



Approve Revolving Match Recommendations

Consent

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Attachments: Yes

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Referring Committee: Transportation

1. Issue:

By adding a strategic amount of funding, the Revolving Match program provides contingent awards to projects to increase their competitiveness in larger funding programs. Staff reviewed the requests for projects applying to federal or state grant programs within the next six months and developed a funding recommendation for approval (Attachment A).

2. Recommendation:

The Transportation Committee recommends that the board adopt the staff funding recommendations for the Revolving Match program. Attachments A and B have been updated since the Transportation Committee to reflect recent state funding award recommendations, show Revolving Match program successes, and remove potential duplicate awards.

3. Background/Analysis:

In April 2022, the SACOG board adopted the guidelines for the Revolving Match Program. The program is intended to help project sponsors with additional funding to pursue major federal or state grants and to support the delivery of their maintenance and capital projects. By adding a strategic amount of funding to a project to increase competitiveness, the program aims to better leverage the SACOG funding round to position projects that align with SACOG initiatives for these larger programs. The board approved a budget range of \$19-\$31 million for the program over two years at the same time. The Revolving Match program anticipates a call for projects every six months.

Projects designed to construct new general purpose unmanaged road or highway capacity are not eligible for this program. Other eligibility requirements for this program include:

- Located within the four-county region and listed in the current Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (MTP/SCS),
- Federal-aid eligible for Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ), Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP), or State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funding,
- Applying to a specific funding program and meeting the eligibility requirements of the program, and
- Being prioritized by the sponsor in an approved plan.

The Revolving Match program has successfully leveraged \$7,500,000 to support three agencies in winning \$61,849,000 in state funding awards (Attachment B). The attachment has been updated to reflect the two

projects that were recommended for state funding awards between the June 1, Transportation Committee meeting and the board meeting. The call for projects was released in March with applications due May 5. If a selected project does not receive funding from the identified State or Federal funding program in that cycle, funds will not be programmed to the project and will be returned to the program for future rounds.

4. Discussion/Analysis:

Staff received nine project applications for the following projects for a total of \$18,991,000. The proposals target upcoming federal opportunities for transportation safety and programs targeting large infrastructure projects that are likely to generate national or regional economic, mobility, or safety benefits (Attachment A).

Projects were considered relative to how they would achieve the Revolving Match program's intent of adding a strategic amount of funding to increase competitiveness for both federal and state grant programs. Projects were evaluated on how they supported the following metrics from the MTP/SCS:

- How does the project reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled and/or Greenhouse Gas emissions?
- How does the project support multiple travel modes including walking, biking, and transit?
- How does the project support regional economic prosperity?
- How does the project support equity?
- How does the project support goods movement?
- How does the project improve safety?
- Does the project support state of good repair?

Staff recommends that five of the nine submitted projects be approved for contingent funding in the Revolving Match program. The sixth project, US 50 Gold Line Corridor Enhancements, was removed from the funding list as it would have been a double award; state funding recommendations announced June 8, fulfilled the requirement of its existing Revolving Match contingent award. The three remaining projects not recommended were found to be inconsistent with the program's intent to leverage regional funding for large federal or state investments in support of maintenance or capital projects.

If the applications for the recommended projects are not successful for the federal program identified on their application, the SACOG funds are not programmed to the project. Instead, the funds return to the Revolving Match program and are available for future projects seeking this funding.

Attachments:

- A. Project Information and Funding Recommendations
- B. Pending and Awarded Revolving Match Grants

5. Fiscal Impact/Grant Information:

The adopted Regional Funding Round \$130 million budget identifies the funding for the Revolving Match Program.