



RESOLUTION ADOPTING SAN FRANCISCO'S PROGRAM OF PROJECTS FOR
\$35,016,000 IN ONEBAYAREA GRANT FUNDS

WHEREAS, In May 2012, through Resolution 4035, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) adopted the OneBayArea Program (OBAG) as its framework for programming federal surface transportation funds anticipated in the yet-to-be developed surface transportation act; and

WHEREAS, The policy impetus behind OBAG is an effort to better integrate the region's federal transportation program with California's climate law (Senate Bill 375, Steinberg, 2008) and the Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS); and

WHEREAS, The OBAG program accomplishes this integration by using transportation dollars to reward jurisdictions that accept housing allocations through the Regional Housing Need Allocation process and that have historically produced housing, by supporting the SCS for the Bay Area by promoting transportation investments in Priority Development Areas (PDAs), and by providing a higher proportion of funding to Congestion Management Agencies (CMAs) and additional investment flexibility by eliminating required program targets; and

WHEREAS, MTC's guidelines allow for a CMA to prioritize projects that are eligible for the Transportation for Livable Communities program, the Local Streets and Roads program, and the Safe Routes to School program, as well as bicycle and pedestrian improvements and CMA planning activities; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco's estimated share of OBAG funds is \$38.8 million, with funds available primarily in Fiscal Years 2013/14 to 2015/16; and

WHEREAS, As CMA for San Francisco, in September 2012, the Authority Board adopted Resolution 13-11, establishing the funding framework (Attachment 1), schedule (Attachment 2), and



screening and prioritization criteria (Attachment 3) for San Francisco's OBAG program; and

WHEREAS, The Authority's funding framework set aside \$3.5 million for CMA Planning activities over the four-year programming cycle and dedicated \$35 million for OBAG projects; and

WHEREAS, The OBAG funding framework follows MTC's guidelines requiring that a minimum of 70% of the OBAG funds be spent on projects within or that provide proximate access to PDAs, and it establishes a small targeted program intended to incentivize Safe Routes to School infrastructure projects; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of the challenges of meeting strict timely-of-funds requirements associated with federal funds, the Authority's OBAG schedule establishes a two-part call for projects intended to provide time for the Authority to work with sponsors to advance project development and build community support for a final set of OBAG projects for which there is a high level of confidence that they will be able to meet the strict timely-use-of-funds deadlines; and

WHEREAS, The adopted OBAG screening and prioritization criteria includes all of MTC's required screening and prioritization criteria as well as San Francisco-specific criteria focused on prioritizing project readiness, multi-modal/complete streets projects, and projects that address safety issues on high-collision pedestrian and bicycle corridors; and

WHEREAS, On September 27, 2012, the Authority issued a call for projects for OBAG in accordance with the guidelines established by MTC through Resolution 4035; and

WHEREAS, On October 26, 2012, the Authority received 12 applications requesting a total of \$62.7 million in available OBAG funds; and

WHEREAS, In December, through Resolution 13-25, the Authority Board approved the initial pool of candidate OBAG projects, and advanced 10 projects to the second part of the OBAG call for projects; and

WHEREAS, From January to April 2013, project sponsors continued to develop the



candidate OBAG projects through refined conceptual engineering and cost estimation, and public outreach; and

WHEREAS, On April 29, 2013 the Authority received 9 updated applications requesting a total of \$44.5 million in available OBAG funds; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency withdrew the Balboa Station Area and Plaza Improvements: Shelter Canopies project from consideration since it has identified other existing fund sources that will enable a portion of the project to be delivered potentially faster than OBAG would allow; and

WHEREAS, Authority staff worked with project applicants to clarify project information, re-evaluate projects based on the adopted scoring criteria, and identify other funding sources or funding strategies to fully fund projects recommended for OBAG funds, as well as for projects not recommended for this cycle of OBAG programming; and

WHEREAS, Attachment 4, which shows the recommended OBAG Program of Projects, also provides a brief project description, total cost, amount requested, and final priority ranking; Attachment 5 contains a map of the recommended projects and San Francisco's PDAs; Attachment 6 demonstrates that the Authority's recommendation satisfies MTC's requirement to direct at least 70% of OBAG funds toward projects located within PDAs or which provide proximate access to PDAs; and Attachments 7 and 8 summarize the project schedules and funding plans, respectively, for the recommended OBAG projects; and

WHEREAS, Since May 2012, Authority staff has sought input on the OBAG program from the Plans and Programs Committee, the Citizens Advisory Committee, the Authority's Technical Working Group, the Bicycle Advisory Committee, and the Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee; and has also posted OBAG information on the Authority's website and Facebook page, done outreach through the Authority's contact lists, Authority Board Members' offices, and the Mayor's



Office of Neighborhood Services; and

WHEREAS, At its May 22, 2013 meeting, the Citizens Advisory Committee unanimously adopted a motion supporting the staff recommendation; and

WHEREAS, At its June 18, 2013 meeting, the Plans and Programs Committee reviewed and unanimously recommended approval of the staff recommendation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Authority hereby adopts San Francisco's Program of Projects for \$35,016,000 in OBAG funds, as shown in Attachments 4 through 8; and be it further

RESOLVED, The Executive Director is authorized to submit the San Francisco's Program of Projects for \$35,016,000 in OBAG funds to MTC; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Capital Improvement Program of the Congestion Management Program is hereby amended, as appropriate.

Attachments:

1. Funding Framework
2. Call for Projects Schedule (Updated: February 2013)
3. Screening and Prioritization Criteria
4. Program of Projects
5. Program of Projects and Priority Development Area Map
6. Program of Projects and Priority Development Area Target
7. Project Schedule
8. Funding Plans