El Cerrito	West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee
Hercules	TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE & AGENDA
Pinole	DATE & TIME:Thursday, September 13, 2018 • 9:00 AM – 11:00 AMLOCATION:WCCTAC Offices • 6333 Potrero Ave. at San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito, CA 94530TRANSIT OPTIONS:Accessible by AC Transit #72, #72R, #72M & El Cerrito del Norte BART Station1.CALL TO ORDER and SELF-INTRODUCTIONS
Richmond	 Estimated Time*: 9:00 AM, (5 minutes) 2. PUBLIC COMMENT Estimated Time*: 9:05 AM, (5 minutes)
San Pablo	 The public is welcome to address the TAC on any item that is not listed on the agenda. Please fill out a speaker card and hand it to staff. Please limit your comments to 3 minutes. Pursuant to provisions of the Brown Act, no action may be taken on a matter unless it is listed on the agenda, or unless certain emergency or special circumstances exist. The TAC may direct staff to investigate and/or schedule certain matters for consideration at a future TAC meeting. 3. CONSENT CALENDAR Estimated Time*: 9:10 AM, (5 minutes)
Contra Costa County	 A. Minutes & Sign in Sheet from July 12, 2018 Recommendation: Approve as presented. Attachment: Yes 4. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS
AC Transit	 A. STMP Nexus Update: Feedback from Local Staff on Possible Fee Level and Outline for Administrative Guidelines Description: At the August 3, 2018 meeting, the WCCTAC Board received a presentation on the maximum potential STMP fee that could be charged based on the nexus analysis. WCCTAC staff requested that the Board make its recommendation at its September meeting on the fee level it desires to set. In the interim, we asked that each TAC member provide a
BART	progress report at the September TAC meeting on their jurisdiction's feedback on the fee level to date. Another aspect of the STMP Nexus Update is development of administrative guidelines which is intended as a reference document when the update is completed. The consultants have prepared an outline of this future document, see attached, and noted items requiring TAC input. At the meeting, we plan on soliciting input on these discussion items.
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Recommendation: TAC members are asked to provide verbal progress reports on local discussions of possible STMP fee levels. Review and provide feedback on outline of Administrative Guidelines.

Attachment: Yes

Presenter/Lead Staff: Bob Spencer, Urban Economics, Julie Morgan and Francisco Martin, Fehr and Peers / Leah Greenblat, WCCTAC Project Manager

Estimated Time*: 9:15 AM, (50 minutes)

B. STMP Call for Projects

Description: WCCTAC staff is proposing a STMP Call for Projects, subject to concurrence by the WCCTAC Board. This Call would help to close out the existing STMP Program as West County transitions to a new set of STMP programs rules and eligible projects. When committed funds are excluded, there is nearly \$3,000,000 in STMP funds available to be allocated by the WCCTAC Board.

Recommendation: Forward a proposed STMP Call for Projects to the WCCTAC Board for their concurrence and release.

Attachment: Yes

Presenter/Lead Staff: John Nemeth, WCCTAC Staff

Estimated Time*: 10:05 AM, (25 minutes)

C. Additional Safe Routes to School Funding Options

Description: As part of the OBAG grant program, MTC allocated an additional \$822,000 to Contra Costa for Safe Routes to School (SRTS) projects and programs. CCTA staff developed four different options for how these funds could be used. If the previously used formula were applied and each subregion were to receive an allocation, West County would receive \$177,000. WCCTAC staff is seeking the TAC's feedback on a recommendation for CCTA.

Recommendation: Staff recommends CCTA Option 2b, which would allow funds to be used for one or both of the projects that received funding in the OBAG 2 Cycle. These two projects are the Lincoln Elementary SRTS Pedestrian Enhancements (Richmond) and the West County Walk and Bike Leaders Program (County)

Attachment: Yes

Presenter/Lead Staff: John Nemeth, WCCTAC Staff

Estimated Time*: 10:30 AM, (20 minutes)

D. West Contra Costa Express Bus Implementation Plan: Status Update

Description: AC Transit, WestCAT, WCCTAC staff have held a kick-off meeting. The consultants are beginning to work on outreach and evaluating existing conditions. The first TAC meeting is planned for the second half of October.

