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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 accept and expend up to \$11,989,779 in regional funding (the OneBayArea Grant) through the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for programming discretion; and adopting a Resolution of Local Support for the Masonic Avenue Complete Streets and Mansell Corridor Improvement projects, to be funded from the grant.

SUMMARY:

- On September 27, 2012, the San Francisco County Transportation Authority (SFCTA) (the County Congestion Management Agency) issued a competitive call for projects for OneBayArea Grant (OBAG) funds on behalf of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC).
- The SFMTA responded with two grant applications – for the Masonic Avenue Complete Streets and Mansell Corridor Improvement projects.
- The intent of the OBAG funding is to support land-use and housing policies that include the production of housing and jobs with transportation investments.
- As part of the grant application process, MTC requires that the grantee adopt a Resolution of Local Support for the Projects to be funded that stipulates how the SFMTA will comply with MTC’s policies governing project delivery and cost overruns, should they occur.

ENCLOSURES:

1. SFMTAB Resolution

APPROVALS:

DATE

DIRECTOR _____

July 8, 2013

SECRETARY _____

July 8, 2013

ASSIGNED SFMTAB CALENDAR DATE: July 16, 2013

PURPOSE

Authorizing the Director of Transportation or his designee to accept and expend up to \$11,989,779 in OBAG funding assigned to MTC for programming discretion and adopting a Resolution of Local Support for the Masonic Avenue Complete Streets and Mansell Corridor Improvement projects.

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 September 27, 2012, the SFCTA issued a competitive call for projects for OBAG funds on behalf of the MTC. OBAG funds consist of federal funding administered by the Federal Highway Administration, such as Surface Transportation Program (STP) funding, Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) funding and/or Transportation Alternatives (TA) funding. The SFMTA responded to the OBAG call for projects with two grant applications for the Masonic Avenue Complete Streets and Mansell Corridor Improvement projects.

The purpose of the OBAG funding is to support land-use and housing policies that include the production of housing and jobs with transportation investments. Below is a description of the two SFMTA's projects recommended by the SFCTA for OBAG funding:

Project	OBAG Amount	Total Project Cost	Project Description
Mansell Corridor Improvement Project	\$1,762,239	\$5,274,741	This project will address pedestrian safety and bicycle access issues by reducing the number of vehicular lanes from four to two (one lane in each direction), constructing sidewalks along the south side of Mansell, and adding class II and III bicycle facilities between Brazil and Dublin. Safety improvements include street-level lighting, raised crosswalks and flashing beacons at intersections and a corner bulb-out at the intersection of Mansell and Sunnydale. Trees and landscaping, low impact development features, and site furnishings are also included.
Masonic Avenue Complete Streets Project	\$10,227,540	\$18,227,540	This project will increase safety and accessibility for all modes of travel on Masonic Avenue, from Fell Street to Geary Boulevard. The existing street is auto-dominated, and has had a high rate of pedestrian and bicycle collisions. This project will re-allocate space to calm traffic, provide dedicated space for people on bicycles, and provide pedestrian enhancements, such as median refuge islands, bus boarding islands, and sidewalk landscaping.
Total	\$11,989,779	\$23,502,281	

MTC requires that the SFMTA Board of Directors approve a Resolution of Local Support for the Masonic Avenue Complete Streets and Mansell Corridor Improvement projects. The Board is requested to approve in the Resolution that:

1. SFMTA will commit the necessary local match of at least 11.47% in non-federal funds; and
2. That any cost increases must be funded by the SFMTA and that the SFMTA does not expect any cost increases to be funded with additional regional discretionary funds; and
3. The SFMTA 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 SFMTA will implement the projects as described in the submitted applications and in this resolution, subject environmental clearance, and if approved, for the amount programmed in the MTC federal Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); and

5. That the SFMTA will comply with all project-specific requirements as set forth in the OBAG program.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

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

FUNDING IMPACT

The funding for the Mansell Corridor Improvement Project and the Masonic Avenue Complete Streets project is from:

- OBAG Funds – up to \$11,989,779, as described above, and
 - Required non-federal matching funds, as shown in the table below. The SFMTA is providing a match in excess of the 11.47% required to fully fund the proposed projects. As with the OBAG funds, match funding amounts and their timing are subject to change.

