

STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: Quarterly Grants Update

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Action Requested

Accept the FY 2015-16 Second Quarter Grants Update.

Discussion

The Board of Directors receives a quarterly update of the budget and grants summarizing all new funding activity. The attached report details activity for the second quarter, September – December 2015. Approved and pending grants are included; no applications were denied or ‘not awarded.’

Future Outlook:

Sources of grant funding are evolving with some programs drawing to a close and others expanding. Meanwhile fundamental financial shifts such as gas tax and federal funding make the forecast very dynamic.

- Cap & Trade. Two years into operation, the Cap&Trade program is proving a lucrative source of funding for California’s infrastructure. Staff is pursuing funding in the LCTOP and TIRCP programs.
- FAST ACT. The FAST ACT transportation bill was passed however, few details are known as of yet. Staff will update the committee as information becomes available.
- Prop 1B. Wrapping up. Will mean end of the PTMISEA and Security Grants.
- Measure BB promises new funding opportunities.
- Regional and County funding opportunities are increasingly being released with cooperative requirements, between multiple modes of travel and local jurisdictions. We can expect to see more PDA (Priority Development Area) focused, OBAG (One Bay Area Grant Program) type of funding in the future.

Future funding eligibility, in general, may be negatively impacted, due to Performance Measures requirements that are becoming more commonly tied to Greenhouse Gas emissions measures and cars taken off roadways.

The FTA is expected to issue several funding calls in 2016, a situation improved with the recent adoption of the FAST Act which funds federal transportation programs for FY16 and the next two years.

Recommendation

NA – information only.

Active/Not at Risk				
Project Name	Funding Type	Funding Source	Grant Award	Notes
Parataxi Voucher – Livermore UZ	5310	FTA	\$80,000	2 year grant providing reimbursement to riders
BRT Route	TFCA	ACTC	\$278,000	2 year operating grant
Security Lighting for Bus Shelters	Prop 1B Security	CalOES	\$36,696	FY 15. Funds released in January
Security Lighting for Transit Locations	Prop 1B Security	Cal OES	\$36,696	FY14. Funds released in January
Trapeze upgrade (viewpoint)	RM2	MTC	\$74,535	
Bus Stop Repair/Replacement	Prop 1B PTMISEA	MTC / Caltrans	\$240,910	Phase I is complete. Phase II commences upon adoption of final COA
LAVTA Facility Upgrade and Improvements	Prop 1B / PTMISEA	Caltrans	\$357,966	Funding received in April 2015. Using for Rutan facility incl. shop floors, parking lot ADA upgrades and repaving parking lots.
LAVTA Facility FY'08		FTA	\$326,879	Remaining \$134,000 will be used for vault
Rapid Operation	RM2	MTC	\$580,836	Funds reserved pending 20% Farebox Recovery threshold. Reapply 2016
BRT	Small Starts	FTA	\$559,35	Construction funds remaining. Used for installing vault at Atlantis facility
Parataxi, Dublin/Pleasanton	New Freedom	MTC/CalTrans	\$10,000	Parataxi rider reimbursement
Fleet DVR's	1B Security	CalOES	\$36,696	FY11. Security DVRs for buses arriving in 2016
Introduction to Transit Experience	5304	FTA/Caltrans	\$56,600	Eight months into a two year program. Two interns working 16-20 hrs weekly support planning and grant departments
The Tri-Valley Multi-Modal Access and PDA Connectivity Study	SC-TAP	ACTC	\$1,385,000	ACTC leads the project which is progressing to schedule
Local TFCA; Routes 8, 12, 15	Local TFCA	ACTC	\$278,000	Entering second and final year
Rural Route Operating Assistance	FTA 5311	Caltrans	\$43,683	Operating support supplementing lines 8, 12, 20
Bus Purchase (2016)	Prop 1B / PTMISEA	Caltrans	\$572,778	Funding offsets local match for four Gillig buses set for delivery in 2016
Electric/Diesel Hybrid Bus (2016)	LCTOP	Caltrans	\$107,192	Funds to be paid upon receipt of the buses

Inactive or At Risk				
Project Name	Funding Type	Funding Source	Amount Requested	Expected Notification
N/A	N/A			
Pending/Not yet Awarded				
Project Name	Funding Type	Funding Source	Amount Requested	Expected Notification
NEW!! 2 Replacement Buses FY16	LCTOP/ Cap & Trade	Caltrans	\$253,350	May 2016.
NEW! 5311 Rural Routes FY16/FY7	5311	FTA	\$31,444	April 2016
NEW!!! WiFi Security Networks on Buses	Prop 1B Security Grants	CalOES	\$36,696	April 2016
NEW!! AQIP Grant for All Electric Bus Route Project	Air Quality Investment Program (AQIP)	CARB	\$4,577,048	March 2016
LoNo All-Electric Bus Route Project	FTA LoNo Program	FTA	\$2,297,400	June 2016
Transit Center TOD Feasibility Study	Sustainable Communities	Caltrans	\$148,000	May 2016
Tri-Valley Paratransit Assessment	Sustainable Communities	Caltrans	\$200,000	May 2016
TPI Dublin Boulevard Project (LAVTA Sponsor, Dublin and MTC Co-Sponsors)	TPI via FHWA	MTC	\$1,570,000	CalTrans has moved to federal FY16. Must submit updated application in February 2016..
Transit Center upgrades and improvements	PTMISEA/Lifeline	MTC	\$125,625	Pending approval

Agency Acronyms:

ACE: Altamont Corridor Express
 ACTC: Alameda County Transportation Commission
 BAAQMD: Bay Area Air Quality Management District
CalTrans: California Department of Transportation
CalOES: California Office of Emergency Services
FHWA: Federal Highway Administration
FTA: Federal Transportation Agency
MTC: Metropolitan Transportation Commission

Program Acronyms

1B: *California State Proposition 1B, bond act passed by voters in 2006*
 Measure B: *½ cent sales tax for transportation passed 2000 in Alameda County*
 JARC: *Job Access Reverse Commute, a federal fund to improve mobility for low-income*
Lifeline: *Transportation Program funds projects that result in improved mobility for low-income residents*
Measure BB: *½ cent sales tax for transportation passed 2014 in Alameda County*
PTMISEA: *Public Transportation Modernization, Improvement, & Service Enhancement Account. Part of Prop 1B bond act of 2006*
RM2: *Regional Measure 2, passed in 2004 by Bay Area voters, increases bridge tolls for infrastructure \$\$*
SC-TAP: *Sustainable Communities Technical Assistance Program*
TFCA: *Transportation Fund for Clean Air*