



# Memorandum

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**RE:** Citizens Advisory Committee  
December 2, 2015

**To:** Citizens Advisory Committee

**From:** Amber Crabbe – Assistant Deputy Director for Policy and Programming *Ac*

**Subject:** **ACTION** – Adopt a Motion of Support for Reprogramming \$67,265 in One Bay Area Grant Cycle 1 Funds from San Francisco Public Works' ER Taylor Elementary Safe Routes to School Project to the Chinatown Broadway Street Design Project

## Summary

In June 2013, the Transportation Authority Board programmed \$35 million in One Bay Area Grant (OBAG) Cycle 1 County Program funds to seven projects that were competitively selected, including San Francisco Public Works' (SFPW's) ER Taylor Elementary Safe Routes to School (SR2S) and Chinatown Broadway Street Design projects. ER Taylor SR2S has been recently completed with a remaining balance of \$67,265. SFPW requests reprogramming the balance to the Chinatown Broadway project, which has received a higher-than-anticipated bid to its original construction contract advertisement. SFPW plans on re-advertising the contract by the end of this year and awarding it in March 2016.

## BACKGROUND

In June 2013, as Congestion Management Agency for San Francisco, the Transportation Authority Board programmed \$35 million in One Bay Area Grant (OBAG) Cycle 1 County Program funds to seven projects that were competitively selected, including San Francisco Public Works' (SFPW's) ER Taylor Elementary Safe Routes to School (SR2S) and Chinatown Broadway Street Design projects (see Attachment 1 for the project descriptions and subsequent amendments).

The ER Taylor SR2S project started construction in June 2015 and is now open for use after constructing seven pedestrian bulb outs at the intersection of Bacon and Goettingen Streets near the ER Taylor Elementary School and the Portola branch of the San Francisco Public Library. Led by SFPW and funded with OBAG and Prop K sales tax funds, this is the first OBAG project that has been completed in San Francisco. The bulb outs will increase safety for students and other pedestrians at the busy intersection by shortening the crossing distance, lowering turn speeds, and increasing visibility. This project has a remaining balance of \$67,265 in OBAG funds because one bulb out was removed from the project scope due to utility conflicts. These federal funds are available for reprogramming to another OBAG project.

## DISCUSSION

The purpose of this memorandum is to seek a motion of support to reprogram the \$67,265 in unneeded OBAG funds from SFPW's ER Taylor SR2S to the Chinatown Broadway project, as shown in Attachment 1.

Chinatown Broadway was originally advertised for construction in August 2015, and SFPW had planned to start construction in November. However, SFPW received only one bid that was 30% above the engineer's estimate (\$1.4 million more than the advertised \$4.5 million) and consequently decided to refine the bid package and re-advertise. To accommodate the rising construction cost, SFPW is separating out some of the scope elements as alternates in the contract bid documents, such as sidewalk waterproofing, part of the irrigation system, trash receptacles, and plaques for alleyway, and San Francisco Public Utilities Commission will be pursuing the water-related scope elements independently. SFPW is also seeking additional funding, including the subject OBAG funds and potentially Prop K sales tax funds and Prop AA vehicle registration fees, to deliver as much of the original scope as possible. SFPW is finalizing the revised contract package this month for the California Department of Transportation to review and anticipates re-advertising it by the end of this year, with the anticipated award date in March 2016. If approved by the Transportation Authority Board, the proposed reprogramming would then be subject to approval by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission.

### **ALTERNATIVES**

1. Adopt a motion of support for reprogramming \$67,265 in OBAG Cycle 1 funds from SFPW's ER Taylor SR2S project to the Chinatown Broadway Street Design Project, as requested.
2. Adopt a motion of support for reprogramming \$67,265 in OBAG Cycle 1 funds from SFPW's ER Taylor SR2S project to the Chinatown Broadway Street Design Project, as requested, with modifications.
3. Defer action, pending additional information or further staff analysis.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACTS**

There are no direct impacts on the Transportation Authority's Fiscal Year adopted 2015/16 budget associated with the recommended action.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Adopt a motion of support for reprogramming \$67,265 in OBAG Cycle 1 funds from SFPW's ER Taylor SR2S project to the Chinatown Broadway Street Design project.

