

To: Board of Directors

Date: 04/10/2023

From: Melody Reeb, Director of Planning, Marketing, & Innovation

Reviewed by: *Ref*

SUBJECT: Transit Corridors Study

Background:

In October 2022, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) released a call for projects for the FY 2022-23 Transit Performance Initiative (TPI) program, which is a competitive grant program to fund low-cost capital investments that improve operations and customer experience on major transit corridors and systems. The goal of the program is to provide funding for lower-cost improvements that increase transit speeds and reliability, especially buses experiencing traffic delays on high-ridership, high-frequency routes. New to this year, proposals for the planning and development of future TPI-eligible projects were also considered.

Corridors Study:

Staff submitted an application to conduct a study analyzing four major corridors within County Connection's service area and identifying options to improve the speed and reliability of buses. The proposed study includes segments of Clayton Rd, Monument Blvd, Ygnacio Valley Rd, and Treat Blvd, which are shown in Figure 1. The first two corridors serve County Connection's highest ridership areas with relatively frequent transit service, while the other two have high potential for increased transit use by making it more competitive to driving. The study will assess current conditions, including operations, existing infrastructure, and ridership, gather passenger and community feedback, and develop recommendations for capital improvements that would reduce delays and travel time and enhance the customer experience.

On March 22, 2023, MTC approved award of the full requested funding amount of \$400,000 for County Connection's proposed study. Staff plans to use the on-call planning contract with Transportation Management & Design (TMD) that was recently approved by the Board to assist with completing the study. Staff will be working closely with the cities of Concord and Walnut Creek throughout the process and will provide periodic updates to the Committee and Board as well as TRANSPAC and other regional partners as the study progresses. Once the study is complete and a program of projects has been developed, staff would then seek additional funding—including future rounds of TPI funds—for implementation of the recommended improvements.