Recommendation: Receive update.

Attachment: No

Presenter/Lead Staff: Leah Greenblat, WCCTAC Staff

Estimated Time*: 10:50 AM, (5 minutes)

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5. STANDING ITEMS

A. **Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) Report** *Recommendation*: Receive update.

Attachment: No

Presenter/Lead Staff: WCCTAC's TCC Representatives & WCCTAC Staff

Estimated Time*: 11:55 AM, (5 minutes)

6. ADJOURNMENT

Description / Recommendation: Adjourn to the next regularly scheduled meeting of the TAC on Thursday, October 11, 2018.

Estimated Time*: 11:00 AM

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El Cerrito WCCTAC TAC Meeting Minutes Hercules **MEETING DATE:** July 12, 2018 **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mike Roberts, Hercules; Yvetteh Ortiz, El Cerrito; Misha Kaur, Richmond; Rob Thompson, WestCAT; Nathan Landau, AC Pinole Transit; Robert Sarmiento, County; Jill Mercurio, San Pablo; Tamara Miller, Pinole; Celestine Do, BART GUESTS: Bill Pinkham, CBPAC; Julie Morgan and Francisco Martin, Fehr Richmond and Peers; Bob Spencer, Urban Economics; Hisham Noeimi, CCTA **STAFF PRESENT:** John Nemeth, Leah Greenblat, and Coire Reilly San Pablo **ACTIONS LISTED BY:** WCCTAC Staff ITEM **ITEM/DISCUSSION ACTION/SUMMARY** Contra Costa 1. Called to Order The meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m. County 2. Public Comment None. 3. Adoption of Agenda Moved by Ortiz, seconded by Sarmiento and unanimously adopted. AC Transit 4. **Consent Calendar:** Moved by Sarmiento, seconded by Ortiz and a. Action Minutes and unanimously adopted. Sign-in Sheet from June 7, 2018 BART 5. **STMP Nexus Update Part 1:** Bob Spencer of Urban Economics provided an Presentation on abbreviated version of a presentation he gave Development Fees and VMT at MTC's forum "Moving from LOS to VMT"

 WestCAT
 6.
 STMP Nexus Update Part 2: Maximum Potential Allowable Fee
 Francisco Martin and Julie Morgan presented their work calculating what the maximum potentially allowable STMP fee could be. Miller moved, Roberts seconded and the TAC unanimously agreed to forward the report to the Board for its consideration.

ITEM	ITEM/DISCUSSION	ACTION/SUMMARY
7.	Update on WCCTAC Board's I-80 Ad-hoc Subcommittee Work	John Nemeth shared that the Subcommittee sent letters to MTC, CCTA, Caltrans, CHP and ACTC requesting assistance with HOV lane performance. He also explained that the group recognized that the I-80 ICM TAC provided a first line forum for addressing any issues with the I-80 ICM Project. Leah Greenblat relayed that WCCTAC was notified that its PASS application was funded, but without the TSP element. Hisham Noeimi will be following up with WestCAT and Caltrans staff regarding TSP.
8.	Statewide and Regional ATP Cycle 4: Projects within West County	 The TAC noted that the following projects may be seeking grant funding in the upcoming cycle: San Pablo Ave. Complete Streets in Rodeo and Crockett Appian Way sidewalks in El Sobrante Market Ave. from Fred Jackson to 7th St. in Richmond. Harbor Way in Richmond Central Ave. Multi-Purpose Path in El Cerrito and Richmond
9.	TCC Update	Yvetteh Ortiz and Leah Greenblat reported that the TCC reviewed the draft Countywide Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan and agreed to forward it to the Authority Board.
10.	Adjourn	The meeting adjourned at 11:09 AM.

