

**STAFF REPORT FOR CALENDAR ITEM NO.: 10  
FOR THE MEETING OF: July 11, 2013**

**TRANSBAY JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION:**

Approve the Resolution of Local Support to authorize the filing of an application for Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Regional Discretionary Funding assigned to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) for the allocation of OneBayArea Grant Program (OBAG) funds in the amount of \$6,000,000.

**EXPLANATION:**

OBAG is a new funding approach that better integrates the region's federal transportation program with California's climate law (Senate Bill 375, Steinberg, 2008) and the Sustainable Communities Strategy. OBAG establishes program commitments and policies for investing federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) funds over the four-year period from Fiscal Year 2012-13 through 2015-16.

Funding distribution to the counties is based on progress toward achieving local land-use and housing policies that are consistent with the Sustainable Communities Strategy. Specifically, the OBAG distribution formula is based on the following factors: population, past housing production and future housing commitments. This includes weighting to acknowledge jurisdiction efforts to produce low-income housing. County Congestion Management Agencies (CMA) are responsible for local project solicitation, evaluation, and selection.

The San Francisco County Transportation Authority (SFCTA), which is the CMA for San Francisco, has selected TJPA's Transit Center Bike and Pedestrian Improvements project to receive \$6 million in OBAG funds. The SFCTA Board approved this award on June 25, 2013. These funds will be used to strengthen pedestrian and bike safety and accessibility within the area surrounding the new Transbay Transit Center through improvements that include pedestrian walkway and sidewalk installation, path-finding signage, real time passenger information and informational kiosks, tactile treatments for the vision impaired, bike rack installation, bike ramp lane to access lower concourse level, bike channel at stairway to access the bus deck, pedestrian scale lighting, and integrated public art.

MTC's policies and procedures require that a resolution be adopted by the implementing agency responsible for delivering the project. The attached resolution indicates TJPA's agreement to comply with MTC's policy guidance and requirements, that the TJPA is an eligible project sponsor and is authorized to submit an application for funds, that the Transbay project is consistent with the Regional Transportation Plan, and provides various additional certifications and assurances.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve the Resolution of Local Support to authorize the filing of an application for FHWA Regional Discretionary Funding assigned to MTC for the allocation of OBAG funds in the amount of \$6,000,000.

**TRANSBAY JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_**

WHEREAS, The Transbay Joint Powers Authority (herein referred to as APPLICANT) is submitting an application to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) for \$6,000,000 in funding assigned to MTC for programming discretion, including but not limited to federal funding administered by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) such as Surface Transportation Program (STP) funding, Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) funding and/or Transportation Alternatives (TA) funding (herein collectively referred to as REGIONAL DISCRETIONARY FUNDING) for the Transit Center Bike and Pedestrian Improvements project (herein referred to as PROJECT) for the OneBayArea Grant Program (OBAG) (herein referred to as PROGRAM); and

WHEREAS, The Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> 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), the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) (23 U.S.C. § 149) and the Transportation Alternatives Program (TA) (23 U.S.C. § 213); and

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

WHEREAS, APPLICANT is an eligible sponsor for REGIONAL DISCRETIONARY FUNDING; and

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

1. the commitment of any required matching funds; and
2. that the sponsor understands that the REGIONAL DISCRETIONARY FUNDING is

- fixed at the programmed amount, and therefore any cost increase cannot be expected to be funded with additional REGIONAL DISCRETIONARY 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, subject to environmental clearance, 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 PROGRAM; and
  6. that the project (transit only) will comply with MTC Resolution No. 3866, revised, which sets forth the requirements of MTC's Transit Coordination Implementation Plan to more efficiently deliver transit projects in the region.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the APPLICANT is authorized to execute and file an application for funding for the PROJECT for REGIONAL DISCRETIONARY FUNDING under MAP-21 for continued funding; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the APPLICANT by adopting this resolution does hereby state that:

1. APPLICANT will provide any required matching funds; and
2. APPLICANT understands that the REGIONAL DISCRETIONARY FUNDING for the project is fixed at the MTC approved programmed amount, and that any cost increases must be funded by the APPLICANT from other funds, and that APPLICANT does not expect any cost increases to be funded with additional REGIONAL DISCRETIONARY FUNDING; and
3. APPLICANT 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 APPLICANT 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 APPLICANT; and
4. PROJECT will be implemented as described in the complete application and in this resolution, subject to environmental clearance, and, if approved, for the amount approved by MTC and programmed in the federal TIP; and
5. APPLICANT and the PROJECT will comply with the requirements as set forth in MTC programming guidelines and project selection procedures for the PROGRAM; and
6. APPLICANT (for a transit project only) agrees to comply with the requirements of MTC's Transit Coordination Implementation Plan as set forth in MTC Resolution 3866, revised; and therefore be it further

RESOLVED, That APPLICANT is an eligible sponsor of REGIONAL DISCRETIONARY FUNDING funded projects; and be it further

RESOLVED, That APPLICANT is authorized to submit an application for REGIONAL DISCRETIONARY FUNDING for the PROJECT; and be it further

RESOLVED, That there is no legal impediment to APPLICANT making applications for the funds; and be it further

RESOLVED, That there is no pending or threatened litigation that might in any way adversely affect the proposed PROJECT, or the ability of APPLICANT to deliver such PROJECT; and be it further

RESOLVED, That APPLICANT authorizes its Executive Director, General Manager, or designee to execute and file an application with MTC for REGIONAL DISCRETIONARY FUNDING for the PROJECT as referenced in this resolution; and 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 MTC is requested to support the application for the PROJECT described in the resolution and to include the PROJECT, if approved, in MTC's federal TIP.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Transbay Joint Powers Authority Board of Directors at its meeting of July 11, 2013.

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Secretary, Transbay Joint Powers Authority