

Transportation Development Act, Article 3 State Grant Funds

Summary

San Francisco Public Works and San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) request authorization to accept and expend \$926,476 in Transportation Development Act, Article 3 (TDA 3) state funds available for County bicycle and pedestrian projects. SFMTA will use \$463,238 for Vision Zero bicycle and pedestrian safety improvements. Public Works will use \$463,238 for planning and design of curb ramps, as well as sidewalk and curb repair at various sites throughout the City.

Background

The TDA of 1971 earmarked $\frac{1}{4}$ percent of the general state sales tax for transit and created a Local Transportation Fund (LTF) in each county to receive the funds. The State Board of Equalization returns the general sales tax revenues to each county's Local Transportation Fund according to the sales tax collected in each county.

Article 3 of the TDA apportions 2% of the $\frac{1}{4}$ cent sales tax for the purpose of funding bicycle facility, education and safety projects as well as pedestrian, street, and road development projects. The funds are allocated by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) annually and disbursed under TDA Article 3 to the nine Bay Area counties. The grant does not have a matching fund requirement.

In FY 18-19, San Francisco will be allocated \$926,476 in TDA 3 funds, per MTC's revenue estimate. SFMTA and Public Works will split the allocation equally.

Project Selection

SFMTA proposes to use:

- \$463,238 to implement 1-3 spot or corridor improvements related to bicycle and pedestrian safety to support San Francisco's Vision Zero goal of zero traffic related deaths by 2024. Improvements could include, but are not limited to: striping and signing changes, signal hardware and/or timing modifications, bulb-outs, flashing or High Intensity Activated CrossWalk (HAWK) beacons, safe hit posts, concrete islands, colored markings, bike boxes, and bike turn lanes.

Public Works proposes to use:

- \$231,619 to repair damaged public sidewalks, curbs, gutters, and angular returns at various locations. Sites for repair will be selected from SFPW's list of public requests and prioritized based on condition of sidewalk, extent of damage, level of pedestrian use, accidents, and complaints.

- \$231,619 for the preliminary engineering and design of curb ramps to be constructed at various locations throughout San Francisco. Locations will be based on public requests and prioritized by the Public Works and the Mayor's Office of Disability (MOD). The city prioritizes curb ramp locations using guidelines established under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the City's ADA Transition Plan for curb ramps and sidewalks. The top priorities are locations that residents with disabilities have identified as ramps they need in order to safely get to transit stops, civic buildings, and to and from work. Additionally, Public Works prioritizes public requests from areas with higher populations of people with disabilities and low numbers of usable curb ramps

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