Sign in Sheet for the WCCTAC Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

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MEMORANDUM

Subject:	Outline of STMP Fee Administrative Guidelines
Date:	September 7, 2018
From:	Robert D. Spencer, Urban Economics Julie Morgan, Fehr & Peers
To:	Leah Greenblat, WCCTAC

Now that we have completed the nexus study for the WCCTAC Subregional Transportation Mitigation Program (STMP) update, our next priority is to develop administrative guidelines. The purpose of the guidelines is to codify procedures for applying and administering the STMP fee. The target audience for the guidelines will be WCCTAC staff along with local agency staff responsible for collecting and forwarding fee revenue to WCCTAC.

Attached is a draft outline for the guidelines based on our experience with other fee programs and initial guidance from WCCTAC staff. As the consulting team prepares to draft the guidelines, we would appreciate input from WCCTAC staff and the WCCTAC TAC to ensure that the guidelines cover the necessary topics.

Specific policy and procedural issues that we need to discuss are listed below along with a reference to the relevant section of the outline:

- Definition of a "development project" subject to fee, e.g. how to apply fee to re-use of vacant buildings (Sec. 3.a)
- Allowable fee exemptions and role of WCCTAC in approving by project (Sec 3.b)
- Types and definition of standard land use categories e.g. does "multi-family" include townhouses, use of "per trip" fee for "other" land uses (See. 4)
- Procedures for credits and reimbursements for developer-constructed transportation improvement projects included in the STMP (Sec. 5)
- Appeals process, e.g. local agency vs. WCCTAC decision authority, allowance for reduction or waiver of fee (Sec. 6)
- Local agency fee accounting and reporting (Sec. 7)
- WCCTAC verification procedures for local agency fee accounting (Sec. 7)
- Penalties for under-reporting (Sec. 7)
- Schedule for annual inflation update and fee adjustment (Sec. 8)
- Funding program administration: e.g. local agency charges in addition to STMP fee, WCCTAC four percent charge included in STMP fee (Sec. 9)

We look forward to discussing this at the upcoming TAC meeting on September 13.

STMP FEE ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES TABLE OF CONTENTS

Note: Although we would appreciate comments on the entire outline, sections noted "TBD" are specific policy issues requiring guidance from WCCTAC.

- 1. Introduction
 - a. Purpose of STMP and STMP Fee
 - b. Purpose of STMP Fee Administrative Guidelines
 - c. Supporting Documents (nexus study, model ordinance, etc.)
- 2. Administrative Organization & Responsibilities
 - a. Local Agencies
 - i. Apply Fee to Development Projects
 - ii. Track Permit Activity & Fee Revenues
 - iii. Comply with WCCTAC Reporting Requirements (quarterly)
 - iv. Transfer of Funds to WCCTAC (quarterly)
 - b. WCCTAC
 - i. Receive and Manage Funds
 - ii. Verify Agency-Reported Revenue & Permit Activity
 - iii. Complete Mitigation Fee Act Reporting Requirements
- 3. Applicability of STMP Fee
 - a. Development Projects
 - i. New construction of dwelling units or nonresidential building space
 - ii. Intensification of use of an existing building
 - iii. Re-use of a vacant building
 - b. Exemptions
 - i. Allowed Exemptions
 - (1) Prior Vested Rights
 - (2) Affordable Housing
 - (3) Residential Additions
 - (4) Local Government Facilities (city and school district facilities only)
 - (5) Re-use of vacant buildings if vacancy occurs after 2018 and is less than five years

