



Agenda Item No. (5)(a)

To: Finance-Auditing Committee/Committee of the Whole  
Meeting of May 18, 2023

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Subject: **AUTHORIZE ACTIONS RELATED TO GRANT PROGRAMS**  
**(a) AUTHORIZE THE FILING OF APPLICATIONS FOR FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION FORMULA PROGRAM AND SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM FUNDING FOR TRANSIT CAPITAL PROJECTS, COMMIT THE NECESSARY LOCAL MATCH, AND ASSURE THE COMPLETION OF THE PROJECTS**

### **Recommendation**

The Finance-Auditing Committee recommends that the Board of Directors authorize the General Manager or his designee to submit and execute grant applications, cooperative agreements, and certifications and assurances as required by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for federal funding assistance for Sections 5307, 5309, 5337, and 5339 formula programs, and by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for Surface Transportation Program (STP) funding to support transit projects, commit the necessary local match funds for the projects, and assure completion of the projects.

This matter will be presented to the Board of Directors at its May 19, 2023, meeting for appropriate action.

### **Summary**

In its meeting of April 22, 2022, the Board of Directors approved Resolution 2022-027 authorizing the filing of FTA Urbanized Area Formula Program (Section 5307), State of Good Repair (Section 5337), Bus and Bus Facilities (Section 5339), and FHWA STP funds programmed by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) to support the implementation of transit projects for FFYs 2021-22 through 2023-24. The staff report accompanying Resolution 2022-027 noted that MTC would be programming additional funding for this three-year period.

The item before you details additional funding that has been programmed to the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District (District) since the initial approval of Resolution 2022-027.

Staff requests authorization to submit and execute grant applications and certifications for the projects and the funding amounts as shown in Table 1. The projects are based on the amount of federal funds anticipated to be programmed by MTC through MTC’s Transit Capital Priorities (TCP) policy for three federal fiscal years (FFY). Table 1 includes the estimated total cost and the required local match to implement the projects.

**Table 1: FFY22-FFY24 FTA Funding Program, Original and Amended**

<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Original FTA Funds Programmed</b>	<b>Original District Local Match</b>	<b>Additional FTA Funds Programmed</b>	<b>Additional District Local Match</b>	<b>Total for Three-Year Program of Projects</b>
Replacement Ferry - CARB Compliance	16,000,000	4,000,000	-	-	20,000,000
Ferry Channel and Berth Dredging	10,700,000	2,675,000	1,016,500	254,125	14,645,625
Ferry Vessels Major Components Rehabilitation	6,452,139	1,613,035	1,016,500	254,125	9,335,799
Replace Conventional Over-the-Road Coaches with Zero-Emission Buses (ZEBs)	13,292,000	3,323,000	-	-	16,615,000
Collision Avoidance System	840,000	210,000	-	-	1,050,000
ZEB Infrastructure Design	-	-	1,012,172	253,043	1,265,215
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>47,284,139</b>	<b>11,821,035</b>	<b>3,045,172</b>	<b>761,293</b>	<b>62,911,639</b>
<b>Total FTA</b>					<b>50,329,311</b>
<b>Total District Match</b>					<b>12,582,328</b>

The FTA Section 5307 funds are authorized to support public transit activities. Section 5337 funds are authorized for existing rail and ferry systems. Section 5339 funds are authorized for the replacement, rehabilitation, and purchase of buses and related equipment and to construct bus-related facilities. FHWA STP funds are authorized to support various transportation activities.

In the San Francisco Bay Area Region, MTC is responsible for programming these federal funds. In partnership with County Congestion Management Agencies and local transit agencies, MTC has developed a multi-modal approach to program these funds to high-priority transit, bicycle,

pedestrian, and roadway projects. After MTC programs the funds, individual project sponsors secure these funds through grant applications and grant funding agreements.

A portion of the funding listed in Table 1 for the *Replace Conventional Over-the-Road Coaches with Zero-Emission Buses (ZEBs)* project is currently programmed for the purchase of diesel buses. GGBHTD staff will request to reprogram these funds to ZEB purchases based on the District's decision to forgo further diesel bus purchases. MTC will program additional amounts for ZEB Infrastructure and Fixed Guideway projects in FFY24 that are not yet included in the current program. Furthermore, amounts and projects that are programmed for FFY24 are subject to change based on realignment of regional needs. District Staff will bring an item to the Board in 2024 that will identify these programming additions or changes.

### **Fiscal Impact**

This item provides up to \$50,329,311 in federal capital funds for FFYs 2021-22 through 2023-24 for transit-related projects, an increase of \$3,045,172 over the previously approved federal amount of \$47,284,139. The District's total local match for these funds is \$12,582,328, an increase of \$761,293 over the previously approved local match commitment of \$11,821,035. These transit projects are included in the District's FY2022-23 Capital Budget and/or the 10-Year Capital Plan.

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