



Agenda Item No. (5)(b)

To: Finance-Auditing Committee/Committee of the Whole
Meeting of January 23, 2025

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Subject: **AUTHORIZE ACTIONS RELATED TO GRANT PROGRAMS**
(b) AUTHORIZE FILING OF AN ALLOCATION REQUEST WITH
THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION FOR
REGIONAL MEASURE 3 CAPITAL FUNDS FOR THE SAN
RAFAEL TRANSIT CENTER REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Recommendation

The Finance-Auditing Committee recommends that the Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to file an allocation request with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) for Regional Measure 3 (RM3) funds to support Project #1717, *San Rafael Transit Center (SRTC) Replacement (Project) Design/Environmental*, in the amount of \$500,000 and to file an allocation request for the remaining \$1,500,000 when final design commences for the Project. Approval of this action also authorizes the General Manager to file revisions to this allocation request, if necessary.

This matter will be presented to the Board of Directors at its January 24, 2025, meeting for appropriate action.

Summary

In June 2018, Bay Area voters approved RM3, authorizing increased Bay Area bridge tolls to fund specific capital projects and operating programs outlined in the RM3 Expenditure Plan. Following RM3's approval, multiple lawsuits were filed, temporarily halting access to the RM3 funds. These legal challenges were eventually heard by the California Supreme Court, which resulted in the dismissal of the lawsuits and the restoration of access to the RM3 funds in 2023.

The District owns and operates the current SRTC, which is the second busiest regional bus transit hub in the Bay Area. It provides access to the regional transportation network for area residents and is a key transfer point for employees, visitors, and students in San Rafael and the greater North Bay region. The SRTC Replacement project is needed to replace the existing transit center following the impact on transit center operations and facilities resulting from Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit (SMART) construction. Specifically, in 2015, SMART extended passenger rail

service from the San Rafael terminus to Larkspur, requiring the construction of tracks through the middle of the existing SRTC site. This affected SRTC's bus operations, site functionality, and capacity.

The SRTC Replacement Project is a comprehensive solution to better serve Marin County transit users in San Rafael that addresses operational and capacity constraints at the existing transit center, reduces modal conflicts, improves safety, and significantly enhances connections between bus and rail.

In 2018, the District's SRTC Replacement Project was added to the RM3 Expenditure Plan of Senate Bill (SB) 595 to be passed by Bay Area voters. Upon the successful passing of SB 595, the \$30 million was included in RM3 for the District's right of way acquisition and construction phases of the Project.

On October 24, 2024, the Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM) awarded six county transit projects a total of \$11.86 million in RM3 funding. TAM awarded \$2 million to the District for the SRTC Replacement Project, representing 17% of available first cycle funds and increasing the total RM3 contribution to the SRTC Replacement Project to \$32 million. There will be a second call for projects in the next two years for the final \$8.14 million of TAM RM3 funding.

The actions authorized by this Board item will enable the District to file the applications necessary to claim this revenue. The District will first claim \$500,000 to support the preliminary design phase of the SRTC replacement and then will claim the remaining \$1,500,000 when final design commences.

MTC is the agency responsible for the administration of the RM3 funding. Allocations submitted in January will go to the Programming and Allocation Committee for recommendation to the Commission in February. And in March, the MTC Commission will consider the allocation request for approval.

Fiscal Impact

This item authorizes the General Manager to file an allocation request for RM3 funds for \$500,000 to support Project #1717 SRTC Replacement Design/Environmental and to file a second allocation request, at a later date, for the remaining \$1,500,000 when final design commences for the same Project. With this award, the total RM3 contribution to the SRTC Replacement Project will increase from \$30 million to \$32 million.

Table 1: Project #1717 SRTC Replacement Design / Environmental

Source	Amount
NEW: RM3	\$500,000
Federal Transit Administration (FTA)	\$3,914,564
District	\$1,230,045
TOTAL	\$5,644,609

Table 2: Future Phases of SRTC Replacement

Source	Phase	Amount
NEW: RM3	Final Design	\$1,500,000
RM3	Right of Way (ROW)	\$15,000,000
FTA (Planned)	ROW	\$9,100,000
District	ROW	\$6,400,000
RM3	Construction (CON)	\$15,000,000
FTA (Planned)	CON	\$9,000,000
District	CON	\$6,000,000
TOTAL		\$62,000,000

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