



Memorandum

AGENDA ITEM 8

DATE: September 18, 2025

TO: Transportation Authority Board

FROM: Anna LaForte – Deputy Director for Policy and Programming

SUBJECT: 10/7/2025 Board Meeting: Approve San Francisco’s Program of Projects for the 2026 Regional Transportation Improvement Program, Totaling \$9,887,000

RECOMMENDATION ☐ Information ☒ Action Approve San Francisco’s Program of Projects for the 2026 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) programming \$9,887,000 in RTIP funds to: 1. Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC): Planning, Programming, and Monitoring (\$196,000) 2. Transportation Authority: Planning, Programming, and Monitoring (\$298,000) 3. MTC: Project to be Determined (\$9,393,000) SUMMARY As San Francisco’s Congestion Management Agency (CMA), the Transportation Authority is responsible for programming San Francisco’s county share RTIP funds. The Board has long-standing RTIP priorities (Attachment 1) which currently reflect remaining commitments of \$15,699,654 for SFMTA’s Central Subway and \$31,000,000 for MTC’s Advance for Presidio Parkway, to be programmed to an eligible project or projects of SFMTA’s and MTC’s choice, respectively. These commitments are of equal standing and have first call on RTIP project funds until the commitments are fulfilled. Due to an overcommitment of near-term RTIP funds, the California Transportation Commission (CTC) has advised that new RTIP programming is almost exclusively	☐ Fund Allocation ☒ Fund Programming ☐ Policy/Legislation ☐ Plan/Study ☐ Capital Project Oversight/Delivery ☐ Budget/Finance ☐ Contract/Agreement ☐ Other: _____
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available in Fiscal Years (FYs) 2029/30 and 2030/31. SFMTA was unable to identify a project that would meet eligibility and timely use of funds requirements for the RTIP funds this cycle; thus, we recommend directing \$9,393,000 in RTIP funds to a project of MTC’s choosing. MTC will identify a project by December 2025 to meet its own deadline for programming actions. For the 2028 RTIP, SFMTA would have priority for the first \$9,393,000 in RTIP funds with MTC and SFMTA having equal priority for any remaining funds. San Francisco’s proposed remaining RTIP commitments are shown in Attachment 4. RTIP programming is subject to approval by the MTC (anticipated in December) and the CTC (anticipated in March 2026).	
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BACKGROUND

The State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) is a five-year investment plan for certain state transportation money that is updated every two years by the CTC. Regional spending plans, developed by the MTC for the nine county Bay Area region and by other agencies elsewhere in California, account for 75% of the STIP. These are known as Regional Transportation Improvement Programs or RTIPs. The RTIPs can fund a broad range of capital projects from bike paths to highway redesigns or rail line extensions. The remaining 25% of the STIP is a statewide spending plan known as the Interregional Transportation Improvement Program, which is developed by the state department of transportation (Caltrans) to fund projects that connect metro areas or cross regional boundaries.

The CTC’s RTIP guidelines include strict timely use of funds deadlines. For instance, RTIP funds must be allocated by the CTC in the year they are programmed, and sponsors may not incur costs against RTIP funds or advertise a contract for work to be performed prior to allocation. Further, projects must have a fully funded phase (e.g. construction) to receive an allocation and must be ready to award a contract within six months of allocation. As in previous RTIP programming cycles, these and other eligibility requirements significantly narrowed the list of potential projects that are good candidates for the 2026 RTIP.



San Francisco's Remaining RTIP Commitments. In 2005, the Transportation Authority Board adopted a list of San Francisco RTIP priorities to help fund some of the major capital projects in the Prop K Expenditure Plan. Attachment 1 shows the two remaining RTIP priorities with commitments totaling over \$46 million: SFMTA's Central Subway and payback to MTC of an advance for Presidio Parkway (Doyle Drive). Since the Central Subway and Presidio Parkway contracts have all been awarded, we cannot program RTIP funds directly to those projects and are meeting the commitments instead by funding other RTIP-eligible SFMTA and MTC projects, as RTIP funds become available.

