

# One Bay Area Grant Cycle 3 (OBAG 3) Local Criteria

Transportation Authority of Marin

TAM Board Meeting

May 26, 2022

# Background

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- The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) created the OBAG Program to distribute federal funds from Federal Surface Transportation Acts starting in 2012
- There have been two prior cycles of OBAG: OBAG 1 in 2012 and OBAG 2 in 2016 – Projects listed in Attachment B
- With OBAG 2 expiring, MTC adopted policies and guidelines in March 2022 for OBAG 3 to distribute federal transportation funds from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)

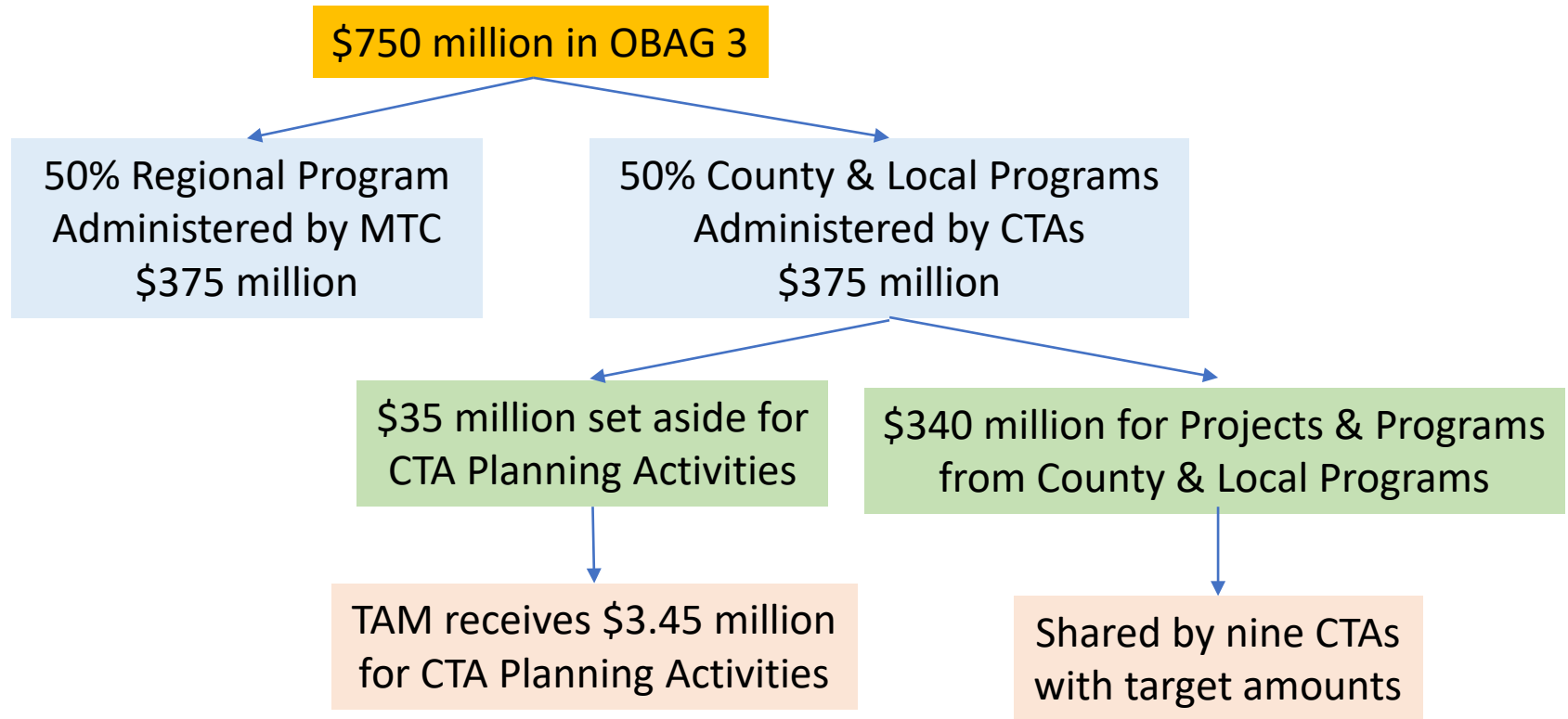
## Background (cont.)

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- OBAG 3 funds will be programmed over a four-year period from FY 22/23 to FY 25/26
- OBAG 3 will continue the general policies adopted during OBAG 1 and 2 with new considerations to address contemporary concerns and priorities
- In particular, OBAG 3 emphasizes projects and programs that improve safety, spur economic development, support Equity Priority Communities, and help the Bay Area meet climate change and air quality improvement goals
- OBAG3 continues to include CTA Planning funds to support CTAs in carrying out planning and programming activities, similar amounts to prior cycles

# Funds Available in OBAG 3

- OBAG 3 will have \$750 million available for programming over the four-year period



- Additional federal funding from IIJA may become available later for MTC to augment OBAG 3 and will require further approval from the MTC Commission

# Marin's Share and Overall Process

- MTC has established a nomination target of 120% of the available funds that CTAs may submit
- The 120% nomination target of \$340 million in available funds is \$408 million
- Each CTA's nomination target is calculated using the following factors:
  - 50% Population
  - 30% Housing Production
  - 20% Planned Growth
- Based on these factors, Marin's share for the County and Local Program funds was calculated at 2.8%, which amounts to approximately \$9.6 million
- Marin's nomination target of 120% is \$11.5 million
- CTAs to nominate projects, MTC makes final selection for whole region
- MTC has indicated that OBAG 3 nomination targets do not commit or imply a guaranteed share of funding to any individual CTA, but MTC will make attempt to select projects amounting to the targeted share for each CTA as close as possible; some CTAs may receive slightly more funds than their targets while others may receive slightly less