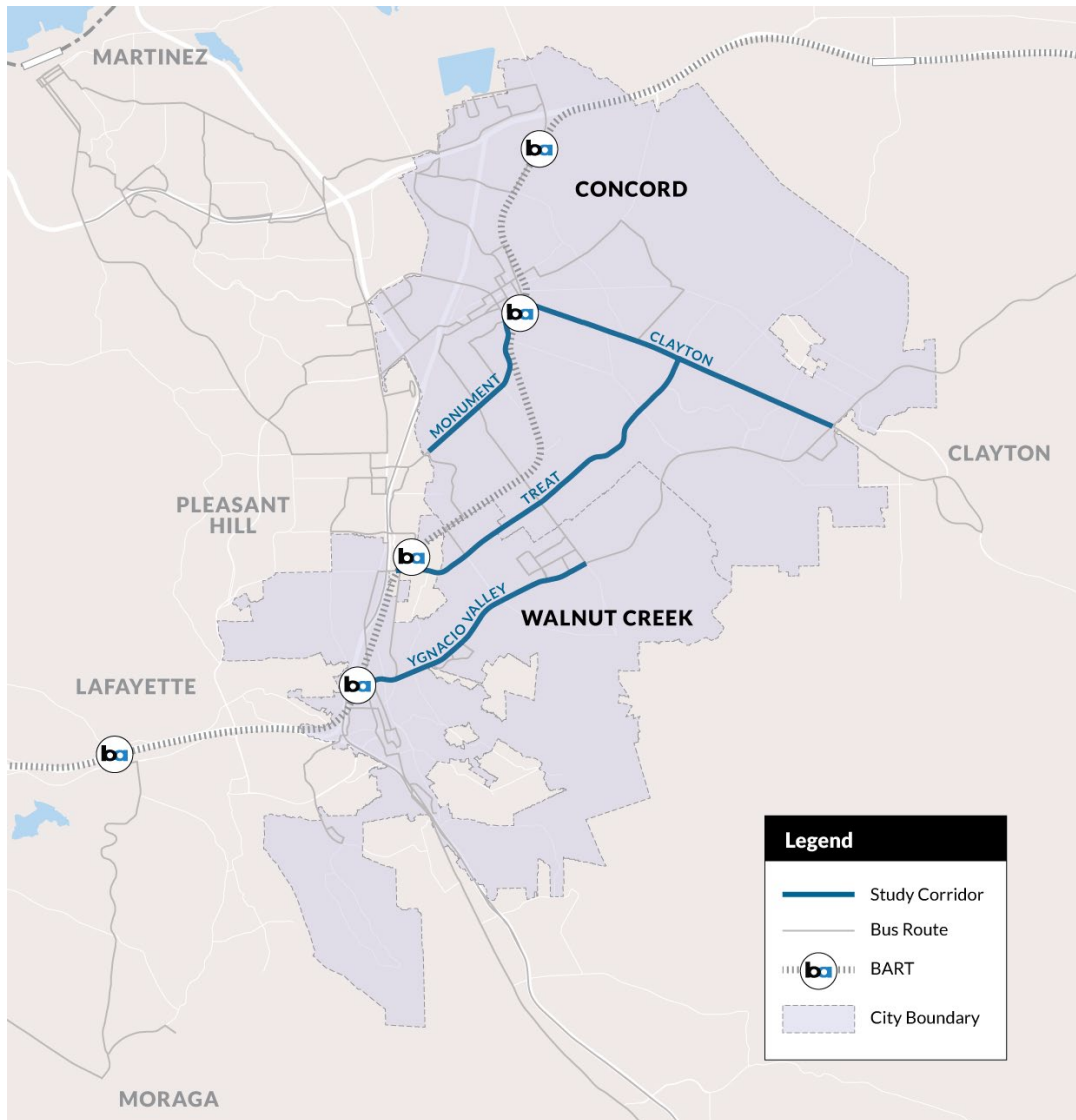


Figure 1: Study Corridors

Financial Implications:

County Connection will be receiving \$400,000 in Surface Transportation Program/Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (STP/CMAQ) funds from MTC for the study. A minimum 11.47% local match is required, which amounts to \$45,880. Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds will be used for the local match.

Recommendation:

The MP&L Committee and staff recommend that the Board approve the use of FY 2022-23 TPI funds in the amount of \$400,000 for the proposed Transit Corridors Study.

Action Requested:

The MP&L Committee and staff request that the Board adopt Resolution No. 2023-034 authorizing the General Manager to execute and file an application with MTC for TPI funding for the Transit Corridors Study.

Attachments:

Resolution No. 2023-034

**RESOLUTION OF LOCAL SUPPORT
RESOLUTION NO. 2023-034**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
CENTRAL CONTRA COSTA TRANSIT AUTHORITY
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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**AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING ASSIGNED TO MTC
AND COMMITTING ANY NECESSARY MATCHING FUNDS AND STATING ASSURANCE
TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the County of Contra Costa, the Cities of Clayton, Concord, Lafayette, Martinez, Orinda, Pleasant Hill, San Ramon and Walnut Creek, and the Towns of Danville and Moraga (hereinafter Member Jurisdictions) have formed the Central Contra Costa Transit Authority (CCCTA), a joint exercise of powers agency created under California Government Code Section 6500 *et seq.*, for the joint exercise of certain powers to provide coordinated and integrated public transportation services within the area of its Member Jurisdictions (Service Area);

WHEREAS, the Central Contra Costa Transit Authority (herein referred to as APPLICANT) is submitting an application to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) for \$400,000 in funding assigned to MTC for programming discretion, which includes federal funding administered by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and federal or state funding administered by the California Transportation Commission (CTC) such as Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STP) funding, Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) funding, Transportation Alternatives (TA) set-aside/Active Transportation Program (ATP) funding, and Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) funding (herein collectively referred to as REGIONAL DISCRETIONARY FUNDING) for the Transit Corridors Study (herein referred to as PROJECT) for the Transit Performance Initiative Program (herein referred to as PROGRAM);

WHEREAS, the United States Congress from time to time enacts and amends legislation to provide funding for various transportation needs and programs, (collectively, the FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION ACT) including, but not limited to the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STP) (23 U.S.C. § 133), the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) (23 U.S.C. § 149) and the Transportation Alternatives (TA) set-aside (23 U.S.C. § 133);

WHEREAS, state statutes, including California Streets and Highways Code §182.6, §182.7, and §2381(a)(1), and California Government Code §14527, provide various funding programs for the programming discretion of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and the Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA);

WHEREAS, pursuant to the FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION ACT, and any regulations promulgated thereunder, eligible project sponsors wishing to receive federal or state funds for a regionally-significant project shall submit an application first with the appropriate MPO, or RTPA, as applicable, for review and inclusion in the federal Transportation Improvement Program (TIP);

WHEREAS, MTC is the MPO and RTPA for the nine counties of the San Francisco Bay region;

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 REGIONAL DISCRETIONARY FUNDING;

WHEREAS, APPLICANT is an eligible sponsor for REGIONAL DISCRETIONARY FUNDING;

WHEREAS, as part of the application for REGIONAL DISCRETIONARY FUNDING, MTC requires a resolution adopted by the responsible implementing agency stating the following:

- the commitment of any required matching funds; and
- that the sponsor understands that the REGIONAL DISCRETIONARY FUNDING is fixed at the programmed amount, and therefore any cost increase cannot be expected to be funded with additional REGIONAL DISCRETIONARY FUNDING; and
- that 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
- the assurance of the sponsor to complete the PROJECT as described in the application, subject to environmental clearance, and if approved, as included in MTC's federal Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); and
- that the PROJECT will have adequate staffing resources to deliver and complete the PROJECT within the schedule submitted with the project application; and
- that the PROJECT will comply with all project-specific requirements as set forth in the PROGRAM; and
- that APPLICANT has assigned, and will maintain a single point of contact for all FHWA- and CTC-funded transportation projects to coordinate within the agency and with the respective Congestion Management Agency (CMA), MTC, Caltrans, FHWA, and CTC on all communications, inquires or issues that may arise during the federal programming and delivery process for all FHWA- and CTC-funded transportation and transit projects implemented by APPLICANT; and
- in the case of a transit project, 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; and
- in the case of a highway project, the PROJECT will comply with MTC Resolution No. 4104, which sets forth MTC's Traffic Operations System (TOS) Policy to install and activate TOS elements on new major freeway projects; and
- in the case of an RTIP project, state law requires PROJECT be included in a local congestion management plan, or be consistent with the capital improvement program adopted pursuant to MTC's funding agreement with the countywide transportation agency;

WHEREAS, that APPLICANT is authorized to submit an application for REGIONAL DISCRETIONARY FUNDING for the PROJECT;

WHEREAS, there is no legal impediment to APPLICANT making applications for the funds;

WHEREAS, there is no pending or threatened litigation that might in any way adversely affect the proposed PROJECT, or the ability of APPLICANT to deliver such PROJECT;

WHEREAS, APPLICANT authorizes its General Manager or designee to execute and file an application with MTC for REGIONAL DISCRETIONARY FUNDING for the PROJECT as referenced in this resolution; and

WHEREAS, MTC requires that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the MTC in conjunction with the filing of the application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the APPLICANT is authorized to execute and file an application for funding for the PROJECT for REGIONAL DISCRETIONARY FUNDING under the FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION ACT or continued funding; and be it further

RESOLVED that APPLICANT will provide any required matching funds; and be it further

RESOLVED that APPLICANT understands that the REGIONAL DISCRETIONARY FUNDING for the project is fixed at the MTC approved programmed amount, and that any cost increases must be funded by the APPLICANT from other funds, and that APPLICANT does not expect any cost increases to be funded with additional REGIONAL DISCRETIONARY FUNDING; and be it further

RESOLVED that APPLICANT 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 APPLICANT has, and will retain the expertise, knowledge and resources necessary to deliver federally-funded transportation and transit projects, and has assigned, and will maintain a single point of contact for all FHWA- and CTC-funded transportation projects to coordinate within the agency and with the respective Congestion Management Agency (CMA), MTC, Caltrans, FHWA, and CTC on all communications, inquires or issues that may arise during the federal programming and delivery process for all FHWA- and CTC-funded transportation and transit projects implemented by APPLICANT; and be it further

RESOLVED that PROJECT will be implemented as described in the complete application and in this resolution, subject to environmental clearance, and, if approved, for the amount approved by MTC and programmed in the federal TIP; and be it further

RESOLVED that APPLICANT has reviewed the PROJECT and has adequate staffing resources to deliver and complete the PROJECT within the schedule submitted with the project application; and be it further

RESOLVED that PROJECT will comply with the requirements as set forth in MTC programming guidelines and project selection procedures for the PROGRAM; and be it further

RESOLVED that, in the case of a transit project, APPLICANT agrees to comply with the requirements of MTC's Transit Coordination Implementation Plan as set forth in MTC Resolution No. 3866, revised; and be it further

RESOLVED that, in the case of a highway project, APPLICANT agrees to comply with the requirements of MTC's Traffic Operations System (TOS) Policy as set forth in MTC Resolution No. 4104; and be it further

RESOLVED that, in the case of an RTIP project, PROJECT is included in a local congestion management plan, or is consistent with the capital improvement program adopted pursuant to MTC's funding agreement with the countywide transportation agency; and be it further

RESOLVED that APPLICANT is an eligible sponsor of REGIONAL DISCRETIONARY FUNDING funded projects; and be it further

RESOLVED that APPLICANT is authorized to submit an application for REGIONAL DISCRETIONARY FUNDING for the PROJECT; and be it further

RESOLVED that there is no legal impediment to APPLICANT making applications for the funds; and be it further

RESOLVED that there is no pending or threatened litigation that might in any way adversely affect the proposed PROJECT, or the ability of APPLICANT to deliver such PROJECT; and be it further

RESOLVED that APPLICANT authorizes its General Manager or designee to execute and file an application with MTC for REGIONAL DISCRETIONARY FUNDING for the PROJECT as referenced in this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution will be transmitted to the MTC in conjunction with the filing of the application; and be it further

RESOLVED that the MTC is requested to support the application for the PROJECT described in the resolution, and if approved, to include the PROJECT in MTC's federal TIP upon submittal by the project sponsor for TIP programming.

Regularly passed and adopted this 20th day of April, 2023 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Amy Worth, Chair, Board of Directors

ATTEST:

Lathina Hill, Clerk to the Board