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**SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY**

DIVISION: Finance and Information Technology

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

Authorizing the SFMTA, through its Director of Transportation or his designee, to accept and expend \$167,589 in FY 2014 Priority Conservation Area (PCA) Grant Program funding from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) to be used for the Twin Peaks Connectivity Planning Project; and adopting a Resolution of Local Support for the project.

SUMMARY:

- In May, 2013, the MTC issued a Call for Projects for \$5 million of federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) and/or Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) federal funds for its Priority Conservation Area (PCA) Grant Program.
- The funds can be used by local governments to protect regionally significant lands, restore habitats for wildlife, provide regional trails, and connect urban populations to natural areas.
- For FY 2014, SFMTA will receive \$167,589 under the PCA Grant Program for the Twin Peaks Connectivity Planning Project.
- The San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department (SFRPD) is the project sponsor. Because SFRPD is not eligible to receive these transportation funds directly, SFMTA will serve as the Fiscal Agent on SFRPD's behalf.
- MTC requires that the grantee adopt a Resolution of Local Support 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 _____ 3/20/14

SECRETARY _____ 3/20/14

ASSIGNED SFMTAB CALENDAR DATE: April 1, 2014

PURPOSE

The purpose of this calendar item is to authorize the SFMTA on behalf of SFRPD, through its Director of Transportation or his designee, to accept and expend \$167,589 in FY 2014 Surface Transportation Program and/or Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality federal funds from MTC's PCA Grant Program, and adopt a Resolution of Local Support for the project. The \$167,589 is proposed to be used for the Twin Peaks Connectivity Planning Project.

GOAL

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

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

Objective 3.3: Allocate capital resources effectively

Objective 3.5: Reduce capital and operating structural deficits

DESCRIPTION

The PCA Program is a pilot program initiated by the MTC. It is a component of Plan Bay Area, the integrated long-range transportation and land-use/housing plan for the San Francisco Bay Area. The goal of the PCA Program is to support Plan Bay Area by preserving and enhancing the natural, economic and social value of rural lands amidst growing population across the Bay Area.

In May, 2013, the MTC issued a Call for Projects for \$5 million of federal STP and/or CMAQ federal funds for its PCA Grant Program. The PCA Grant Program provides funding to protect regionally significant lands, restore habitats for wildlife, provide regional trails, and connect urban populations to natural areas. The SFMTA will receive \$167,589 in PCA Grant Program funds.

SFMTA proposes to use the \$167,589 in funding for the Twin Peaks Connectivity Planning Project. The Project will develop a conceptual design that will improve access for people who walk or bicycle. Special consideration will also be taken to develop pedestrian and bicycle facilities and improve connections to the Twin Peaks Trail and Bay Area Ridge Trail System. The Twin Peaks Connectivity Planning Project is expected to be an 18-month project, beginning in July 2014 and ending in December 2015 under the auspices of SFRPD.

MTC requires that the SFMTA Board of Directors approve a Resolution of Local Support for these projects. The Board is requested to authorize that:

1. SFMTA will provide the minimum 11.47% local match (\$23,000) in non-federal funds on behalf of SFRPD; and
2. Any cost increases must be funded by SFMTA, and SFMTA does not expect any cost increases to be funded with additional regional discretionary funds; and
3. Because the funds originate with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), 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, as revised). In addition, 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, MTC, Caltrans and FHWA on all communications, inquiries or issues that may arise during the federal programming and delivery process for all FHWA-funded transportation projects implemented by SFMTA; and
4. The Project will be implemented as described in the submitted application and in the attached resolution and, if approved, for the amount programmed in the MTC federal Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); and
5. SFMTA and the Project will comply with the requirements as set forth in MTC programming guidelines and project selection procedures for the Program; and
6. SFMTA agrees to comply with the requirements of MTC's Transit Coordination Implementation Plan as set forth in MTC Resolution No. 3866, as revised.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

Alternatives to this proposal could include using other local funds to complete this project such as bond and/or operating funds. However, these funds are very limited and are usually programmed to projects to meet federal grant matching requirements.

