

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors **DATE:** February 29, 2024
FROM: Val Menotti, Chief Planning & Development Officer
SUBJECT: Measure RR Safe Routes to BART Grant Program Cycle 3 Awards

Measure RR Safe Routes to BART (SR2B) is a grant program sponsored by BART using voter-approved Measure RR Station Access capital funds to help local agencies improve access for those traveling to BART stations by walking and biking. The Board authorized the General Manager to administer SR2B through capital funding agreements at the February 27, 2020, Board meeting. BART staff last provided the Board with an update on the SR2B Cycle 2 project awards of \$2.3M on July 31, 2023.

SR2B's third and final cycle was launched on October 11, 2023, with applications due on December 14, 2023. Cycle 3 identified up to \$16M in funding (up from \$5M in Cycle 1 and \$10M in Cycle 2) with awards ranging from \$0.5M to \$3.0M. To meet BART's minimum eligibility requirements, project submissions needed to provide design review construction documents completed for 35% or greater, at least 30% in matching funds, a full funding plan, and proof of authority over right-of-way (ROW) to implement project elements.

BART received 16 applications for SR2B Cycle 3 with a total funding request of close to \$39M. Four projects did not meet the minimum eligibility requirements:

- Alameda County Public Works Agency's "Norbridge Avenue Sidewalk and Bike Lane Improvement Project" for Castro Valley Station
- East Bay Regional Park District's "Tassajara Creek Trail" near Dublin/Pleasanton Station
- City of Concord's "Pavement Maintenance-Zone4O" near Concord BART Station
- San Francisco MTA's "M Ocean View Terminal Upgrades at Balboa Park Station"

A Selection Committee comprised of five BART staff from various department and one representative each from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and Caltrans scored the 12 remaining projects based on the following evaluation criteria: A. Project readiness, B. Leveraged funding, C. Connectivity and mode shift, D. Customer experience, safety, and security, E. Equitable access, F. Complete communities, and G. Partnerships

The Selection Committee recommended seven projects that were approved by the General Manager, as shown in **Table 1**.

Table 1: SR2B Cycle 3 Awarded Projects in ranking order

Project Name (Level of Design)	BART Station(s) Served	Applicant (County)	SR2B Award	Total Project Cost	Sponsor Match	Anticipated Project Completion
Lakeside Dr/Lake Merritt Blvd Complete Streets Paving Project (100%)	Lake Merritt, 12 th Street, 19 th Street	City of Oakland (Alameda)	\$3,000,000	\$7,717,650	61%	Fall 2027
Clement Avenue/Tilden Way: Broadway/Tilden Way Intersection (75%)	Fruitvale	City of Alameda (Alameda)	\$2,100,000	\$14,112,857	85%	Summer 2025
Central Embarcadero Safety Project (35%)	Embarcadero	SFMTA (San Francisco)	\$1,000,000	\$11,695,000	91%	Winter 2026
Fremont Boulevard Elevated Bikeway (35%)	Fremont	City of Fremont (Alameda)	\$3,000,000	\$8,027,000	63%	Spring 2027
BART Pedestrian At-Grade Railroad Crossing (New Eastside BART Station Entrance and Future Intercity Rail Connection) (90%)	Union City	Union City (Alameda)	\$3,000,000	\$11,540,000	74%	Winter 2025
Ohlone Greenway Modernization and Safety Project (35%)	North Berkeley	City of Berkeley (Alameda)	\$3,000,000	\$5,093,200	41%	Winter 2025
North Bailey Road Active Transportation Corridor Project (35%)	Pittsburg Bay Point	Contra Costa County (Contra Costa)	\$900,000	\$11,321,000	92%	Winter 2026

Five additional projects were eligible but not recommended by the Selection Committee. They were:

- City of El Cerrito’s “Ohlone Greenway Uptown Improvements”
- Contra Costa County’s “Treat Boulevard Corridor Improvements Project”
- City of El Cerrito’s “Richmond St: Richmond Street Complete Streets Improvements - Stockton Avenue to Fairmount Avenue”
- City of Dublin’s “Golden Gate Drive Intersection Improvements at Dublin Boulevard and St. Patrick Way”
- City of Pleasant Hill’s “Coggins Drive Active Transportation Corridor Project”

The COVID-19 pandemic and supply-chain issues led to significant delays for all Cycle 1 projects awarded in September 2020. Staff updates the “Awards by Cycle” page of the Safe Routes to BART website (www.bart.gov/sr2b) every quarter based on progress reports submitted by the project sponsors.

Table 2 provides descriptions and status of the four Cycle 1 projects, including two completed projects.

Table 2: SR2B Cycle 1 Projects

Project Name	BART Station Served	Applicant (County)	SR2B Award	Total Project Cost	Sponsor Match	Anticipated Project Completion
5th Street Improvement Project	Powell St	SFMTA (San Francisco)	\$415,000	\$1,880,000	78%	Completed Fall 2023
Iron Horse Trail Bridge	Dublin/Pleasanton	City of Dublin (Alameda)	\$1,500,000	\$14,010,000	89%	Spring 2024
Walnut/Liberty Protected Intersection	Fremont	City of Fremont (Alameda)	\$915,000	\$2,740,000	67%	Completed Winter 2024
BART Pedestrian/Bike Connectivity Project	Pittsburg Center	City of Pittsburg (Contra Costa)	\$700,000	\$5,580,000	87%	Fall 2024

Table 3 provides descriptions and status of the two Cycle 2 projects awarded in May 2023.

Table 3: SR2B Cycle 2 Awarded Projects

Project Name (Level of Design)	BART Station Served	Applicant (County)	SR2B Award	Total Project Cost	Sponsor Match	Anticipated Project Completion
El Cerrito del Norte TOD Complete Streets Improvement Project (100%)	El Cerrito del Norte	City of El Cerrito (Contra Costa)	\$812,977	\$14,926,498	95%	Winter 2024/2025
Walnut Avenue Phase II Bikeway Project (35%)	Fremont	City of Fremont (Alameda)	\$1,500,000	\$3,355,238	55%	Winter 2024/2025

Cycle 3 is the final cycle of the SR2B program with a total of 13 fully funded projects with an estimated completion of Fall 2027. In total over three cycles, the SR2B program leveraged 80% in funding.

If you have questions, please contact me at (510) 287-4794.

cc: Board Appointed Officers
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