DISCUSSION

Funds Available. MTC has initiated development of the 2026 RTIP, providing guidance based on CTC-adopted guidelines and the 2026 Fund Estimate. For the 2026 RTIP, San Francisco has \$9,887,000 in new RTIP funds that can be programmed in FYs 2028/29 through 2030/31 to RTIP-eligible projects (Attachment 2). These funds are split into two categories: \$494,000 for planning, programming and monitoring and \$9,393,000 for capital projects. Due to an overcommitment of near-term RTIP funds, CTC has advised that new RTIP programming is almost exclusively available in FYs 2029/30 and 2030/31.

Staff Recommendation. Our staff recommendations for 2026 RTIP programming are summarized in Attachment 3 and described below.

- **Planning, Programming and Monitoring (PPM)(\$196,000 MTC, \$298,000 SFCTA).** CTC guidelines allow up to 5% of RTIP funds to be used for PPM activities such as regional transportation planning, program development, and oversight of state and federally funded projects. MTC and the CMAs have a long-standing arrangement to split the PPM funds in recognition of the role each agency plays in advancing the state's transportation goals. We have primarily used our PPM funds to support project delivery oversight of regionally significant major capital projects such as The Portal and Caltrain Electrification. Per CTC guidelines, \$494,000 in new PPM programming is available to be split between MTC (\$196,000) and the Transportation Authority (\$298,000). The CTC's required Project Programming Request form for the recommended Transportation Authority PPM funds is included as Attachment 5.



- **MTC Project TBD (\$9,393,000).** Our recommendation for the 2026 RTIP capital project funds is to program all \$9,393,000 to a project of MTC's choosing. As mentioned in the memo summary, while the Board's long-standing RTIP priorities (Attachment 1) assigned equal standing to the remaining SFMTA Central Subway (\$15,699,654) and MTC Advance for Presidio Parkway (\$31,000,000) commitments, the SFMTA was not able to identify an eligible project that would be able to meet all timely use of funds requirements associated with this funding source for the 2026 RTIP cycle. Therefore, we recommend programming all of the 2026 RTP project funds to a project of MTC's choosing and giving SFMTA priority for the first \$9,393,000 of available funds in the 2028 RTIP. SFMTA and MTC would have equal priority for any additional RTIP funds until our outstanding commitments are fulfilled. MTC will identify the specific project to be funded prior to the MTC Commission adoption of the RTIP priorities later this calendar year.

Next Steps. After the Board adopts San Francisco's 2026 RTIP Program of Projects, we will submit the Program of Projects to MTC by its October 31, 2025 deadline. The MTC Commission is expected to consider the 2026 RTIP on December 17, 2025. The CTC will consider adopting the 2026 RTIP at its March 19, 2026, meeting. Provided that our nominated projects adhere to MTC and CTC RTIP guidelines, we do not anticipate any issues with securing those approvals.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The recommended action would not have an impact on the Fiscal Year 2025/26 budget. The proposed PPM funds, following approval by the CTC, would be included in the agency's FY 2029/30 budget.

CAC POSITION

The CAC will consider this item at its September 24, 2025 meeting.

SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

- Attachment 1 - Current Remaining RTIP Commitments
- Attachment 2 - 2026 RTIP New Funds Available for San Francisco
- Attachment 3 - 2026 Proposed Program of Projects
- Attachment 4 - Proposed Remaining RTIP Commitments
- Attachment 5 - Project Programming Request Form - SFCTA PPM (1)

Attachment 1.
San Francisco County Transportation Authority
Current Remaining Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) Commitments¹

Project ²	Initial RTIP Commitment	Current Remaining RTIP Commitment
Central Subway ³	\$92,000,000	\$15,699,654
MTC STP/CMAQ Advance for Presidio Parkway ⁴	\$34,000,000	\$31,000,000
Caltrain Downtown Extension [Fulfilled]	\$28,000,000	\$0
Caltrain Electrification [Fulfilled]	\$24,000,000	\$0
Presidio Parkway [Fulfilled]	\$84,101,000	\$0
Total	\$262,101,000	\$46,699,654

¹ Based on Transportation Authority Board-adopted RTIP priorities last amended by Resolution 24-15, approved October 24, 2023. Per Resolution 24-15, repayment of remaining RTIP commitments to MTC and SFMTA have equal priority in the 2026 RTIP.