- ii. Process (e.g. pre-approval of WCCTAC)
- 4. Calculation of STMP Fee
 - a. Land Use Categories
 - i. Residential
 - (1) Single Family Residential (detached only)
 - (2) Multi-Family Residential (includes condominiums, townhouses, apartments, and accessory dwelling units)
 - ii. Nonresidential
 - (1) Hotel
 - (2) Office
 - (3) Retail/Service
 - (4) Hospital
 - (5) Industrial
 - (6) Religious Facility
 - (7) Storage Facility
 - iii. Other (e.g. uses not covered by standard categories)
 - b. Fee Calculation
 - i. Residential Development Projects
 - ii. Nonresidential Development Projects
 - iii. Mixed Use Development Projects
 - iv. Existing Building Intensification of Use
 - v. Other Land Uses ("per trip fee" for uses not covered by standard categories)
- 5. Credits & Reimbursements
 - a. Definitions
 - b. Credit & Reimbursement Agreement
 - c. WCCTAC Approval
- 6. Appeals
 - a. No Authority for Local Agency to Reduce or Waive Fee
 - b. Appeals Process
 - i. Apply to WCCTAC
 - ii. Final Decision by WCCTAC Executive Director
- 7. Payment and Accounting of STMP Fee (TBD)
 - a. Payment of STMP Fee to Local Agency by Development Projects

- b. Local Agency Charges for Program Administration (in addition to STMP Fee)
- c. Transfer of STMP Fee Funds to WCCTAC
 - i. Documentation of Permit Activity & Fee Revenue (see attached form to be expanded, e.g. project-by-project list of activity and fee revenue)
 - ii. Transfer of Funds and Permit Activity Reports (quarterly)
- d. WCCTAC Verification of Fee Revenue & Permit Activity
- e. Local Agency Penalties for Under-reporting of Fee Revenue
- 8. Periodic STMP Fee Adjustments and Reporting
 - a. Annual Inflation Update
 - i. WCCTAC Responsibilities
 - ii. Local Agency Responsibilities
 - iii. WCCTAC Annual Report
 - b. Five Year Program Review
- 9. Expenditure of STMP Revenue
 - a. Program Administration
 - i. Local Agency (program administration charges in addition to STMP fee)
 - ii. WCCTAC (four percent of fee revenue)
 - b. STMP Projects (policies and procedures for call-for-projects, project prioritization, etc. to be addressed outside this document)



TO: WCCTAC TAC

MEETING DATE: September 13, 2018

FR: John Nemeth, Executive Director

RE: Proposed STMP Call for Projects

REQUESTED ACTION

Forward a proposed STMP Call for Projects to the WCCTAC Board for their concurrence and release.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

WCCTAC is currently in the process of updating the Nexus Study for the STMP Program. The process will culminate in a model ordinance that each West County local jurisdiction will be asked to adopt, as well as a master cooperative agreement for each jurisdiction to authorize.

Once the new program is established, funds will begin to be collected under the rules of the new program and will stop being collected under the rules of the old program. Funds collected after this transition can only be spent on the new project list.

The transition provides an opportunity to allocate funds from the old program in order to close that program out. The official release of STMP Call for Projects would be subject to the concurrence of the WCCTAC Board at its September 28, 2018 meeting.

Application Process

Those eligible to apply for STMP funds include any project sponsor with a project on the current list of 11 approved projects (See Attached A for Project List). The main eligible agencies are WCCTAC members and the East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD).

Interested parties should submit a brief letter of interest, in pdf form, that includes any attachments to WCCTAC c/o both John Nemeth and Leah Greenblat by October 26, 2018. The letter should include the following information:

- Identification which of the 11 STMP project categories the proposal falls under.
- Past STMP funding received, including the timing and amount.
- The total cost of the project or the cost of the current project phase.
- The amount of STMP funds being requested.
- The location of the project as shown on a map.
- A description of what the STMP funds would be used for.
- A summary project schedule showing estimated month and year of PSE, start of construction, end of construction, and opening to the public.

Funding Available

The balance in the WCCTAC STMP account as of July, 2018 is 4,276,684, when funds needed for administration in FY18-19 and completion of the STMP Nexus Study are excluded. The WCCTAC Board has also allocated a total of \$1,311,266 to BART, El Cerrito and Hercules that has not yet been disbursed. This leaves <u>\$2,965,418</u> available for the WCCTAC Board to allocate to STMP-eligible projects.