FUNDING IMPACT

The acceptance and expenditure of the \$167,589 in proposed federal funds requires a non-federal match of at least 11.47% (\$23,000) of the total Project cost. The match will be provided by local sales tax and/or other non-federal sources, as needed.

OTHER APPROVALS RECEIVED OR STILL REQUIRED

MTC full Commission approval of the PCA Grant Program of projects is required. According to MTC staff, the SFMTA's proposed FY14 project will be presented to MTC for approval as early as May 2014.

The City Attorney has reviewed this report.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the SFMTA Board authorize the SFMTA, through its Director of Transportation or his designee, to accept and expend \$167,589 in FY 2014 STP and/or CMAQ federal funds from the MTC PCA Program, and adopt a Resolution of Local Support.

SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION No. _____

WHEREAS, The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) issued a call for projects for \$5 million 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 its Priority Conservation Area (PCA) Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, These funds must be used to protect regionally significant lands, restore habitats for wildlife, provide regional trails, and connect urban populations to natural areas; and

WHEREAS, For FY 2014, SFMTA has applied for and is expected to receive \$167,589 of these federal funds for the Twin Peaks Connectivity Planning Project (Project); and

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 STP program (23 U.S.C. § 133), the CMAQ program (23 U.S.C. § 149) and the TA Program (23 U.S.C. § 213); 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 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, The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) is the MPO for the nine counties in the San Francisco Bay Area 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 CMAQ funds; and

WHEREAS, SFMTA is an eligible project sponsor for Regional Discretionary Funding; and

WHEREAS, As part of the application for Regional Discretionary Funding, MTC requires a Resolution of Local Support be adopted stating that the SFMTA Board understands that:

1. the SFMTA commits to provide local matching funds of at least 11.47% (\$23,000) for the Project; and
2. the Regional Discretionary Funding is fixed at the programmed amount, and any cost increases must be funded by the SFMTA, and the SFMTA does not expect any cost increases to be funded with Regional Discretionary Funding; and
3. 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 SFMTA will complete the Project as described in the application, and if approved, as included in MTC's federal TIP; and
5. the Project will comply with all project-specific requirements as set forth in the program; and
6. the Project 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 SFMTA Board of Directors authorizes the SFMTA, through its Director of Transportation or his designee, to accept and expend \$167,589 in FY 2014 PCA Grant Program funding from the MTC to be used for the Twin Peaks Connectivity Planning Project; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the SFMTA Board of Directors adopts a Resolution of Support for the Twin Peaks Connectivity Planning Project under the STP/CMAQ 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 of Support, states that:

1. SFMTA will provide at least \$23,000 in local, non-federal matching funds; and
2. SFMTA understands that the Regional Discretionary Funding for the Project 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 Regional Discretionary Funding; and
3. 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 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, MTC, Caltrans and FHWA on

- all communications, inquiries or issues that may arise during the federal programming and delivery process for all FHWA-funded transportation projects implemented by SFMTA; and
4. The Project will be implemented as described in the complete application and in this resolution and, if approved, for the amount approved by MTC and programmed in the federal TIP; and
 5. SFMTA and the Project will comply with the requirements as set forth in MTC programming guidelines and project selection procedures for the Program; and
 6. SFMTA agrees to comply with the requirements of MTC's Transit Coordination Implementation Plan as set forth in MTC Resolution No. 3866, as revised; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the SFMTA is an eligible sponsor of Regional Discretionary Funding funded projects; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the SFMTA Board of Directors authorizes its Director of Transportation to transmit a copy of this resolution to the MTC in conjunction with the filing of the application; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the SFMTA requests MTC to support the application for the Project and to include the Project, 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 April 1, 2014.

Secretary, Board of Directors
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency