



Memorandum

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To: Transportation Authority Board: Commissioners Wiener (Chair), Mar (Vice Chair), Avalos, Breed, Campos, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Peskin, Tang and Yee

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Subject: **INFORMATION** – Executive Director’s Report

REGIONAL, STATE AND FEDERAL ISSUES

Active Transportation Program (ATP) – Five Grant Applications Submitted: Applications were due on June 15 for the third cycle of ATP, which has \$120 million available at the statewide level and \$20 million available through the Regional ATP administered by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC). San Francisco Public Works (SFPW) and the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) submitted five applications: including pedestrian infrastructure projects on Geneva Avenue; Jefferson Street in Fisherman’s Wharf; and Powell Street near Union Square; and also non-infrastructure projects that would encourage safer driving at intersections and create a program for “play streets” that would be temporarily closed to cars. We’ll hear how San Francisco did on October 28 for the statewide program and December 7 for the Regional ATP.

Smart Cities Challenge Grant – Follow-On Grant Opportunity for Treasure Island: This month, the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) announced that Columbus, Ohio won the \$50 million Smart Cities challenge grant program. As one of seven finalists for the challenge, San Francisco is competing for several follow-on U.S. DOT grant opportunities. Last week, we supported the SFMTA’s application for the federal Advanced Transportation and Congestion Management Technologies Deployment (ATCMTD) funding. The ATCMTD program’s goals are very similar to those of the Smart Cities challenge: to showcase innovative ways that cities can apply new technology to address mobility and environmental challenges such as congestion reduction and traffic safety through partnerships with the Federal government and private sector. Awards will be announced this fall.

One Bay Area Grant (OBAG) Program – Revised MTC Staff Proposal for Cycle 2: MTC is currently working on an update to the guidelines for the second round of the OBAG Program (OBAG 2), which will direct approximately \$800 million in federal transportation funds to regional priorities. This update incorporates \$126 million additional funds from several sources, including \$72 million from the federal FAST Act transportation bill and \$34 million in additional RM2 bridge toll funds. The revised MTC staff proposal responds to input MTC has received on earlier versions, directing the majority of the funding to three programs. The first is \$40 million for Bay Bridge Forward, a program of near-term regional transportation priorities focused on congestion relief and transit crowding on the Bay Bridge corridor. We appreciate the focus on the Bay Bridge, and are seeking approval of a flexible list of projects as we look forward to working with MTC on crafting a final, vetted package of projects for this program. The second program is a \$30 million Housing Incentives Program, which would reward jurisdictions that produce the most affordable housing units with transportation funding. The third is to direct an additional \$32 million to the OBAG 2 County program, including an additional \$4.277 to San Francisco bringing our county program to a total of \$48.2

million. The remaining funds will be used to enhance the Transit Performance Initiative program and the Climate Initiatives Program, and to set up a \$10 million revolving loan fund to preserve Naturally Occurring Affordable Housing, known as the NOAH program. The final OBAG 2 program guidelines will be presented to the Programming and Allocations Committee then reviewed for approval by MTC in July, and we anticipate that the call for projects will be released this winter.

Treasure Island – Intermodal Transit Hub Application Submitted: On June 24, Treasure Island Community Development (TICD) submitted its \$12 million Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities application to the state’s Strategic Growth Council in round two of the grant award process. This is a cap and trade funded program. The application focuses on the Intermodal Transit Hub, which will include new bus stops and a public plaza to serve transit riders, vehicles for new bus service to Oakland, and new bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure on the Island. TICD should hear whether the SGC awards the grant in September.

San Francisco Plan Bay Area Open House Held: On June 14, MTC and the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) held an Open House to solicit feedback on Plan Bay Area land use and transportation scenario planning work to date. Our staff presented on the San Francisco Transportation Plan update and proposed fall Transportation Revenue Measures and Expenditure Plan. We also appreciated the participation of our partner agencies from Caltrans, Caltrain, BART, SFMTA and the Planning Department, as well as Commissioner Mar. About 60 people took part in the event, which was the last of the 9 regional meetings that MTC and ABAG conducted in each county of the Bay Area.

BART Board Votes to Place Bond Measure on November Ballot – \$3.5 Billion to Improve Safety and Reliability, Reduce Traffic: On June 9, the BART Board of Directors unanimously voted to place a bond measure on the fall ballot in the three BART district counties of Contra Costa, Alameda and San Francisco. Emphasizing rehabilitation and maintenance, 90% of the funds will pay for items such as replacing tracks and ties, installing new electrical cables, waterproofing tunnels and control rooms, building maintenance facilities and buying new escalators. The remaining 10% of the bond money would fund station access and modernization projects and planning for new capacity.

LOCAL ISSUES

Transportation Revenue Measure/Expenditure Plan: We are joining with the SFMTA to host a telephone town hall on Wednesday, June 29 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the development of a potential local transportation revenue measure and expenditure plan. The telephone town hall complements ongoing efforts by the Mayor’s Office, Board of Supervisors, SFMTA and the Transportation Authority to hold direct outreach with transportation advocates, labor, business and community groups and our own our Citizens Advisory Committee. Register in advance for the telephone town hall at www.vekeo.com/sfcta or call the Transportation Authority at 415.522.4800.

Residential Traffic Calming – Applications Due August 1: Prop K sales tax annually funds SFMTA’s Residential Traffic Calming Program to identify locations that can benefit from slower speeds and to implement cost-effective traffic calming devices, such as speed humps. SFMTA’s Prop K request for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2016/17 program will be considered by the Transportation Authority Board on July 26. Interested residents should submit an application and petition signed by at least 20 residents on their street by August 1. SFMTA will notify residents of their application status by January 2017. Accepted applications from the FY 2015/16 program are undergoing City approval and balloting processes and are scheduled for completion by November this year. Most of the devices from prior programs have been installed except for a few complex devices and corridor-wide implementation, which will be completed by the end of this year. For more information, please visit www.sfmta.com/calming, or contact TrafficCalming@sfmta.com.

Treasure Island Mobility Management Program – Outreach Continues in July: In July, we will release the draft final report on the Treasure Island Mobility Management Program policy recommendations. The recommendations have been revised in response to input provided by stakeholders and through community outreach over the past six months. We presented the revisions at a suite of community events in May and June, including at the Treasure Island Development Authority (TIDA) Infrastructure and Transportation Committee meeting and at the TIDA Citizens Advisory Board meeting on June 28. Information on the time and location of these and other outreach events is posted at www.timma.org. For more information, please contact Rachel Hiatt at rachel.hiatt@sfcta.org or 415-522-4809.

Commuter Shuttles Hub Study – Public Call for Location Suggestions: In February, the Board of Supervisors approved a resolution requesting that the SFMTA, in collaboration with the Transportation Authority, study the potential of a commuter shuttle program based on a hub model, with fewer designated stop locations. As part of the study, the SFMTA will collect suggestions from the public for potential shuttle hub locations. On June 6, the SFMTA circulated a call for potential shuttle hub locations to the Board of Supervisors, the SFMTA's Shuttle Program contact list, the Planning Department's neighborhood groups list, and to the SFMTA and Transportation Authority Citizen Advisory Committees. Beyond the call for hub locations, the study includes creation of objectives and metrics; evaluation of a number of hub scenarios using evaluation criteria; and analysis of how a hub system may influence current riders' transportation choices. Locations may be submitted online through July 4. For more information, please contact Rachel Hiatt at rachel.hiatt@sfcta.org or 415-522-4809, or Neal Patel at neal.patel@sfmta.com or 415.701.5485.

Mineta Transportation Institute Honors Secretary Norman Mineta and Rod Diridon Sr.: Deputy Director for Capital Projects Eric Cordoba and I attended the Mineta Institute's annual event and convocation for new graduate students earlier this month. We joined with many luminaries including Secretary Brian Kelly, State Senator Jim Beall and BART Director Grace Crunican in thanking former U.S. Secretary of Transportation Norm Mineta and Santa Clara County Supervisor Rod Diridon Sr. – the founder of the Mineta Institute – for their leadership and service to our nation and region. We are currently engaged in several Peninsula planning efforts with Santa Clara and San Mateo partner agencies, including managed lanes for the U.S. 101 corridor and blended future Caltrain/High-Speed Rail.

PROJECT DELIVERY

I-80/Westbound Ramps Projects Progress – Agreement on Enhanced Design for Caltrans Bike Touchdown: The Transportation Authority is working in collaboration with TIDA to construct new I-80/westbound on and off ramps connecting to the new Eastern Span of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge (SFOBB). Construction is approximately 90% complete with the new ramps tentatively scheduled to open in September. Caltrans is also continuing its new Eastern Span SFOBB construction efforts; reconstructing the I-80 east bound on and off ramps including extending their Eastern Span bicycle pedestrian path to Yerba Buena Island (YBI). In anticipation of the new path extension to YBI, all of the affected agencies have collaborated to plan, design and fund the construction of temporary trail landing improvements on YBI adjacent to the SFOBB bicycle/pedestrian path touchdown area. These improvements would provide a temporary larger, more amenable Vista Point area, including hydration station, portable restrooms, bike racks, a parking lot and pedestrian actuated crosswalk. The Vista Point improvements would be delivered by the Transportation Authority in partnership with the Bay Area Toll Authority. Vista Point construction work is targeted for completion in fall 2016 and will be coordinated with the new Eastern Span bicycle pedestrian path extension to YBI.

Vision Zero Comprehensive Safe Streets Campaign – Prop K Sales Tax Funds Produce Training Curriculum and Muni Ads: Following the release of the first-of-its-kind urban driving safety training videos for drivers of large vehicles, taxis and passenger vehicles to help them safely navigate San Francisco’s streets alongside pedestrians and bicyclists, SFMTA and Vision Zero partners have produced a training curriculum for large vehicle drivers and started the “train the trainer” events. SFMTA is also working with the City Administrator’s Office to develop and launch a City employee defensive driving training program required for all vehicle users by this fall. Prop K funded the Muni ads that targeted the top bicycle safety issues. The Transportation Authority’s Vision Zero Committee meets at 2:00 p.m. this Thursday, June 30 in Room 250, City Hall.



Neighborhood Transportation Improvement Program (NTIP) - Projects Progress across the City: In District 10, the “Hairball” Intersection Improvement project is nearing completion. SFMTA is meeting with stakeholders before finalizing conceptual designs and the recommendations report this summer. In District 6, SFMTA is finishing up installation of an eastbound buffered bike lane on Golden Gate Avenue between Polk and Market Streets. The project reduced the number of lanes on Golden Gate Avenue, which is a Vision Zero High-Injury Corridor, from three to two to help calm traffic. It also includes upgraded crosswalk striping and khaki-colored “painted safety zones” at certain corners for better pedestrian visibility. Still to come is a two-stage left turn box to facilitate bicyclists turning onto eastbound Market Street and green backed sharrows where bicyclists mix with right turning traffic. We have also won a \$250,000 Caltrans Planning grant to complement the D6 NTIP Vision Zero Ramps planning study. We anticipate having several NTIP Planning project deliverables to present to the Board later this year, including the Lombard Crooked Street project in District 2, the Western Addition Community-Based Transportation plan in District 5, and the Alemany Interchange study in District 9.

One Bay Area Grant (OBAG) Cycle 1 – Broadway Chinatown and Masonic Avenue Complete Street Improvements Groundbreaking in July: SFPW is starting construction of comprehensive improvements on Broadway from Columbus Avenue to the Robert C. Levy Tunnel in July, including a road-diet, bulb-outs, special crosswalk paving, medians, bus stop improvements, street lights and furnishings, and trees. This project will implement a community-based vision developed through extensive outreach and planning efforts and is funded with OBAG, Prop K sales tax, Prop AA vehicle registration fee, state Safe Routes to School, and other local funds. SFMTA is also breaking the ground for a variety of new safety and streetscape feature on Masonic Avenue, starting with the sewer work at Fell Street in July.

Prop K Sales Tax Supports Sloat Boulevard Pedestrian Improvements – Work at Everglade and 23rd Avenue Completed: Pedestrian hybrid beacons, bulb-outs, and medians have been completed at the two dangerous intersections using Prop K sales tax and federal funds, with the switchover for the beacons scheduled within a couple of weeks. Serving as both a state highway and a residential street near Lowell High School, Lakeshore Plaza Shopping Center, and Muni stops, Sloat Boulevard has been subject to several tragic collisions. I am grateful for SFPW and partner agencies, including SFMTA and Caltrans, as well as for community members and elected officials who have tirelessly worked toward a safer Sloat Boulevard, including the previous District 4 Supervisor Chu and Mayor Lee.

Quint Jerrold Connector – Agreement Anticipated in Fall 2016: Right-of-way negotiations with Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) for the Quint Jerrold Connector project are progressing. It is anticipated that a Purchase and Sales Agreement (PS&A) with UPRR will be executed in fall 2016. As stipulated in the PS&A, required environmental testing (hazardous materials and archaeological) will be performed within 90 days of the date of execution. Preliminary engineering efforts will resume in fall 2016, assuming the PS&A is executed as currently anticipated. The Connector Road is intended to provide alternate access for Quint Street following Caltrain’s replacement of the Quint Street Bridge with a berm.

MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION ISSUES

Agency Organizational Assessment Takes Shape: Over the past nine months, we have been assisted by HNTB in assessing our organizational capacity to take on new roles such as serving as the Treasure Island Mobility Management Agency and as an eventual toll operator, even as we seek to improve our current planning, funding and project delivery functions. We have engaged our staff in an agency-wide process to examine the agency's 5-year vision and goals as well as how we can continue to work toward workplace excellence. I look forward to briefing the Board on this exciting work in the fall.

Participation in 2017 Joint Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Study – Transportation Authority Staff Participate in Community Meeting: On June 23, staff participated in the 2017 Joint DBE Availability and Utilization Study Business Community Meeting held at the Southeast Community Facility in the Bayview. The meeting was hosted by the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority, San Mateo County Transit District, and Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board to inform local businesses and members of the community about the Study and learn about DBE certification and upcoming contracting opportunities. The Study is scheduled to be completed in May 2017. Along with representatives from the host agencies, staff from the Golden Gate Bridge Highway & Transportation District, California High-Speed Rail Authority and the Transportation Authority discussed upcoming contracting opportunities with local businesses. Another business community meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 2 at the SamTrans Auditorium in San Carlos from 9:00-11:00 a.m. Additional information and frequently asked questions regarding the Study can be found on their website at www.2017JointDBEStudy.com.