Attachment:

1. OBAG Cycle 1 Project List

**Attachment 1  
One Bay Area Grant (OBAG) Cycle 1 Project  
List November 2015**

Project Name (Sponsor)	Description	Construction Start	Open for Use	Total Project Cost	OBAG Funds as Last Amended	Proposed Change
Chinatown Broadway Street Design (San Francisco Public Works (SFPW))	Design and construct a complete streets project on Broadway from Columbus to the Broadway Tunnel, including bulb-outs, special crosswalk paving, new medians, street trees, bus stop improvements, and repaving.  Construction contract was advertised on August 19, 2015, but SFPW received only one bid that was 30% above the engineer's estimate. SFPW is re-advertising in November 2015.	November 2015	October 2016	\$7,102,487	\$3,410,537	\$3,477,802 <sup>1,3</sup>
ER Taylor Elementary School Safe Routes to School (SFPW)	Design and construct four pedestrian bulb outs at the intersection of Bacon and Gottingen near ER Taylor Elementary School to improve pedestrian safety.  The project is open for use.	June 2015	November 2015	\$604,573	\$519,631	\$452,366 <sup>3</sup>
Longfellow Elementary School Safe Routes to School (SFPW)	Design and construct pedestrian safety improvements at the intersections of Mission & Whittier, Mission & Whipple, and Mission & Lowell near Longfellow Elementary School.  Construction contract was advertised on July 10, 2015.	October 2015	June 2016	\$852,855	\$670,307	\$670,307
Mansell Corridor Improvement (San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA))	Design and construct of a complete streets project on Mansell Street from Visitacion Avenue to Brazil Street including reduction in number of vehicular lanes and creating a multiuse path for pedestrians and bicyclists.  Construction contract was advertised on June 25, 2015.	November 2015	September 2016	\$6,807,348	\$1,762,239	\$1,762,239
Masonic Avenue Complete Streets (SFMTA)	Construct complete streets improvements on Masonic Avenue from Fell to Geary, including reallocation of space to calm traffic, dedicated bicycle space (raised cycle track), and pedestrian enhancements.  Construction contract advertisement is scheduled for December 12, 2015.	June 2016	December 2017	\$22,785,900	\$0	\$0 <sup>2</sup>
Second Street Streetscape Improvement (SFPW)	Design and construct of a complete streets project on Second Street from Market to Townsend, including pedestrian safety improvements, a buffered cycle track, landscaping, and repaving.  EIR was certified on August 13, 2015.	September 2016	May 2017	\$13,378,174	\$10,515,746	\$10,515,746
Transbay Transit Center Bike and Pedestrian Improvements (Transbay Joint Powers Authority)	Construct pedestrian and bicycle projects associated with the Transbay Transit Center, including a pedestrian walkway, sidewalks, path-finding signage, real time passenger information, bike racks and channels, pedestrian lighting, and public art.  OBAG work will be implemented as part of various construction contracts for the Transbay Transit Center project.	July 2015	December 2017	\$11,480,440	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000
Light Rail Vehicle (LRV) Procurement (SFMTA)	Purchase 175 replacement LRVs and 25 expansion LRVs to help meet projected vehicle needs through 2020, including for the Central Subway.  The first new LRV is expected to roll out by the end of 2016.	September 2014 (procurement)	Through 2020	\$175,000,000	\$10,227,540	\$10,227,540 <sup>2</sup>
Lombard Street US-101 Corridor Improvement	Design and construct safety improvements along Lombard Street between Van Ness Avenue and Richardson Avenue, including curb extensions (pedestrian and transit bulb-outs), daylighting at intersections, signal timing improvements, advance stop bars and high visibility curb crosswalks.  SFPW and SFMTA are committed to delivering this project prior to a Caltrans paving project in 2018.	January 2017	March 2018	\$17,465,000	\$1,910,000	\$1,910,000 <sup>1</sup>
<b>Total OBAG:</b>					<b>\$35,016,000</b>	<b>\$35,016,000</b>

**Attachment 1**  
**One Bay Area Grant (OBAG) Cycle 1 Project**  
**List November 2015**

<sup>1</sup> \$1.91 million in OBAG funds were swapped with SFMTA local revenue bond funds because the OBAG funds were unavailable when needed. In October 2015, the Transportation Authority Board reprogrammed the OBAG funds to SFPW's Lombard Street US-101 Corridor Improvement via 2016 Regional Transportation Improvement Program, as requested by SFMTA and SFPW.

<sup>2</sup> In order to minimize risk of losing federal funds due to project delays, in February 2015, the Transportation Authority Board reprogrammed \$10,227,540 in OBAG funds from SFMTA's Masonic Avenue project to the LRV Procurement project, with the condition that SFMTA continue to follow OBAG reporting requirements for the Masonic Avenue project. See the Plans and Programs Committee memo (February 3, 2015) and Resolution 15-42 for more detail.

<sup>3</sup> [Pending Transportation Authority Board's approval on December 15, 2015] SFPW requests reprogramming the remaining OBAG funds (\$67,265) from the recently completed ER Taylor SR2S to Chinatown Broadway, which has received a higher-than-anticipated bid to its original construction contract advertisement.