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TO: Transportation Authority of Marin Board of Commissioners

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SUBJECT: MTC's Funding Recommendations for OBAG & ATP Projects (Discussion),
Agenda Item No. 12

RECOMMENDATION

Discussion item only.

BACKGROUND

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) administers two critical transportation funding programs for which MTC staff recommendations were announced on January 4, 2023 – the One Bay Area Grant Program Cycle 3 (OBAG 3) and Regional Active Transportation Program Cycle 6 (ATP 6).

The OBAG 3 program is created to distribute federal transportation funds from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), commonly referred to as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). OBAG 3 funds will be programmed for a four-year period from FY2022-23 to FY2025-26. OBAG 3 is a continuation of OBAG 1 and 2, based on an effort by MTC to integrate the region's federal transportation program with California's required Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) to encourage land-use and housing policies that support the production of housing with transportation investments.

There are two components of ATP 6: a competitive statewide program administered by the California Transportation Commission (CTC), and a regional component administered by MTC. ATP 6 covers a four-year period from FY2023-24 to FY2026-27. Approximately \$1 billion was made available in the statewide component and \$143 million in MTC's regional component. Both the state and regional components of ATP funding are to encourage increased use of active modes of transportation, such as biking and walking.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

MTC staff released OBAG 3 and Regional ATP 6 project recommendations on January 4, 2023, as part of the MTC Programming & Allocations Committee packet. Subsequently, the recommendations were unanimously approved at the Programming & Allocations Committee on January 11, 2023 and are slated to be presented for adoption at the full MTC Commission meeting on January 25, 2023.

The following project funding has been recommended for pending awards, for a total of roughly \$20 million in combined OBAG 3 and Regional ATP 6 funds, shown in additional detail in Attachment A and discussed below.

OBAG 3 Program Pending Awards

After the adoption of OBAG 3 Local Criteria by the TAM Board on May 26, 2022, TAM released a Call for Projects with federal OBAG 3 funds that emphasized 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. Based on applications submitted to TAM in July 2022, in September 2022 the TAM Board approved project nominations that were submitted to MTC for consideration in October 2022.

For the OBAG 3 project selection process, TAM was provided a funding target of \$9.6 million and a 120% nomination target of \$11.5 million for Marin. The following nominated projects/studies are recommended by MTC staff to receive the amounts shown below totaling \$10.2 million:

- San Rafael Canal Area PDA Study (\$797,000)
- Marin Transit Corridor Improvements (\$1,600,000)
- Sausalito Bridgeway Bike Lane Project - Princess Street to Richardson (\$505,000)
- San Rafael Northgate Area PDA Study (\$797,000)
- San Rafael Second and Fourth Street Intersection Improvements (\$3,051,000)
- SMART Pathway-Great Redwood Trail – Novato Hannah Ranch Road to Rowland (\$1,000,000)
- Corte Madera Paradise Drive (\$2,056,000)
- CTA Planning – Countywide Transportation Plan (\$400,000)

Note that all of Marin's nominated projects are being recommended funding from OBAG 3, with the exception of the San Rafael Canal Neighborhood Active Transportation Enhancements Project, which was submitted under both OBAG 3 and ATP 6 and is being recommended for funding from ATP 6 as shown below. This allowed MTC capacity to recommend OBAG 3 funding for the Corte Madera Paradise Drive project with OBAG funding, which was on TAM's OBAG 3 contingency list.

ATP 6 Regional Program Pending Awards

The statewide component of ATP 6 is highly competitive and Marin projects did not receive any funding awards from the program, which were announced by the CTC staff in October 2022. However, the following Marin projects are recommended for funding from MTC's regional ATP component, with amounts shown below totaling \$9,548,000:

- Corte Madera - Central Marin Regional Pathways Gap Closure Project (\$1,500,000)
- San Rafael - San Rafael Canal Crossing Project (\$3,925,000)
- San Rafael - Canal Neighborhood Active Transportation Enhancements Project (\$4,123,000)

Only one Marin project submitted to the Regional ATP 6 program was not recommended for funding, which was the Mill Valley Safe Routes to Schools Pedestrian Gap Closure Project because it scored below the funding cut-off. Sausalito also submitted two projects to the state for ATP 6 funding but did not submit them to MTC for regional funding. Three projects recommended for funding represent the most Marin projects funded in one cycle.

The full MTC rankings and staff reports for both programs are available here: <https://mtc.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=5983469&GUID=379FFEE5-2A73-4C45-AC54-686696DC8C9D>.

TAM staff has contacted local jurisdictions to share the announcements and will help support them as recommendations are approved by the MTC Commission to meet program requirements.

FISCAL CONSIDERATION

Funds programmed to local jurisdictions have no direct fiscal impacts to TAM's annual budgets. Local jurisdictions will be required to obligate OBAG 3 funds through Caltrans Local Assistance and Regional ATP 6 funds through the CTC.

The funds programmed to TAM's Countywide Transportation Plan will be provided by MTC through a funding agreement. These funds have been anticipated and included in the TAM FY2022-23 Annual Budget.

NEXT STEPS

TAM staff will work with local jurisdictions and MTC to ensure projects awarded funding are submitted among the region's projects in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and to meet program requirements.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A – Staff PowerPoint Presentation

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OBAG & ATP Project Recommendations

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One Bay Area Grant Program (OBAG) Cycle 3 Recommendations

- TAM funding target: \$9.6 million for Marin
- TAM 120% nomination target: \$11.5 million
- TAM Board approved project submittals in September
- On January 4, 2023, MTC staff announced OBAG3 funding recommendations:
 - Included eight projects/studies submitted by TAM
 - The Marin projects/studies total \$10.2 million

Regional Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 6 Recommendations

- The Regional Cycle 6 ATP Regional Program, administered by MTC for the Bay Area, included \$143 million available for programming
- MTC Staff recommendations announced January 4, 2023
- Three Marin projects were recommended for funding
- The recommended Marin projects total \$9,548,000

OBAG & ATP Project Recommendations

Sponsor	Project	Recommended Funding	
		OBAG Cycle 3	ATP Cycle 6
Corte Madera	Central Marin Regional Pathways Gap Closure Project		\$1,500,000
Corte Madera	Paradise Drive	\$2,056,000	
Marin Transit	Transit Corridor Improvements	\$1,600,000	
San Rafael	Canal Neighborhood Active Transportation Enhancements Project		\$4,123,000
San Rafael	SE San Rafael/Canal Area PDA Study	\$797,000	
San Rafael	San Rafael Canal Crossing Project		\$3,925,000
San Rafael	North San Rafael/Northgate Area PDA Study	\$797,000	
San Rafael	Second and Fourth Street Intersection Improvements	\$3,051,000	
Sausalito	Bridgeway Bike Lane Project - Princess Street to Richardson	\$505,000	
SMART	SMART Pathway: Great Redwood Trail – Novato	\$1,000,000	
TAM	CTA Planning - Countywide Transportation Plan	\$400,000	
Recommended		\$10,206,000	\$9,548,000
Combined Total		\$19,754,000	

Questions and Feedback

Thank you!