Match Funding Source	Local Match	Amount of OBAG Funds	Total Project Cost	Project Name
SFMTA Revenue Bonds	\$8,000,000	\$10,227,540	\$18,227,540	Masonic Avenue Complete Streets Project
Proposition AA Vehicle License Fees	\$2,527,852	\$1,762,239	\$5,274,741	Mansell Corridor Improvement Project
SF Recreation and Park Bond	\$95,747			
Proposition K Sales Tax	\$888,903			
Total	\$11,512,502	\$11,989,779	\$23,502,281	

OTHER APPROVALS RECEIVED OR STILL REQUIRED

At its board meeting on June 25, 2013, the SFCTA Board approved the San Francisco list of recommended projects for OBAG funding. MTC is scheduled to approve the final list of OBAG funded projects on September 25, 2013.

The SFMTA expects to complete National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) environmental clearance for both the Masonic Avenue Complete Streets and Mansell Corridor Improvement projects by November 2013. The SFMTA received a categorical exemption designation and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) environmental clearance for the Masonic Avenue Complete Streets project by the San Francisco Planning Department in June 2012. The SFMTA estimates that the CEQA clearance for the Mansell Corridor Improvement project will be completed by September 2013. Once NEPA clearance is secured, preliminary design and implementation of the projects can proceed.

The City Attorney has reviewed this report.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the SFMTA Board authorize the Director of Transportation or his designee to accept and expend up to \$11,989,779 in OBAG funding assigned to MTC for programming discretion and to adopt a Resolution of Local Support for the Masonic Avenue Complete Streets and Mansell Corridor Improvement projects.

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), Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ), and/or Transportation Alternatives (TA) funding (herein collectively referred to as Regional Discretionary Funding or OneBayArea Grant (OBAG) funding (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 OBAG funding; and

WHEREAS, The SFMTA has submitted two applications to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) for \$11,989,779 in federal OBAG funding for the Masonic Avenue Complete Streets and Mansell Corridor Improvement (Projects); and

WHEREAS, As part of the application process for OBAG 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 11.47%; and
2. That the SFMTA understands that OBAG funding is fixed at the programmed amount, and therefore any cost increases cannot be expected to be funded with additional OBAG funding; and
3. That the projects 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 SFMTA 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 OBAG funding; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the SFMTA Board of Directors authorizes the Director of Transportation or his designee to accept and expend up to \$11,989,779 in OBAG funding from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the SFMTA Board of Directors adopts a Resolution of Support for the Masonic Complete Streets and Mansell Corridor Improvement projects under the OBAG 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 the SFMTA will provide at least 11.47% in non-federal matching funds; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the SFMTA Board of Directors, by adopting this Resolution, does state that the SFMTA understands that the OBAG funding for the projects is fixed at the MTC approved programmed amount, 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 OBAG funding; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the SFMTA Board of Directors, by adopting this Resolution, does state that 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 be it further

RESOLVED, That the SFMTA Board of Directors, by adopting this Resolution, does state that subject to completion of environmental review, the Masonic Complete Streets and Mansell Corridor Improvement projects will be implemented as described in the completed applications and in this resolution and, if approved, for the amount approved by MTC and programmed in the federal TIP; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the SFMTA Board of Directors, by adopting this Resolution, does state that the SFMTA and the Masonic Complete Streets and Mansell Corridor Improvement projects will comply with the requirements as set forth in MTC programming guidelines and project selection procedures for OBAG funding; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution will be transmitted to the MTC in support of the two applications; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the SFMTA Board requests the MTC to support the applications for the Masonic Complete Streets and Mansell Corridor Improvement projects described in the resolution, and to include the Masonic Complete Streets and Mansell Corridor Improvement projects, 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 July 16, 2013.

Secretary, Board of Directors
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency