

Bay Area Toll Authority
Oversight Committee

April 10, 2024

Agenda Item 5a-24-0368

Funding Agreement – Cutting Boulevard Transit Priority Project: AC Transit (\$3,000,000)

Subject:

Request for Committee approval to enter into a funding agreement with AC Transit in an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000 to procure and manage consultants and contractors to plan, environmentally clear, design, and construct the Cutting Boulevard Transit Priority Project, subject to the approval of BATA FY 2023-24 Operating and Capital Budgets Amendment No. 2.

Background:

The Cutting Boulevard Transit Priority Project exemplifies collaborative efforts by MTC and transit operators to implement transit priority and improve the transit customer experience as called for in the Transit Transformation Action Plan. The Project seeks to improve transit access and operations in the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge 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 travels across the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge. Additionally, the TSP will benefit Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District (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. While BATA is the project sponsor, AC Transit will serve as the implementing agency for the project given TSP implementation experience, work on complementary scope for improvements at bus stops along Cutting Boulevard served by AC Transit only, and economies of scale expected by coordinating with a similar transit priority project they are leading concurrently for another corridor in Richmond.

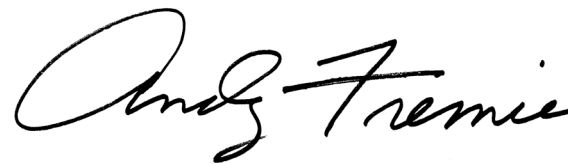
The Regional Measure 3 (RM3) Expenditure Plan includes the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge Access Improvements project, which funds access and operational improvements in the bridge corridor. A sum of \$75 million is dedicated to projects in Contra Costa County and BATA and Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) are eligible project sponsors. In January 2024, the Authority approved an RM3 allocation request resolution of \$450,000 for the Cutting Boulevard Transit Priority Project to fund planning, environmental, and advanced preliminary engineering for the project. The Authority also approved the Initial Project Report which estimates the total cost of the RM3-eligible scope of the project to be \$3,000,000. In February 2024, CCTA approved a resolution concurring with the allocation request, and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission approved the RM3 allocation for \$450,000. In March 2024, the Commission approved the distribution of Cap and Trade Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) funds to implement improvements at AC Transit-only bus stops along the Cutting Boulevard corridor, which will complement the RM3-funded scope.

Issues:

None identified.

Recommendations:

Staff recommends that the Committee authorize the Executive Director or designee to negotiate and enter into a funding agreement with AC Transit to deliver the Project in an amount of \$3,000,000, subject to approval of the FY 23-24 BATA Budget Amendment 2.



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Request for Committee Approval

Summary of Proposed Funding Agreement

Work Item No.: 8452

Agency: Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District

Work Project Title: Cutting Boulevard Transit Priority Project

Purpose of Project: Improve transit access and operations in the Cutting Boulevard corridor.

Brief Scope of Work: Procure and manage consultants and contractors to plan, environmentally clear, design, and construct the Cutting Boulevard Transit Priority Project

Project Cost Not to Exceed: \$3,000,000

Funding Source: RM3

Fiscal Impact: Funding is included in the BATA FY 2023-24 Capital Budget, subject to approval of Amendment 2.

Motion by Committee: That the Executive Director or designee is authorized to negotiate and enter into a funding agreement with AC Transit for scope described above and in the BATA Oversight Committee Summary Sheet dated April 10, 2024 and that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to set aside \$3,000,000 for such agreement, subject to the approval of the FY BATA 2023-24 Budget Amendment 2.

Bay Area Toll Authority:

Federal D. Glover, Chair

Approved: April 10, 2024