Evaluation Criteria

WCCTAC staff is proposing that it evaluate funding requests using the TAC's evaluation method, developed in 2016. That method recommended giving higher priority to: 1) projects that were further along in the development process, 2) projects with sponsors that have not recently received funding, to ensure a balance across agencies, and 3) projects in STMP categories that have not recently received funding, to ensure a balance across project categories.

Project requests would be ranked from top to bottom for each of the three criteria. A "1" would be given the project that best fit the criteria, a "2" for the next best, and so on. Then the scores for each of the three criteria would be combined. The project with the lowest overall score would be considered the top ranked project, the second lowest score would be the second ranked project, and so on.

From this initial ranking provided by WCCTAC staff, the TAC could propose adjustments in order to develop a consensus recommendation for the WCCTAC Board.

Next Steps

If the TAC forwards a STMP Call for Projects to the WCCTAC Board, the next step would be for the Board to provide concurrence and officially release the Call. The proposed schedule for the Call for Projects is as follows:

Activity	Date
Notification of Proposed Call for Projects	Sept 13
Release Call for Projects	Sept 28
Funding Proposals Due	Oct 26
WCCTAC Staff Review of Proposals	Oct 29-Nov 1
Funding Proposals Reviewed by TAC	Nov 2-Nov 8
TAC forwards recommendation to WCCTAC Board	Nov 8
Board takes action to allocate funds	Dec 14

<u>Attachment</u>

A: Current (2005) STMP Project List

2005 STMP PROJECT LIST

- 1. **Richmond Intermodal Station** Public improvements including, but not limited to: the parking garage, station building, transit center, east side improvements, lighting and real-time transit information.
- 2. Interchanges on I-80 at San Pablo Dam Road and Central Avenue; and on Highway 4 at Willow Avenue Upgrade and improve the interchange at I-80/San Pablo Dam Road including provisions for bicyclists and pedestrians; enhance operations and vehicular, bicycle, pedestrian safety in the vicinity of the interchange. Modify and realign the interchange and ramp at I-80/Central Avenue, and/or other improvements to improve access to/from I-80 and I-580 at Central Avenue. Relocate and realign ramps at Willow Avenue to meet current standards for improved local access and freeway movements.
- 3. **Capitol Corridor Improvements** Parking, station platform, signage and plazas, rail improvements, etc. at the Hercules Passenger Rail Station and/or track improvements, drainage, fencing, safety improvements and/or other improvements along the Capitol Corridor line in West Contra Costa County.
- 4. **Ferry Service to San Francisco from Richmond and/or Hercules/Rodeo** New ferry service utilizing high-speed vessels and funds for capital improvements such as terminals, landside improvements, parking, lighting, transit feeder service, signage, etc.
- 5. **BART Access and/or Parking Improvements** Parking, aesthetic, and/or access improvements, station capacity improvements, sidewalks, lighting/restroom renovations, bicycle storage, expanded automatic fare collection equipment, etc. at the El Cerrito Plaza, El Cerrito Del Norte, and/or Richmond BART stations.
- 6. Bay Trail Gap Closure Close gaps in the Bay Trail in West Contra Costa County, including, but not limited to the following: (1) the one-mile gap along the Richmond Parkway between Pennsylvania and Gertrude Avenues; (2) the 1.8-mile gap north of Freethy Boulevard to Payne Drive in Richmond; (3) the two-mile gap from Payne Drive to Cypress Avenue in Richmond; (4) the one-mile gap from Pinole Shores to Railroad Avenue in Pinole; and (5) the 1.8 mile gap from Railroad Avenue to Parker Avenue in Hercules.
- 7. San Pablo Dam Road Improvements in Downtown El Sobrante Traffic calming, additional signals, pedestrian improvements, turn lanes, etc. that are identified in the Downtown El Sobrante Transportation and Land Use Plan (and subsequent documents).
- 8. San Pablo Avenue Corridor Improvements Infrastructure improvements on San Pablo Avenue through West Contra Costa County within a half-mile walking distance of San Pablo Avenue in either direction and/or San Pablo Avenue SMART Corridor improvements.
- 9. North Richmond Road Connection Project Extend Seventh Street northward to connect to an eastward extension of Pittsburg Avenue in North Richmond.
- 10. Hercules Transit Center Relocate and expand the Hercules Transit Center on the east side of Highway 4.
- 11. **Del Norte Area Transit Oriented Development Project Public Improvements** Parking facilities; bicycle, pedestrian, and/or bus transit access improvements; signage; lighting; improvements to station access or station waiting areas; ADA improvements; improvements to adjacent streets, street crossings, or signals; and/or Ohlone Greenway improvements.

