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TO: CTA Executive Directors

RE: Safe and Seamless Mobility Quick-Strike Program – Call for Nominations

Dear CTA Executive Directors:

On January 27, 2021, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) approved MTC Resolution No. 4202, Revised, which included the policy framework for the Safe and Seamless Mobility Quick-Strike program. The detailed program guidelines, located in Appendix A-11 to the One Bay Area Grant (OBAG 2) program resolution, are provided as an attachment (**Attachment 1**). OBAG 2 policies, procedures, and requirements apply to the Safe & Seamless program unless specified otherwise in Appendix A-11.

The purpose of this letter is to release the call for project nomination letters for the Safe & Seamless grant program and provide additional guidance on the solicitation process. Project nomination letters for projects submitted as part of county targets are to be submitted by the Bay Area County Transportation Agencies (CTAs). Project sponsors and interested stakeholders are encouraged to work with the applicable CTA (or multiple CTAs for multi-county projects) for submittal of project nominations. This call does not include the projects to be identified by the Blue Ribbon Transit Recovery Task Force, which will follow a different process.

Project Nominations

CTAs are invited to submit project nomination letters to MTC for projects located within their counties, as well as multi-county and regional projects for the respective county target. Letters should describe the CTA's process to identify and prioritize projects for this competitive grant opportunity. CTAs should also list, in narrative form or in a table, the projects being nominated, along with brief project descriptions and the amount of funds requested for each project.

Attached to the project nomination letters, CTAs must also provide completed project information forms for each project (**Attachment 2**).

In addition to these materials required to be submitted directly by the CTAs, project sponsors must submit a Complete Streets checklist for each nominated project into MTC's Complete Streets Database: <https://completestreets.mtc.ca.gov/>.

Nomination letters, project information forms, and Complete Streets checklists must be submitted no later than Tuesday, March 30, 2021. Nomination letters and project information forms should be sent to Mallory Atkinson at matkinson@bayareametro.gov. Complete Streets checklists should be uploaded directly into the online database, linked above.

Project Evaluation & Final Project Applications

In April, MTC staff will evaluate project nominations using the established program criteria, funding eligibility, and focus areas. Staff will consider each CTA's nominations independently as well as in relation to other county submissions and regional priorities to develop its initial funding proposal. Staff will share its initial funding proposal with the Bay Area Partnership Board for discussion and feedback.

CTAs and project sponsors will be notified of MTC staff's funding recommendation by May 3, 2021. Project sponsors recommended for funding must submit the final application materials to MTC by May 21, 2021.

Final application materials include:

- ❖ Project submission in MTC's Financial Management System (FMS) <https://fms.mtc.ca.gov/fms/home.ds>, which will include detailed information on project scope, funding, and performance metrics.
- ❖ Written response to any remaining project-specific questions from MTC's evaluation team.
- ❖ Project map with sufficient detail to clearly identify the location and extent of the project.
- ❖ A signed Local Agency Compliance Checklist (**Attachment 3**). CTAs and local agencies should review this checklist carefully. Although these requirements were included in the OBAG 2 County Program, additional actions will be required for sponsors to satisfy the requirements for the Safe & Seamless grant program. These requirements include a review of the project's Complete Streets checklist by the appropriate Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Council, submission of the Housing Element annual progress report for 2020, and adoption of a Resolution of Local Support for the project. In addition, sponsors that have not yet adopted a resolution affirming compliance with California's Surplus Lands Act must now do so. This final requirement will primarily affect charter cities, which were not required to adopt such a resolution at the time of the OBAG 2 County Program adoption.

Please note that project sponsors have only *two weeks* to submit the final required materials to MTC. To meet this aggressive timeline, project sponsors are encouraged to submit their project into FMS in advance of being notified of MTC staff's funding recommendation. Additionally, sponsors should seek early Council or Board approvals of the resolutions required in the Local Agency Compliance Checklist.

The responses to project-specific questions, project maps, and the completed Local Agency Compliance Checklist must be submitted no later than Friday, May 21, 2021. Project data should be uploaded directly into FMS, linked above. Responses to project questions, project maps, and checklists should be sent to Mallory Atkinson at matkinson@bayareametro.gov.

Program Approval

Staff anticipates presenting its recommended program of projects to the MTC Commission for consideration and approval at its June 2021 meeting.

Sincerely,



Theresa Romell
Funding Policy and Programs

Attachments

Attachment 1: Safe & Seamless Mobility Quick-Strike Program – MTC Resolution No. 4202,
Revised, Appendix A-11

Attachment 2: Project Information Form

Attachment 3: Local Agency Compliance Checklist

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