

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: July 8, 2011

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. State funds from the Coastal Conservancy currently used to finance the operation and completion of the Bay Trail have been expended. Bridge Toll Funds will provide a new stable annual funding source for program management and capital support to complete the remaining 190 miles of planned Bay Trail.

A grant application to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission will be submitted with the attached resolution requesting \$702,500 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 contract with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission.

Next Steps

Enter into contract 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. 10-11

**AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE METROPOLITAN
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011/2012 TWO PERCENT
BRIDGE TOLL RESERVE FUNDS AND FIVE PERCENT UNRESTRICTED STATE
FUNDS AND TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT 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 (\$252,500) and the Five Percent Unrestricted State Funds (\$450,000); and

WHEREAS, staff has identified a need for program and capital support for projects necessary to complete the remaining 190 miles of Bay Trail.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that 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 2011/2012 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 21st day of July, 2011.

Mark Green
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 21st day of July, 2011.

Ezra Rapport
Secretary-Treasurer

Approved as To Legal Form

Kenneth K. Moy
Legal Counsel

