



Transportation Committee

February 27, 2014

Funding for the Downtown/Riverfront Streetcar Project Using Proposition 1B Transit – Public Transportation Modernization, Improvement, and Service Enhancement Account (PTMISEA) Funds

Issue: Should funding be approved for a PTMISEA transit project?

Recommendation: That the Transportation Committee recommend that the Board approve the reprogramming of \$1.57 million in regional PTMISEA funding to the Sacramento Regional Transit District (RT) for continued work on the Downtown/Riverfront Streetcar project; and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to sign and submit required Division of Mass Transportation applications and forms and enter into a subrecipient agreement with RT.

Discussion: The PTMISEA program is a ten-year, transit capital, state bond program, and SACOG is the recipient of regional (GC 8879.55(a)(2)/PUC 99313) funds for the four-county region. SACOG passes the funding through to transit agencies that act as project sponsors. The Transit Coordinating Committee (TCC) is responsible for reviewing PTMISEA project applications and making recommendations to the Transportation Committee and the Board of Directors.

SACOG previously awarded \$2.8 million in PTMISEA regional funds to RT for the Paratransit Vehicle Replacement project. In November 2012, the SACOG Board approved allocating \$800,000 of the original \$2.8 million for Mobile Access Routers (MAR) for RT's bus fleet, which left a balance of \$2 million.

At its February 19, 2014, meeting, the TCC recommended approval of the reprogramming of \$1.57 million of the remaining fund balance to the Downtown/Riverfront Streetcar Project to continue project development activities. The Downtown/Riverfront Streetcar is a multi-jurisdictional project, with project development costs of this regionally-significant project being shared by multiple partner agencies, including RT. The \$1.57 million total is equivalent to the amount of regional funding awarded for paratransit vehicle replacements in December 2013, as part of the biennial flexible funding round. Board approval of the reprogramming recommendation will result in a \$0.33 million balance in RT's Paratransit Vehicle Replacement project account.

Upon Board approval, the funding application for this project will be submitted to the Caltrans Division of Mass Transportation. In addition, the necessary forms and a subrecipient agreement will be prepared and executed with RT.

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