

# ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS

Representing City and County Governments of the San Francisco Bay Area



ABAG

## MEMO

Date: July 1, 2013

To: Executive Board

From: Laura Thompson  
Bay Trail Project Manager

Subject: **MTC Bridge Toll Funds to Support the San Francisco Bay Trail Project**

### Summary

On June 22, 2011, MTC adopted revised programming and allocation policies for the Two Percent Bridge Toll Reserve Funds and Five Percent Unrestricted State Funds. These funds are allocated to projects which are designed to reduce vehicular traffic congestion -- such as the San Francisco Bay Trail, a visionary plan for a shared-use bicycle and pedestrian path that will one day allow 500 miles of continuous travel around San Francisco Bay. Resolution No. 4015 establishes annual program management and capital support for ABAG's Bay Trail Project by identifying Bridge Toll funds for this purpose. Bridge Toll Funds provide a stable annual funding source for program management and capital support to complete the remaining 170 miles of planned Bay Trail.

A grant application to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission will be submitted with the attached resolution requesting \$707,575 in Bridge Toll Funds.

### Recommendation

Bay Trail staff requests the Executive Board adopt ABAG Resolution No. 08-13 authorizing ABAG to submit a grant application for Two Percent Bridge Toll Reserve Funds and Five Percent Unrestricted State Funds and enter into an agreement with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission to support the San Francisco Bay Trail Project.

### Attachment:

ABAG Resolution No. 08-13

**ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS  
EXECUTIVE BOARD**

**RESOLUTION NO. 08-13**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS  
TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE METROPOLITAN  
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013/2014 TWO PERCENT  
BRIDGE TOLL RESERVE FUNDS AND FIVE PERCENT UNRESTRICTED STATE  
FUNDS AND TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR PROGRAM AND CAPITAL  
SUPPORT OF THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY TRAIL**

**WHEREAS**, the San Francisco Bay Trail, administered by the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), is a visionary plan for a shared-use bicycle and pedestrian path that will one day allow continuous travel around San Francisco Bay extending over 500 miles to link the shoreline of nine counties, passing through 47 cities and crossing seven toll bridges as a transportation alternative to motor vehicles; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Streets and Highways Code Section 30913(b), the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) has allocated two-thirds of the Two Percent Bridge Toll Reserve Funds of the Regional Measure 1 (RM1) toll increase to projects which are designed to reduce vehicular traffic congestion and improve bridge operations on any bridge, including, but not limited to, bicycle facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Five Percent Unrestricted State Funds are to be programmed and allocated for ferry transit and bicycle-related planning and ABAG's Bay Trail Project is identified as the sole priority for the Five Percent Unrestricted State Funds for bicycle planning; and

**WHEREAS**, ABAG's Bay Trail Project has received annual allocations from the Five Percent Unrestricted State Funds since the early 1990s and is an eligible recipient of the Two Percent Bridge Toll Reserve Funds; and

**WHEREAS**, MTC sets forth in adopted Resolution No. 4015 annual funding allocations for ABAG's Bay Trail Project from the Two Percent Bridge Toll Reserve Funds (\$450,000) and the Five Percent Unrestricted State Funds (\$257,575); and

**WHEREAS**, staff has identified a need for program and capital support for projects necessary to complete the remaining 170 miles of Bay Trail.

**ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS  
RESOLUTION NO. 08-13**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Executive Board of the Association of Bay Area Governments approves the application for funding assistance and authorizes its Executive Director, or his designee, to execute and submit allocation requests to MTC for Fiscal Year 2013/2014 Two Percent Bridge Toll Reserves Funds and Five Percent Unrestricted State Funds and to enter into all agreements necessary to secure these funds.

The foregoing was adopted by the Executive Board this 18<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2013.

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Mark Luce  
President

**Certification of Executive Board Approval**

I, the undersigned, the appointed and qualified Secretary-Treasurer of the Association of Bay Area Governments (Association), do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Executive Board of the Association at a duly called meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2013.

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Ezra Rapport  
Secretary-Treasurer

**Approved as To Legal Form**

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Kenneth K. Moy  
Legal Counsel