By applying for discretionary grant funds, we grow the amount of available revenue for the entire Agency. One alternative is to wait until a future solicitation is announced. The second alternative is to use revenues in hand, which would require reprioritization of projects and programs in our Capital Improvement Program.

FUNDING IMPACT

The Project will be funded with the \$438,200 Transportation Planning Grant from Caltrans. The grant requires a minimum local match of 11.47%, or \$56,773, which the SFMTA will be overmatching with the value of in-kind labor—\$164,700 through the SFMTA Operating Budget and \$65,000 through the San Francisco Country Transportation Authority Operating Budget.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

On June 5, 2018, the SFMTA, under authority delegated by the Planning Department, determined that the proposed fund transfer agreement is not a “project” under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, Sections 15060(c) and 15378(b).

A copy of the CEQA determination is on file with the Secretary to the SFMTA Board of Directors and is incorporated herein by reference.

OTHER APPROVALS RECEIVED OR STILL REQUIRED

The City Attorney has reviewed this report.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the SFMTA Board authorize the Director of Transportation, or his designee, to execute a fund transfer agreement for \$438,200 in discretionary funding programmed by the Caltrans for the SFMTA’s San Francisco Transit Corridors Study.

SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION No. _____

WHEREAS, The SFMTA is eligible to receive Federal and/or State funding for certain transportation planning programs through the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans); and,

WHEREAS, Caltrans programs grant funds for the Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program (the Program), the purpose of which is to support Caltrans' mission: to provide a safe, sustainable, integrated and efficient transportation system to enhance California's economy and livability; and,

WHEREAS, After receiving an application from the SFMTA, Caltrans selected the San Francisco Transit Corridors Study (the Study) for \$438,200 in funding from the Program; and,

WHEREAS, The Study is a community-driven planning effort led by the SFMTA with the San Francisco County Transportation Authority and strong local stakeholder partnerships; the Study will develop an implementation strategy that identifies and prioritizes the next generation of transit investments along key corridors in San Francisco and that especially supports sustainable mobility for disadvantaged communities; and,

WHEREAS, In order to receive funding under the Program, Caltrans requires that the SFMTA obtain a resolution from its governing board approving a fund transfer agreement with Caltrans for the project; and,

WHEREAS, On June 5, 2018, the SFMTA, under authority delegated by the Planning Department, determined that the proposed fund transfer agreement is not a "project" under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, Sections 15060(c) and 15378(b); and,

WHEREAS, A copy of the CEQA determination is on file with the Secretary to the SFMTA Board of Directors and is incorporated herein by reference; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the SFMTA Board of Directors authorizes the Director of Transportation, or his designee, to execute a fund transfer agreement for \$438,200 in discretionary funding programmed by the California Department of Transportation for the SFMTA's San Francisco Transit Corridors Study.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors at its meeting of July 17, 2018.

Secretary to the Board of Directors
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency