ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS
Representing City and County Governments of the San Francisco Bay Area

ABAG

MEMO

Submitted by: Laura Thompson, Bay Trail Project Manager

Subject: Request for Authorization to Submit $250,000 Grant Application and Enter into Contract with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission

Date: July 16, 2009

Executive Summary

Authorization is requested to submit a grant application to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission under the Bridge Toll Funds "Five Percent Unrestricted State Funds" category and to enter into an agreement with MTC in the amount of $250,000 for administration of the San Francisco Bay Trail Project.

Recommended Action

Executive Board Authorization to Submit $250,000 Grant Application and enter into contract with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission.

Next Steps

Enter into contract with MTC in an amount of $250,000 for administration of the San Francisco Bay Trail Project.

Attachments

Item 6.E.

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The San Francisco Bay Trail Project will submit a funding application request in the amount of $250,000 to MTC under the FY 2009-2010 Bridge Toll Funds Five Percent Unrestricted State Funds category, pending Executive Board authorization.

The Bay Trail is the foundation of the region's non-motorized transportation system and is closely tied to MTC's mission of supporting the development of bicycle and pedestrian facilities. In recognition of the Bay Trail's role in reducing congestion by providing transportation alternatives, the project has been supported through the Five Percent Unrestricted State Funds program since the early 1990s. In April this year, MTC adopted new eligibility standards identifying ABAG's Bay Trail Project as the sole priority for the Five Percent State General Fund Revenues for bicycle planning.

The revised policy reads: "Program 5% State General Fund Revenues from the northern and southern bridge groups to ABAG for administration of the San Francisco Bay Trail [P]roject at a $250,000 funding level. The amount of 5% State General Fund Revenues programmed to ABAG shall be adjusted by the rate of increase in 5% State General Fund Revenues or the rate of increase in the Consumer Price Index, whichever is less, every three years, with the first adjustment occurring with FY 20011-12 based calculations."

MTC's financial contribution to ABAG for administrative support of the Bay Trail Project has made it possible to provide dedicated staff for this regional project and to coordinate the completion of the Bay Trail through education, outreach, fundraising and technical support for shoreline jurisdictions.