

MEMO

Submitted by: Laura Thompson, Bay Trail Project Manager

Subject: Adoption of resolution and authorization to submit grant application and enter into contract with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) for Bridge Toll Funds to support the San Francisco Bay Trail Project

Date: May 7, 2012

Executive Summary

On June 22, 2011, MTC adopted revised programming and allocation policies for the Two Percent Bridge Toll Reserve Funds and Five Percent Unrestricted State Funds. These funds are allocated to projects which are designed to reduce vehicular traffic congestion -- such as the San Francisco Bay Trail, a visionary plan for a shared-use bicycle and pedestrian path that will one day allow 500 miles of continuous travel around San Francisco Bay. Resolution No. 4015 establishes annual program management and capital support for ABAG's Bay Trail Project by identifying Bridge Toll funds for this purpose. Bridge Toll Funds provide a stable annual funding source for program management and capital support to complete the remaining 175 miles of planned Bay Trail.

A grant application to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission will be submitted with the attached resolution requesting \$707,575 in Bridge Toll Funds.

Recommended Action

Bay Trail staff requests the Executive Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing ABAG to submit a grant application for Two Percent Bridge Toll Reserve Funds and Five Percent Unrestricted State Funds and enter into an agreement with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission.

Next Steps

Enter into an agreement with MTC for program and capital support of the San Francisco Bay Trail Project.

Attachment

Resolution

**ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS
EXECUTIVE BOARD**

RESOLUTION NO. 07-12

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS
TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE METROPOLITAN
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION FOR FY 2012/2013 TWO PERCENT BRIDGE
TOLL RESERVE FUNDS AND FIVE PERCENT UNRESTRICTED STATE FUNDS
AND TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR PROGRAM AND CAPITAL SUPPORT OF
THE BAY TRAIL**

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Bay Trail, administered by ABAG, is a visionary plan for a shared-use bicycle and pedestrian path that will one day allow continuous travel around San Francisco Bay extending over 500 miles to link the shoreline of nine counties, passing through 47 cities and crossing seven toll bridges as a transportation alternative to motor vehicles; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Streets and Highways Code Section 30913(b), MTC has allocated two-thirds of the Two Percent Bridge Toll Reserve Funds of the Regional Measure 1 (RM1) toll increase to projects which are designed to reduce vehicular traffic congestion and improve bridge operations on any bridge, including, but not limited to, bicycle facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Five Percent Unrestricted State Funds are to be programmed and allocated for ferry transit and bicycle-related planning and ABAG's Bay Trail Project is identified as the sole priority for the Five Percent Unrestricted State Funds for bicycle planning; and

WHEREAS, ABAG's Bay Trail Project has received annual allocations from the Five Percent Unrestricted State Funds since the early 1990s and is an eligible recipient of the Two Percent Bridge Toll Reserve Funds; and

WHEREAS, MTC sets forth in adopted Resolution No. 4015 annual funding allocations for ABAG's Bay Trail Project from the Two Percent Bridge Toll Reserve Funds (\$450,000) and the Five Percent Unrestricted State Funds (\$257,575); and

WHEREAS, staff has identified a need for program and capital support for projects necessary to complete the remaining 175 miles of Bay Trail.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Board of the Association of Bay Area Governments approves the application for funding assistance and authorizes its Executive Director, or his/her designee, to execute and submit allocation requests to MTC for FY 2012/2013 Two Percent Bridge Toll Reserves Funds and Five Percent Unrestricted State Funds and to enter into all agreements necessary to secure these funds.

The foregoing adopted by the Executive Board this 17th day of May, 2012.

Mark Luce
President

Certification of Executive Board Approval

I, the undersigned, the appointed and qualified Secretary-Treasurer of the Association of Bay Area Governments (Association), do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Executive Board of the Association at a duly called meeting held on the 17th day of May, 2012.

Ezra Rapport
Secretary-Treasurer

Approved as To Legal Form

Kenneth K. Moy
Legal Counsel