² Acronyms include Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ), Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), San Francisco County Transportation Authority (SFCTA), San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA), and Surface Transportation Program (STP).

³ Since sufficient RTIP funds were unavailable when SFMTA was awarding the Central Subway construction contracts, we are honoring this commitment by programming new Regional Improvement Program (RIP) funds when they become available to other SFMTA eligible projects to comply with RTIP guidelines.

⁴ Through Resolution 12-44, the SFCTA accepted MTC's proposed advance of \$34 million in STP/CMAQ funds for Presidio Parkway to be repaid with future county share RTIP funds. On September 22, 2021 as part of its approval of the 2022 RTIP guidelines, the MTC reduced the Transportation Authority's remaining commitment by \$3 million, contingent on the Transportation Authority allocating \$3 million in local funds to serve as MTC's contribution to the next phase of project development for the Caltrain Downtown Extension project.

Attachment 2.

2026 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP)

New Funds Available for San Francisco

The 2026 RTIP covers five years (Fiscal Years (FYs) 2026/27 – 2030/31). However, the California Transportation Commission has advised that new project programming is almost exclusively available only in the last two years, FY 2029/30 and FY 2030/31, with very small amounts in FY 2026/27 and FY 2028/29.

Programming Category	San Francisco County Share - New Programming	Eligible Activities
Planning, Programming, and Monitoring (PPM)	SFCTA: \$298,000	Up to 5% allowable per 3-year county share period, FY 2028/29 – 2030/31, (different than 5-year range of the RTIP) for PPM activities including regional transportation planning, program development, and project monitoring. MTC and the Congestion Management Agencies have a long-standing arrangement to split the PPM in recognition of the role each agency plays in advancing the state's transportation goals.
	MTC: \$196,000	
	PPM subtotal: \$494,000	
Capital Projects	New formula distribution: \$9,393,000	Capital projects to improve transportation, including highways, local roads, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and transit projects. For the 2026 RTIP, transit projects must be State Constitution Article XIX compliant (e.g. no rolling stock) or must seek federal-only funding and provide required matching funds if no state Public Transportation Account funds are available. Can fund environmental, design, right of way and construction phases.
	Capital Projects subtotal: \$9,393,000	
Total:	\$9,887,000	

Attachment 3.
Proposed San Francisco 2026 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) Programming Priorities

		Project Totals by Fiscal Year (\$ 1,000's) CTC has advised that new project programming is almost exclusively available in the last two years, FY 2029/30 and FY 2030/31						
Agency ¹	Project	Total	FY 2026/27	FY 2027/28	FY 2028/29	FY 2029/30	FY 2030/31	Phase
2024 RTIP Programming Priorities								
SFMTA	New Flyer Midlife Overhaul - Phase III	\$45,569		\$45,569				Construction
SFCTA	Planning, programming, and Monitoring	\$927	\$326	\$327	\$274			n/a
MTC	Planning, Programming, and Monitoring	\$279	\$91	\$93	\$95			n/a
Funds Programmed to 2024 RTIP Priorities		\$46,775	\$417	\$45,989	\$369			
2025 MTC RTIP Programming - Fund Exchange ²								
SFMTA	New Flyer Midlife Overhaul - Phase III	\$18,270		\$18,270				
MTC RTIP Fund Exchange		\$18,270		\$18,270				
New 2026 RTIP Programming Priorities								
MTC	Project TBD	\$9,393				\$9,393		TBD
SFCTA	Planning, programming, and Monitoring	\$298				\$298		n/a
MTC	Planning, Programming, and Monitoring	\$196				\$98	\$98	n/a
Proposed 2026 RTIP Programming		\$9,887				\$9,789	\$98	
Total RTIP Funds Available		\$9,887						
Surplus/(Shortfall)		\$0						

¹ Acronyms include the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), San Francisco County Transportation Authority (SFCTA), and San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA).

