



Agenda Item No. (5)(a)

To: Finance-Auditing Committee/Committee of the Whole
Meeting of August 27, 2020

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Subject: **AUTHORIZE ACTIONS RELATED TO GRANT PROGRAMS**
(a) **AUTHORIZE ACTIONS RELATIVE TO THE APPLICATION AND**
AWARD OF CYCLE SIX LIFELINE TRANSPORTATION
PROGRAM FUNDS

Recommendation

The Finance-Auditing Committee recommends that the Board of Directors authorize the General Manager or his designees to execute for and on behalf of the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District grant applications and agreements and to take such other actions as necessary to secure funding relative to the Cycle Six Lifeline Transportation Program.

This matter will be presented to the Board of Directors at its August 28, 2020 meeting for appropriate action.

Summary

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) established a Lifeline Transportation Program (LTP) to assist in funding projects that 1) are intended to result in improved mobility for low-income residents of the nine San Francisco Bay Area counties, 2) are developed through a collaborative and inclusive planning process and 3) are proposed to address transportation gaps and/or barriers identified through a substantive community-based transportation plan or are otherwise based on a documented assessment of needs. Funding for the Cycle Six Lifeline Program comes from Federal Transit Agency Section 5307 funds.

MTC has issued a call for projects under the Cycle Six Lifeline Transportation Program. The Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District (District) proposes to submit an application for the Golden Gate Transit “Ambassador Program”, to strengthen District-specific regional transit information targeted for riders from low-income neighborhoods and three Communities of Concern in Marin County, namely, Marin City, the Canal area east of the San Rafael Transit Center, and Novato. The project proposes to hire and station “ambassadors” at the

three transit hubs that serve residents of those Communities of Concern. The transit ambassadors will provide low-income residents with wayfinding and Spanish-language assistance regarding service changes, information on service capacity limits and requirements of public health orders resulting from the COVID-19 global pandemic, such as the need to wear masks or facial coverings. The District will submit a grant application in the amount of \$276,982 for the project.

Background

The District has agreed to direct \$15,000 of its total allocated Cycle Six Lifeline Program funds of \$153,491 to Marin Transit to support their renovation of three bus shelters in the City of Novato. The remaining balance of allocated Cycle Six Lifeline Program funds for the District totaling \$138,491 will be expended on the Golden Gate Transit Ambassador Program Project.

Fiscal Impact

The total fiscal impact of the Golden Gate Transit Ambassador's Program is \$276,982 of which the District will contribute \$138,491 and, if successful, the District's application for Cycle Six Lifeline Program funds will award \$138,491 to support the total project cost. The fund source for the Lifeline Program is Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula funds from FY2019 and FY2020. The District intends to use the funds all in FY 20/21 and will be absorbed through the FY 20/21 Bus Operating Budget.