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MEMORANDUM

Date August 1, 2018

To Safe Routes to School Task Force, RTPC Managers

From Brad Beck

RE Additional Safe Routes to School Funding

As part of the extension of the first cycle of the One Bay Area Grant (OBAG) for an additional year, MTC allocated an additional \$822,000 to Contra Costa in funding for Safe Routes to School (SRTS) projects and programs. These federal funds, unfortunately, were not included in the OBAG 2 call for projects. They remain available to Contra Costa and Authority staff has prepared the following memo outlining potential options for allocating these funds.

BACKGROUND

Previous Funding Cycles

MTC has allocated funding to CMAs for SRTS projects and programs through several funding cycles. The first OBAG cycle allocated \$3,289,000 to Contra Costa for SRTS projects and programs. It was used to fund 10 projects and one program. The funding was allocated by formula to the four Regional Transportation Planning Committees (RTPCs) which recommended which projects to fund. The formula was based 50 percent on school enrollment and 50 percent on population.

Through the second cycle of OBAG funding — OBAG2 — MTC allotted \$4.088 million to Contra Costa for SRTS. As in OBAG 1, the Authority used the same 50 percent enrollment and 50 percent population formula. The funding share are shown below:

Region	Share
West	\$881,000
Central	\$1,077,000
East	\$1,223,000
Southwest	\$907,000
TOTAL	\$4,088,000

Based on the RTPC recommendations and some subsequent fund swapping, the Authority allocated the SRTS funding to the following four projects and two programs:

Project	Sponsor	SRTS Funding
Willow Pass Road Repaving and 6 th Street SRTS *	Concord	\$1,077,000
Moraga Way and Canyon/Camino Pablo Improvements **	Moraga	\$607,000
L Street Pathway to Transit-Bike Ped Improvement	Antioch	\$1,223,000
Lincoln Elementary SRTS Ped Enhancements	Richmond	\$320,000
Street Smarts San Ramon Valley	San Ramon	\$300,000
West Contra Costa Walk and Bike Leaders	Contra Costa County	\$561,000
TOTAL		\$4,088,000

 \ast This project combines components from two projects that were originally separate

** Originally named "Strategic Bicycle, Pedestrian and Safe Routes to School Improvements"

The first two projects combine both SRTS improvements and other roadway improvements. The third and fourth projects focus on physical improvements for safe bicycle and pedestrian access to schools. The final two will fund SRTS programs at schools in the San Ramon Valley and West County.

Eligible Projects and Programs

The \$822,000 in SRTS funds comes from the federal CMAQ program. While they may fund a wide range of projects and programs, they do impose some limits. One of the key limits is that, overall, each activity must lead to changes in travel behavior that result in air quality benefits. Some of the main limitations include:

 Planning activities are ineligible, including walking audits. Project development activities that support a tangible improvement or program, however, are eligible.

- Safety improvements such as crossing guards and mobile radar trailers are ineligible for CMAQ funding since they specifically address safety but do not directly lead to changes to travel behavior that lead to air quality improvement. Also safety improvements such as signage, warning lights, etc. that are oriented to motorists are not eligible. In contrast, safety improvements specifically oriented to bicyclists and pedestrians, such as street crossings, actuated signals are eligible.
- Material incentives have limitations regarding the use of federal funds to pay for items such as raffles, prizes, gift cards, etc. Federal statutes prohibit using federal funds to provide gifts and free incentives. The exceptions to the rule are low-cost gifts such as pencils, stickers, paper pads, magnets, helmets, etc. that have little or no monetary value.