² MTC programmed \$18.27 million in MTC RTIP funds reserved for the Housing Incentive Pool (HIP) program to the SFMTA's New Flyer Mid-Life Overhauls Phase III project in exchange for a like amount of Prop L funds for a HIP-eligible SFMTA project or projects. The benefits of this fund exchange include: earlier availability of the HIP funds than if they were in the RTIP (FY31 for RTIP funds); ability for SFMTA to use flexible Prop L funds instead of RTIP funds, which are much more restrictive; and, the mid-life overhauls project would become a top priority for RTIP programming in the region. The \$18.27 million in MTC RTIP funds are in addition to the \$45.569 million in San Francisco RTIP funds that the SFCTA Board recommended programming to the bus overhauls in October 2023.

Attachment 4
San Francisco County Transportation Authority
Proposed Remaining Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) Commitments^{1, 5}
Proposed October 2025

Project²	Initial RTIP Commitment	Current Remaining RTIP Commitment	Proposed New Funds 2026 RTIP	Proposed Remaining RTIP Commitment
Central Subway ³	\$92,000,000	\$15,699,654	\$0	\$15,699,654
MTC STP/CMAQ Advance for Presidio Parkway ⁴	\$34,000,000	\$31,000,000	\$9,393,000	\$21,607,000
Caltrain Downtown Extension [Fulfilled]	\$28,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Caltrain Electrification [Fulfilled]	\$24,000,000	\$0		\$0
Presidio Parkway [Fulfilled]	\$84,101,000	\$0		\$0
Total	\$262,101,000	\$46,699,654	\$9,393,000	\$37,306,654

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² Acronyms include Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ), Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), San Francisco County Transportation Authority (SFCTA), San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA), and Surface Transportation Program (STP).

³ Since sufficient RTIP funds were unavailable when SFMTA was awarding the Central Subway construction contracts, SFCTA is honoring this commitment by programming new RTIP funds when they become available to other SFMTA eligible projects to comply with RTIP guidelines.

⁴ Through Resolution 12-44, the SFCTA accepted MTC's proposed advance of \$34 million in STP/CMAQ funds for Presidio Parkway to be repaid with future county share RTIP funds. On September 22, 2021 as part of its approval of the 2022 RTIP guidelines, the MTC reduced the Transportation Authority's remaining commitment by \$3 million, contingent on the Transportation Authority allocating \$3 million in local funds to serve as MTC's contribution to the next phase of project development for the Caltrain Downtown Extension project.

⁵ Proposed 2026 RTIP would program \$9.393 million from San Francisco's share of available project funds to partially paydown the remaining commitment to MTC. For the 2028 RTIP, SFMTA would have priority for the first \$9.393 million in RTIP project funds to go toward the Central Subway RTP commitment. MTC and SFMTA would have equal priority for any remaining project funds in the 2028 RTIP beyond the first \$9.393 million.

Amendment (Existing Project) ☐ YES ☒ NO				Date	09/11/2025 17:43:14
Programs ☐ LPP-C ☐ LPP-F ☐ SCCP ☐ TCEP ☒ STIP ☐ Other					
District	EA	Project ID	PPNO	Nominating Agency	
04				San Francisco County Transportation Authority	
County	Route	PM Back	PM Ahead	Co-Nominating Agency	
San Francisco Count					
				MPO	Element
				MTC	Local Assistance
Project Manager/Contact			Phone	Email Address	
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Project Title

Planning, Programming and Monitoring

Location (Project Limits), Description (Scope of Work)

Planning, Programming and Monitoring

Component	Implementing Agency
PA&ED	San Francisco County Transportation Authority
PS&E	
Right of Way	
Construction	San Francisco County Transportation Authority

