



AGENDA REPORT

Public Works

DATE:	December 20, 2022
TO:	Mayor Butt and Members of the City Council
FROM:	Daniel Chavarria, Director of Public Works Patrick Phelan, Infrastructure Administrator
Subject:	One Bay Area Grant 3 (OBAG 3) Applications for Bayview-to-BART and McBryde Ave Safe Routes to Parks Projects
FINANCIAL IMPACT:	No impact to the General Fund. A local match of at least 11.47 percent is required. The Bayview project match is \$229,419 and McBryde is \$140,899. Local match will come from Measure J funds and the Public Works paving program.
PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:	None
STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE:	City staff submitted two applications to the One Bay Area Grant 3 (OBAG 3) grant fund in the Active Transportation and Safety category. Proposed projects are “Bayview-to-BART” and “McBryde Ave Complete Streets.”
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	ADOPT resolutions authorizing the filing of applications for funding assigned to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), committing any necessary matching funds, and stating assurance to complete the project – Public Works (Daniel Chavarria/Patrick Phelan 510-307-8111).

DISCUSSION:

The One Bay Area Grant (OBAG), now in its third iteration, guides how the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) distributes federal transportation funding from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to projects and programs that improve safety, spur economic development, and help the Bay Area meet climate change and air quality improvement goals. The third round of OBAG was adopted by the MTC in January 2022 and includes more than \$750 million in federal funding for projects from Fiscal Year 2022-2023 to Fiscal Year 2025-2026. The OBAG 3 County and Local Program is managed by MTC in partnership with the nine Bay Area County Transportation Agencies.

Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) is responsible for developing and submitting a prioritized countywide project nomination list to MTC. Contra Costa County is estimated to receive \$47.3 million in OBAG 3 funding between 2023-2026. Contra Costa is focusing efforts around encouraging active transportation like bicycling and walking, supporting safe routes to schools, implementing complete streets, and upgrading our countywide traffic signal system to 'smarter' signals that can prioritize transit and emergency vehicles and help improve safety for people walking/biking at intersections.

City staff worked with neighborhood groups and the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee to develop two projects that fit the metrics and scoring criteria of the grant while also capitalizing on existing and planned roadway improvements. The applications included Letters of Support from Caltrans, East Bay Regional Park District, Groundwork Richmond, Rich City Rides, East Richmond Neighborhood Council, County Supervisor John Gioia, City of El Cerrito, City of San Pablo, Trails for Richmond Action Committee, AC Transit, and Bike East Bay. Both Richmond projects were nominated by CCTA for funding.

The Bayview-to-BART project will create a safe and comfortable walking and biking route connecting the Del Norte BART station to the San Francisco Bay Trail. It capitalizes on existing multi-use paths, ties into El Cerrito's Transit Oriented Development Complete Streets Project and will improve conditions around parks and schools. The project will build Class II bike lanes on Potrero Avenue (using designs drafted by City staff for a previous unfunded project) as well as build Class IV protected bike lanes on the Bayview Avenue overpass over I-580 (using a design funded by MTC). ADA-compliant curb ramps, sidewalk repairs, pavement rehabilitation, and street trees will be included throughout the project.

The McBryde Ave Safe Routes to Parks project will create a safe and comfortable walking and biking route from an existing bike route on 37th Street, through the San Pablo Ave Planned Development Area (PDA), and across I-80 to Wildcat Canyon Regional Park. Improvements include resurfacing, a road diet from four (4) to two (2) vehicle lanes with a center turn lane and bike lanes, traffic signal modifications, curb

ramps, curb extensions, high visibility crosswalks, sidewalk gap closures, traffic calming, and street trees. Scheduled paving of McBryde Avenue will make up part of the local match.

A resolution of local support, using a pre-established template, is a requirement of the grant application process and needs to be completed by the end of 2022.

DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:

Attachment 1 – Resolution for Bayview

Attachment 2 – Resolution for McBryde

Attachment 3 – Bayview-to-BART project documents

Attachment 4 – McBryde Ave Safe Routes to Parks project documents