

Bay Area Toll Authority
Oversight Committee

January 10, 2024

Agenda Item 4e – 24-0057

**BATA Resolution No. 176 - Regional Measure 3 (RM3) Richmond-San Rafael Bridge
Access Improvements: Implementing Agency Resolution of Project Compliance –
Allocation Request**

Subject:

A request that the Committee approve referral of BATA Resolution No. 176 to the Authority for an RM3 Allocation Request for the Interstate 580 (I-580) Richmond Parkway Interchange Operational Improvements Project and the Cutting Boulevard Transit Improvements Project.

Background:

The RM3 Expenditure Plan includes the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge Access Improvements project, which funds access and operational improvements in the bridge corridor, including Richmond Parkway interchange improvements. A sum of \$75 million is dedicated to projects in Contra Costa County, and BATA and the Contra Costa Transportation Authority are eligible project sponsors. BATA is seeking an RM3 Allocation Request for the following two projects in Contra Costa County that would improve access to the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge corridor.

I-580 Richmond Parkway Interchange Operational Improvements Project: As part of the Richmond-San Rafael Forward: Richmond-San Rafael Bridge Open Road Tolling and I-580 Westbound High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lane Project, a Design Alternatives Assessment (DAA) was completed in Spring of 2023 and evaluated a variety of strategies to address congestion during morning commute hours as local and regional traffic attempt to access westbound I-580 at the Castro Street and Richmond Parkway interchanges in the City of Richmond leading to westbound I-580. The DAA projected that improving access at Castro Street would provide the most benefit to overall traffic operations on local roads and the neighborhood. This project will include converting the southbound Castro Street inside through lane to a left turn lane and widening the loop on-ramp to receive two lanes, and could include other improvements, such as making the inside left turn lane an HOV-only lane, depending on the selected alternative. This allocation request of \$950,000 will fund the Caltrans project approval process, environmental, and advanced preliminary engineering for the project.

Cutting Boulevard Transit Improvements Project: This project seeks to improve transit access and operations in the corridor by implementing Transit Signal Priority (TSP) and bus stop improvements along Cutting Boulevard in the City of Richmond for the Golden Gate Transit Route 580, which serves travel across the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge. The TSP will benefit both Golden Gate Transit and AC Transit service along Cutting Boulevard. The project will include signal controller and other related upgrades to support TSP along Cutting Boulevard west of I-80 to the I-580 on and off-ramps. The stop improvements will include pedestrian access and stop amenities for the shared Golden Gate Transit and AC Transit stops. This allocation request of \$450,000 will fund planning, environmental, and advanced preliminary engineering for the project. While BATA will serve as the project sponsor, the Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District (AC Transit) will serve as the implementing agency for the project given TSP implementation experience and potential synergies or economies of scale with similar concurrent work they are leading in another corridor in Richmond.

Issues:

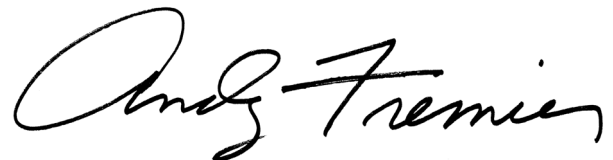
None identified.

Recommendations:

Staff recommends that the Committee refer BATA Resolution No. 176, Regional Measure 3 Richmond-San Rafael Bridge Access Improvements: Implementing Agency Resolution of Project Compliance – Allocation Request, to the Authority for approval.

Attachments:

Attachment A: BATA Resolution No. 176, Regional Measure 3 Richmond-San Rafael Bridge Access Improvements: Implementing Agency Resolution of Project Compliance – Allocation Request.



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