Legislative Districts

Assembly:	17,19	Senate:	11	Congressional:	12,14
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Project Milestone	Existing	Proposed
Project Study Report Approved		
Begin Environmental (PA&ED) Phase		
Circulate Draft Environmental Document	Document Type	
Draft Project Report		
End Environmental Phase (PA&ED Milestone)		
Begin Design (PS&E) Phase		
End Design Phase (Ready to List for Advertisement Milestone)		
Begin Right of Way Phase		
End Right of Way Phase (Right of Way Certification Milestone)		
Begin Construction Phase (Contract Award Milestone)		
End Construction Phase (Construction Contract Acceptance Milestone)		
Begin Closeout Phase		
End Closeout Phase (Closeout Report)		

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Purpose and Need

The purpose and need of the funds include monitoring STIP project implementation, including timely use of funds, project delivery, and compliance with State law and the California Transportation Commissioners guidelines.

NHS Improvements	☐ YES ☒ NO	Roadway Class	NA	Reversible Lane Analysis	☐ YES ☒ NO
Inc. Sustainable Communities Strategy Goals	☒ YES ☐ NO	Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions	☐ YES ☒ NO		

Project Outputs

Category	Outputs	Unit	Total

Additional Information

Performance Indicators and Measures						
Measure	Required For	Indicator/Measure	Unit	Build	Future No Build	Change

District	County	Route	EA	Project ID	PPNO
04	San Francisco County				

Project Title
Planning, Programming and Monitoring

Existing Total Project Cost (\$1,000s)									Implementing Agency
Component	Prior	26-27	27-28	28-29	29-30	30-31	31-32+	Total	
E&P (PA&ED)									San Francisco County Transportation
PS&E									
R/W SUP (CT)									
CON SUP (CT)									San Francisco County Transportation
R/W									
CON									San Francisco County Transportation
TOTAL									
Proposed Total Project Cost (\$1,000s)									Notes
E&P (PA&ED)									
PS&E									
R/W SUP (CT)									
CON SUP (CT)									
R/W									
CON	579	326	327	274	298			1,804	
TOTAL	579	326	327	274	298			1,804	

Fund #1:	RIP - National Hwy System (Committed)								Program Code
Existing Funding (\$1,000s)									
Component	Prior	26-27	27-28	28-29	29-30	30-31	31-32+	Total	Funding Agency
E&P (PA&ED)									
PS&E									
R/W SUP (CT)									
CON SUP (CT)									
R/W									
CON									
TOTAL									
Proposed Funding (\$1,000s)									Notes
E&P (PA&ED)									2026 STIP
PS&E									
R/W SUP (CT)									
CON SUP (CT)									
R/W									
CON					298			298	
TOTAL					298			298	

Fund #2:	RIP - National Hwy System (Committed)								Program Code
Existing Funding (\$1,000s)									
Component	Prior	26-27	27-28	28-29	29-30	30-31	31-32+	Total	Funding Agency
E&P (PA&ED)									
PS&E									
R/W SUP (CT)									
CON SUP (CT)									
R/W									
CON									
TOTAL									
Proposed Funding (\$1,000s)									Notes
E&P (PA&ED)									2024 STIP
PS&E									
R/W SUP (CT)									
CON SUP (CT)									
R/W									
CON		326	327	274				927	
TOTAL		326	327	274				927	
Fund #3:	RIP - National Hwy System (Committed)								Program Code
Existing Funding (\$1,000s)									
Component	Prior	26-27	27-28	28-29	29-30	30-31	31-32+	Total	Funding Agency
E&P (PA&ED)									
PS&E									
R/W SUP (CT)									
CON SUP (CT)									
R/W									
CON									
TOTAL									
Proposed Funding (\$1,000s)									Notes
E&P (PA&ED)									2020 STIP and 2022 STIP
PS&E									
R/W SUP (CT)									
CON SUP (CT)									
R/W									
CON	579							579	
TOTAL	579							579	