# Nomination Target Adjustment

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- Staff proposes to adjust the nomination target of \$11.5 million by \$400,000 for allowable local planning activities
- TAM will be conducting a Countywide Transportation Plan (CTP) with the set-aside funds as discussed with the TAM Board in April 2022
- Based on nominations received, TAM will submit project nominations up to the adjusted amount of \$11,144,000 in funding requests to MTC

# Call for Projects Schedule

- TAM has been directed to issue a Call for Projects for a County and Local Program after MTC releases the Regional Call for Nominations in mid-May

Milestone	Date
TAM Board approves Local Criteria	May 26, 2022
TAM issues OBAG 3 Call for Projects	May 31, 2022, no later
Applications due to TAM	July 27, 2022
Review Committee evaluates applications and prioritizes funding	August/September 2022
FP&L Executive Committee recommends applications for submittal to MTC	September 12, 2022
TAM Board adopts applications for submittal to MTC	September 22, 2022
Project nominations due to MTC	September 30, 2022
All requisite documentation and compliance requirements due to MTC	October 31, 2022
MTC adopts final project selection for funding	January 2023

# MTC Evaluation and Prioritization Criteria

- Evaluation and Prioritization Criteria – applications are evaluated and prioritized on the criteria required by MTC and proposed by TAM:
  - MTC Required
    - Located PDA/TRA
    - Support Housing Policies
    - Invested in Underserved Communities
    - Align with Plan Bay Area Strategies
    - Consistent with Regional Plans
    - Demonstrate Public Support
    - Support Regional Performance Goals



# Local Criteria

- Attachment A is TAM's proposed Local Criteria, including:
  - Initial Screening Criteria – Screen for eligibility, regional plan consistency, and deliverability
  - Priority Development Area (PDA) Minimum Investments – At least 50% of funds must be programmed to projects located within or connected to a PDA. Marin has four PDAs:
    - Downtown San Rafael
    - Unincorporated Highway 101 Corridor
    - Southeast San Rafael
    - Northgate
  - Eligible and Ineligible Projects for Funding
  - Sponsor and Project Requirements
  - Eligible Sponsors – Cities, Counties, Transit Agencies, Federally-Recognized Tribal Governments, and TAM.

## Local Criteria (cont.)

- Considered Countywide or Regional Significance
- Located in Multiple Jurisdictions with evidence of support from each
- Contribute more than requisite local match for federal funds for project nominations that are not in disadvantaged communities; projects located in disadvantaged communities need only contribute the required local match
- Promote or enhance multi-modal access
- Address safety improvement
- Review Committee – TAM staff will strive to find a balanced committee representing a variety of perspectives and generally familiar with the types of capital projects, including:

Marin Public Works Association (MPWA) or Planning Manager,  
Community Development Director, and  
County Office of Education or School District, or  
County's Office of Equity

# Criteria Comparison Across OBAG Cycles

OBAG 3 (upon approval)	OBAG 1/OBAG 2
Focus on GHG Reduction (MTC)	Improve Congestion Reduction
Support Housing Policies (MTC)	Support Transportation and Land Use Connections by encouraging Housing and Employment near Transit
MTC Project Selection Process (MTC)	Local Priority among All Applications Submitted
Align with Plan Bay Area Strategies (MTC)	Support Plan Bay Area's Sustainable Communities Strategy
Consistent with Regional Plans (MTC)	Consistent with Regional and County Plans
Located PDA/TRA (MTC)	Located in or Proximate to a PDA
Support Regional Performance Goals (MTC)	Estimated Numbers of Users/Beneficiaries
Considered Countywide or Regional Significance (TAM)	Considered Countywide or Regional Significance
Leverage for non-EPC projects (TAM)	Leverage with Other Funds
Promote or Enhance Multi-Modal Access (TAM)	Promote or Enhance Multi-Modal Access
Address Safety Improvements (TAM)	Address Safety Improvements
N/A	Support the Delivery of Goods and Services
Invest in Underserved Communities (MTC)	
Demonstrate Public Support (MTC)	
Located in Multiple Jurisdictions with evidence of support from each jurisdiction (TAM)	

# Regional Programs

- OBAG 3 Regional Programs will be administered by MTC
- 50% of the funds, or \$375 million, will be available for Regional Programs
- Intended to provide funding for projects and programs addressing current issues such as climate change, equity, transit recovery, and planning, on a regional scale
- MTC staff is still developing the program details
- In prior OBAG cycles, the Priority Conservation Area (PCA) Program was a part of the Regional Programs that provided specified amounts of funding for the four North Bay Counties
- MTC staff has indicated that they will be undertaking a PCA study over the next 18 months and any PCA funding decisions will follow the study
- TAM staff will continue to track the Regional Programs and share information about funding opportunities as they become available

# Next Steps

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- Upon approval by the TAM Board, release the OBAG 3 County and Local Program Call for Projects no later than May 31, 2022
- Include CMA planning funds in proposed TAM Annual Budget for FY22-23
- Conduct project evaluation process and return to TAM Board in September with recommendations
- Continue to track OBAG 3 Regional Programs for funding opportunities

# Questions and Feedback

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Thank you!