The requirements that apply to other OBAG-funded projects apply to SRTS projects as well. These include:

- The CMAs average OBAG funding request can't be less than \$500,000 and no individual request can be less than \$100,000.
- Sponsor must provide a local match of at least 11.47% of eligible project costs
- Sponsor must maintain eligibility for the funding including complete streets, pavement management and housing element requirements

OPTIONS

Staff has identified a few options for allocating the \$822,000 in additional SRTS funds that we would like your feedback on.

Option 1

Allocate the additional SRTS funds among the four RTPCs for new projects. This is the same as the previous approach; in it, the RTPCs would identify new projects to be funded with their share of the funds. Using the same 50% population/50% enrollment formula, the funds would be apportioned as shown on the following table. MTC requires, among other things, that no funding grant be less than \$100,000 and all of the following allocations would meet this requirement.

Subarea	Population Share	Enrollment Share	Average	Funding Share
West	24.1%	19.0%	21.6%	\$177,000
Central	28.7%	24.0%	26.3%	\$217,000
East	28.6%	31.2%	29.9%	\$246,000
Southwest	18.6%	25.7%	22.2%	\$182,000
				\$822,000

- **Pros:** This option would be consistent with the approaches used for OBAG 1 and 2, and it would expand the number of SRTS improvements that could be made in Contra Costa.
- **Cons:** This option would increase the number of projects that must go through the Caltrans local assistance process. (One of the Authority's goals in the Coordinated Call was to minimize the number of projects that had to go through Caltrans.) This option would also require RTPCs to go through another application and review process.

Option 2a

Add funding to projects already in the TIP. In the second option, the Authority would use the \$822,000 to modify one or more of the projects funded through the Coordinated Call. (This is consistent with the Authority's goal of minimizing the number of projects that needed to go through the Caltrans process.) In this option, the Authority could use the \$822,000 to either:

- Replace some of the local match where the match exceeds the 11.47 percent minimum, or
- Expand the budget of projects to address cost overruns or to add new scope items

The table on Option 2a below lists the seven SRTS projects now funded through OBAG 2; the amounts of funding from federal, local and Measure J sources they will use; and the local match share. All but one of the projects provides a significantly larger match than the 11.47 percent required. Those six projects could use a portion of the \$822,000 to replace at least some of the local match. For example, the Moraga Way and

Canyon/Camino Pablo Improvements project could use the \$822,000 to replace all of the Town of Moraga's local match, leaving the \$603,00 in Measure J funding to serve as the local match.

To use the SRTS funding to replace local or Measure J funding, sponsors would need a sufficiently high local match and enough eligible SRTS components funded by the local match. For example, the Moraga project uses both OBAG SRTS and LSRP funds to both improve bicycle and pedestrian access to nearby schools and to preserve streets. The latter component would not specifically improve access to school and thus is not eligible for CMAQ funding.

The Option 2a table shows the funding committed to each project, the part of that funding that represents the required local match, and potential additional CMAQ funding that could be used to backfill the local match fall down to the required 11.47 percent.

- **Pros** Option 2a would not increase the number of projects going through the Local Assistance process and would reduce the amount of funding that local agencies must contribute. Depending on how the funding is allocated, it could be used to defray the costs of sponsors that have proposed the most significant local contributions.
- **Cons** The Authority would need to identify a way to determine how much of the \$822,000 would go to each project. These methods might include allocating the funds by the relative size of the sponsor's local contribution to total of all local contributions. Or it might be determined by the relative share of the total project cost each sponsor contributed. There are likely to be other alternatives.

