

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors

DATE: May 26, 2023

FROM: Val Menotti

SUBJECT: Measure RR Safe Routes to BART Grant Program Cycle 2 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 BART riders 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 1 project awards of \$3.5M on September 10, 2020.

SR2B Cycle 2 was launched on January 19, 2023, with applications due on March 2, 2023. Cycle 2 included up to \$10M in funding (up from \$5M in Cycle 1) with awards ranging from \$0.5 M to \$1.5M. 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 and proof of authority over right-of-way (ROW) to implement project elements.

BART received six applications for SR2B Cycle 2. Three projects did not meet the minimum eligibility requirements:

- City of Alameda's "Clement Avenue/Tilden Way Project" did not meet the 35% design review construction documents minimum
- City of Concord's "Pavement Maintenance-Zone40" did not meet the 35% design review construction documents minimum
- City of Oakland's "12th Street Bikeway" did not provide proof of authority over ROW over project locations not under the city's control.

A Selection Committee comprised of five BART staff from various department and one representative each from the San Francisco Bike Coalition and Alameda County Transportation Commission scored the three 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 reached full consensus to recommend two projects that were approved by the General Manager.

SR2B Cycle 2 Awarded Projects

| Project Name (level of design) | BART Station Served | Applicant (County) | SR2B Award | Total Project Cost | Match | Anticipated Project Completion |
|--|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|-------|--------------------------------------|
| El Cerrito del Norte TOD Complete Streets Improvement Project (100%) | El Cerrito del Norte | City of El Cerrito (Contra Costa) | \$1,500,000 | \$14,920,000 | 90% | Winter 2024/2025 |
| Walnut Avenue Phase II Bikeway Project (35%) | Fremont | City of Fremont (Alameda) | \$1,500,000 | \$3,350,000 | 55% | Winter 2024/2025 |

The third submission from San Francisco Municipal Transportation Authority (SFMTA) for “Slow Streets to Glen Park” did not score highly and the Selection Committee determined that the project application did not make a compelling case to meet goals of the program.

The COVID-19 pandemic and supply-chain issues led to significant delays for all Cycle 1 projects. 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. The table below provides descriptions and status of the four Cycle 1 projects:

SR2B Cycle 1 Projects

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

Staff anticipates launching SR2B Cycle 3 by spring 2024 with an increased maximum award of \$3M.

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

cc: Board Appointed Officers
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