



Agenda Item No. 2.a.

To: Finance-Auditing Committee/Committee of the Whole
Meeting of February 7, 2008

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Subject: **APPROVE ACTIONS RELATIVE TO FILING AN APPLICATION WITH
THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION FOR
PROGRAMMING RTIP/STIP FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE GOLDEN
GATE BRIDGE MOVEABLE MEDIAN BARRIER PROJECT**

Recommendation

The Finance-Auditing Committee recommends that the Board of Directors adopt a resolution authorizing the General Manager or her designee to execute for and on behalf of the District any actions necessary, including submitting related certification of assurances, relative to the filing of a grant application with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC).

Summary

In January 2008, the District filed an application with MTC for 2008 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP)/State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funds in the amount of \$20 million to support the Golden Gate Bridge Moveable Median Barrier project.

As a condition of grant award, project applicants are required to adopt a resolution authorizing the General Manager or her designee to act on behalf of the applicant and its governing body and to provide related certification of assurances as provided in Attachment A. This item authorizes actions necessary in order to secure RTIP/STIP funds to support the Golden Gate Bridge Moveable Median Barrier project.

Fiscal Impact

Approval of these actions will allow staff to file an application for grant funds that provide \$20 million to support the Golden Gate Bridge Moveable Median Barrier project.

Attachment

ATTACHMENT A

RTIP Project Application Certification of Assurances

The implementing agency certifies that the project for which Regional Improvement Program funding is requested meets the following project screening Criteria.

1. The project is eligible for consideration in the RTIP. Pursuant to Streets and Highways Code Section 164 (e), eligible projects include improving state highways, local roads, public transit, intercity rail, pedestrian, and bicycle facilities, and grade separation, transportation system management, transportation demand management, soundwall projects, intermodal facilities, and safety.
2. For the funds requested, no costs have/will be incurred prior to adoption into the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) by the California Transportation Commission (CTC).
3. A Project Study Report (PSR) or PSR equivalent has been prepared for the project.
4. The project budget included in Part 2 of the project application reflects current costs updated as of the date of application and escalated to the appropriate year.
5. The project is included in a local congestion management program (CMP). (Note: For those counties that have opted out of preparing a CMP in accordance with Government Code Section 65088.3, the project must be consistent with the capital improvement program adopted pursuant to MTC's funding agreement with the countywide transportation planning agency.)
6. The year of funding for any design, right-of-way and/or construction phases has taken into consideration the time necessary to obtain environmental clearance and permitting approval for the project.
7. The project is fully funded.
8. For projects with STIP federal funds, the implementing agency agrees to contact Caltrans and schedule and complete a field review within six months of the project being adopted or amended into the TIP.
9. For STIP construction funds, the implementing agency agrees to send a copy of the Caltrans LPP 01-06 "Award Information for STIP Projects – Attachment A" to MTC and the CMA, upon award.
10. The implementing agency agrees to be available for an audit of STIP funds, if requested.

The implementing agency also agrees to abide by all statutes, rules and regulations applying to the STIP, and to follow all requirements associated with the funds programmed to the project in the STIP.

These include, but are not limited to:

1. Environmental requirements: NEPA standards and procedures for all projects with Federal funds; CEQA standards and procedures for all projects programmed with State funds.
2. CTC requirements for transit projects, formerly associated with the Transit Capital Improvement (TCI) program. These include rules governing right-of-way acquisition, hazardous materials testing, and timely use of funds.
3. Federal Transit Administration (FTA) requirements for transit projects as outlined in FTA regulations and circulars.
4. Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Caltrans requirements for highway and other roadway projects as outlined in the Caltrans Local Programs Manual.
5. Federal air quality conformity requirements, and local project review requirements, as outlined in the adopted Bay Area Conformity Revision of the State Implementation Plan (SIP).