Option 2b

Add regional share of funding to projects already in the TIP. Option 2b combines Options 1 and 2a. In it, the RTPC shares of the additional SRTS funding would be added to funding for the projects that were already selected for OBAG 2 SRTS funding. A potential allocation of the \$822,000 in funds is shown in the Option 2b table. In both the Central and East subregions, only one project was allocated SRTS funding; those projects would get the full share of the subregion's funds. The SRTS funding in both the West and Southwest regions was allocated to two projects. The Option 3 table shows the Southwest potential share of funding split 50/50 between the two Southwest projects. In West County, however, the maximum amount of additional funding that can be allocated to one of the projects — Lincoln Elementary SRTS Pedestrian Enhancements — is \$63,000 without the local match dropping below the 11.47 percent requirement.

- Pros Option 2b would not add any new projects, thus meeting one of the Authority's goals, it would be consistent with previous approach of allocating funding among the RTPCs, and like Option 2a would reduce the amount of funding that local agencies must contribute.
- **Cons** The increase in fund allocations would not be tied to an agency's current local contribution, the cost of the project itself, or to budgetary issues, thereby somewhat arbitrarily rewarding sponsors with a windfall.

Option 3

Use the funding on a SRTS project that didn't receive funding through OBAG 2. In Option 3, the \$822,000 in funding would go to a SRTS project that applied for, but did not receive, funding during the initial OBAG 2 round. Three of the 11 projects that applied for SRTS funding did not receive any funding:

- 1. Empire Avenue at Amber Lane Traffic Signal (Brentwood) \$366,000 requested;
- 2. Arlington Boulevard Pedestrian Safety Improvements, Phase 1, (El Cerrito) \$345,000 requested; and
- Safe Routes to Orchard Park Elementary School (Oakley) \$1,22, million requested.

The remaining eight received either SRTS or Measure J TLC funds. In this option, the additional SRTS funding would be allocated to one or more of these projects.

- **Pros** Option 3 would expand the number of SRTS projects funded through OBAG 2 and the facilities provided to create safe routes to walk or bicycle to school.
- **Cons** This option would add a new project and thus another project that must go through the local assistance process. The funding available doesn't fit neatly with

the funding needed to make the projects whole; staff may need to work with sponsors to adjust project scopes, though this is often done.

		Other						Minimum	Potential
	SRTS	OBAG	Measure J	Local	Total	Current Match	latch	Match	Add
Willow Pass Repaving and 6th Street SRTS	1,077,000	4,183,000	120,000	1,137,000	6,517,000	1,257,000	19.3%	747,000	510,000
Moraga Way and Canyon/Camino Pablo Improvements	607,000	596,000	603,000	822,000	2,628,000	1,425,000	54.2%	301,000	1,124,000
L Street Pathway to Transit	1,223,000			1,777,000	3,000,000	1,777,000	59.2%	344,000	1,433,000
Lincoln Elementary SRTS Pedestrian Enhancements	320,000		63,000	50,000	433,000	113,000	26.1%	50,000	63,000
San Ramon Valley Street Smarts	300,000			102,000	402,000	102,000	25.4%	46,000	56,000
West County Walk and Bike Leaders	561,000			561,000	1,122,000	561,000	50.0%	129,000	432,000
	4,088,000	4,779,000	786,000	4,449,000	14,102,000	5,235,000		1,617,000	3,618,000

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	Current SRTS — Amount	West	Central	East	Southwest	Potential SRTS Funds	Potential SRTS Funds
Willow Pass Repaving and 6th Street SRTS	1,077,000		217,000			217,000	1,294,000
Moraga Way and Canyon/Camino Pablo Improvements	607,000				91,000	91,000	698,000
L Street Pathway to Transit	1,223,000			246,000		246,000	1,469,000
Lincoln Elementary SRTS Pedestrian Enhancements	320,000	63,000				63,000 *	383,000
San Ramon Valley Street Smarts	300,000				91,000	91,000	391,000
West County Walk and Bike Leaders	561,000	114,000				114,000	675,000
	4,088,000	177,000	217,000	246,000	182,000	822,000	4,910,000
* This is the maximum additional SRTS funding that can be added while still meeting the 11.47 percent match reguirement	funding that can be	added while still	meeting the 11.47	percent match	requirement		

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