

ALAMEDA-CONTRA COSTA TRANSIT DISTRICT



STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 12/13/2023

Staff Report No. 23-541

TO: AC Transit Board of Directors
FROM: Michael A. Hursh, General Manager/Chief Executive Officer
SUBJECT: FY22-23 Transit Performance Initiative (TPI) Investment

ACTION ITEM

AGENDA PLANNING REQUEST:

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Consider adoption of Resolutions 23-043 and 23-044 authorizing the General Manager, or his designee, to file and execute applications and funding agreements with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) for the FY 2022-23 Transit Performance Initiative - Investment (TPI-Investment) grant program for the Foothill Corridor Planning Study and MacDonald Transit Signal Priority (TSP) Project.

Staff Contact:
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STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE:

Goal - Financial Stability and Resiliency
Initiative - Financial Efficiency and Revenue Maximization

The award of these grant funds for these projects will help the District fund vital capital projects that will improve transit performance.

BUDGETARY/FISCAL IMPACT:

The District has been programmed approximately \$3.8 million in Fiscal Year 2022-23 TPI-Investment program grant funds to do a planning study of the Foothill Corridor in Oakland and install Transit Signal Priority (TSP) equipment and optimize bus stops along MacDonald Avenue in Richmond. As was previously identified, a local match of 11.47% (approximately \$500,000) is required, which will come from District capital or other grants.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

The TPI program is administered by MTC. For FY 2023, MTC estimates a minimum of \$15 million of One Bay Area Grant (OBAG) funds along with a potential augmentation of \$4 to \$6 million Cap-and-Trade Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) funds. The TPI program's goal is to fund lower-cost capital improvements that will improve operations and customer experience on urban trunk lines.

The funds have been programmed by MTC, and resolutions are required from the District to fulfill the requirements of the OBAG program.

The funding is for the following projects:

1. Foothill Corridor Planning Study

- The Foothill Boulevard study/plan will create a transit corridor plan for Foothill Boulevard in Oakland between Eastmont Transit Center and Lake Merritt. The study will identify capital improvements and service changes needed to improve transit along the Foothill corridor. The total project cost is approximately \$1.7 million.

2. MacDonald TSP Project

- This project will install TSP equipment along MacDonald Avenue in Richmond. The project will also include traffic signal upgrades, signal communication, and signal timing coordination. In addition, bus stops along the corridor will be improved through relocation, consolidation, and/or installation of bus bulbs/islands. The total project cost is approximately \$3.9 million.

ADVANTAGES/DISADVANTAGES:

There are no disadvantages staff can identify for this action, the resolutions are necessary to allow the District to receive the funding for which it has already applied.

ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS:

None

PRIOR RELEVANT BOARD ACTION/POLICIES:

SR 21-378: Application for FY21 FTA Areas of Persistent Poverty Program

SR 22-353: 2024 Comprehensive Investment Plan and OBAG 3 Projects Submission

SR 22-582: FY22-23 Transit Performance Initiative (TPI) Investment Application

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution 23-043: Foothill Corridor Planning Study
2. Resolution 23-044: MacDonald Avenue Transit Signal Priority (TSP) Project

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