

Approve Project Nominations for \$10,444,302 from the Safe and Seamless Mobility Quick-Strike Program



San Francisco
County Transportation
Authority

Agenda Item #9
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Safe and Seamless Program Overview

- \$54.4 million in federal funds available regionwide from Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC)
- One-time competitive grant program
- Support projects that can be implemented quickly
- Emphasis on bicycle and pedestrian safety and mobility, connections to transit, advance equitable mobility
- Funding target for SF: 12.5% of funds (~\$6.2 million)
- County Transportation Agencies submit project nominations, MTC makes final decision on awards



Safe and Seamless Program **Eligibility**

- Quick-build bicycle, pedestrian, and transit improvements
- Projects and programs that advance safe and seamless mobility or advance equitable mobility
- Near-term implementation of strategies from Blue Ribbon Transit Recovery Task Force
- Limited funding for countywide implementation of safe and seamless mobility planning and programming



Safe and Seamless Program Evaluation Criteria

- Align with Connected Mobility Framework Values and Goals
- Direct result or outcome of community engagement process
- Within or directly connected to Priority Development Area, Transportation Priority Area, or serve Community of Concern
- Address transit connectivity gaps
- Demonstrate partnership among jurisdictions, transit agencies, and counties
- Demonstrate ability to quickly deliver and meet strict federal funding requirements



Safe and Seamless Program Requirements and Process

- Projects must be
 - Able to obligate funds (i.e., start construction phase) by September 2022
 - Submitted to MTC in priority order
- Transportation Authority staff issued request for projects on January 8, 2021
 - Received three requests
 - Considered program guidelines, assessed project status and potential to be competitive regionwide
 - Recommend nominating three projects and requesting \$10,444,302 including \$200,000 for countywide planning and programming

Priority #1 Safe Routes to School Non-Infrastructure Program (SFMTA) Construction

Quick-Strike request: \$2.1 million

Continue SRTS education and outreach for 15 months (Sept 2021 - Nov 2022)

- Goals: reduce single family vehicle trips to 30% and school-related collisions by 50% by 2030
- Bridge gap between current and future federal funding cycles
- Hold constant the monthly funding level as under current program



Priority #2 Folsom Streetscape Project (SFMTA) Construction

Quick-Strike request: \$5,000,000

Total cost: \$28,240,000

Improve bicycle and pedestrian safety
and transit reliability on Folsom between
2nd and 11th Streets

- Two-way protected bikeway
- Upgraded bike and vehicle signals
- Bulb-outs, raised crosswalks, new midblock crosswalks
- Transit-only lane, transit boarding islands
- Public realm improvements
- Open for use March 2023



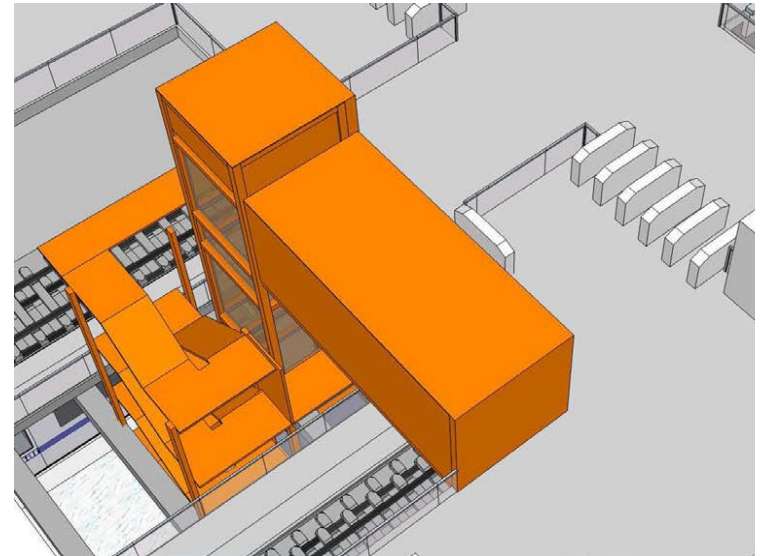
Priority #3 Embarcadero Station Platform Elevator Capacity and Redundancy Project (BART) Construction

Quick-Strike request: \$3,144,302

Total cost: \$23,881,934

Improve mobility and access to BART and Muni at Embarcadero Station

- New redundant elevator at north end of station, primarily serving BART
- Larger capacity, faster
- Refurbish existing elevator for Muni access
- Rebuild wider stairs at north/south ends of station
- Original bids high; redesign with cost escalation, reduced funding
- Open for use August 2024



New north stairs and elevator

Next Steps

March 30, 2021: Submit letters of interest to MTC

May 21, 2021: Submit project applications to MTC for projects moving forward

June 2021: MTC adopts program of projects

Thank you.

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