

## **Public Works**

## AGENDA REPORT

DATE:	August 26, 2025
ТО:	Mayor Martinez and Members of the City Council
FROM:	Daniel Chavarria, PE, Director of Public Works Robert Armijo, PE, Deputy Director of Public Works/City Engineer Janney Lockman, AICP, Associate Transportation Planner
Subject:	A resolution to accept and appropriate the Housing Incentive Pool grant for the Bayview to BART and McBryde Avenue Safe Routes to Parks Projects.
FINANCIAL IMPACT:	The City of Richmond has been awarded Housing Incentive Pool (HIP) grant funding in the amount of \$450,000 for the Bayview to BART Project, and \$922,000 for the McBryde Safe Routes to Parks Project.  Required match funding is available through the Measure J Fund. There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund.  Funds will be appropriated to the Engineering Grant Fund (Fund 1054) as follows:  Bayview to BART (\$450,000) – Account Strings: 20236031-400733-23040 & 20236031-40078-23040  McBryde Safe Routes to Parks (\$922,000) – Account Strings: 20236031-40073-23039 & 20236031-400708-23039
PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:	March 25, 2025

STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE:	City staff recommends City Council approval to accept and appropriate Housing Incentive Pool (HIP) grant funds for the Bayview to BART Project and the McBryde Safe Routes to Parks Projects.
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	ADOPT a resolution to ACCEPT and APPROPRIATE Housing Incentive Pool (HIP) grant funding in the amount of \$450,000 for the Bayview to BART Project and \$922,000 for the McBryde Safe Routes to Parks Project – Public Works (Janney Lockman 510-307-8097 / Robert Armijo 510-620-5477).

## **DISCUSSION:**

On March 25, 2025, Richmond City Council adopted Resolution 28-25 to apply for the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's (MTC) Housing Incentive Pool Grant (HIP) to support the Bayview to BART Project and McBryde Safe Routes to Parks Project. The City was awarded \$450,000 for the Bayview to BART Project, and \$922,000 for the McBryde Safe Routes to Parks Projects. City staff now recommend that the City Council accept and appropriate these funds for the design and construction of both projects.

The MTC HIP grant allocated \$71 million on a per-unit basis to the 15 Bay Area jurisdictions that issued the greatest number of Certificates of Occupancy for housing units affordable to low-, very low-, and moderate-incomes from 2018-2022. Funding is restricted to transportation projects that support new housing production. Richmond ranked 5th in the Bay Area for total Certificates of Occupancy issued and as a result, was eligible for up to \$2,450,000 in HIP funding. The remaining \$1,078,000 was awarded to the Downtown Point Richmond Bicycle and Pedestrian Connectivity Project, which is being accepted and appropriated through a separate resolution. As part of the HIP funding request, staff also requested funding to construct bus shelters on Carlson Boulevard, however, this project was not awarded funding.

The Bayview to BART Project aims to create a safer and more accessible walking and biking connection between the El Cerrito Del Norte BART station to the San Francisco Bay Trail. It will connect existing multi-use trails, improve conditions around parks and schools, and tie into an existing bicycle and pedestrian project in the City of El Cerrito.

The McBryde Safe Routes to Parks Project will make improvements on McBryde Avenue from 37th Street to Wildcat Canyon Regional Park, enhancing pedestrian and bicycle comfort and safety. When completed, this project will connect to the existing

bicycle route on 37th Street and across I-80 to Wildcat Canyon Regional Park, creating a continuous active transportation route.

City staff recommends City Council adopt the accompanying resolution to accept and appropriate HIP grant funds to the Engineering Grant Fund (Fund 1054) for both projects.

## **DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:**

Attachment 1 – Resolution Attachment 2 – MTC Resolution No. 4202 Attachment B-1 - OBAG 2 Regional Programs Project List