



DATE: November 18, 2022
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Wondimu Mengistu, Capital Planning and Grants Program Manager
SUBJECT: ACCEPT AND FILE QUARTERLY STATUS REPORT OF GRANT APPLICATIONS, ACTIVE AND PENDING GRANTS FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF FY23

I. RECOMMENDED ACTION

That the Board of Directors receive and file the quarterly report on grant applications and active and pending grants. This is for information only. No action is required.

II. SUMMARY

- During the first quarter (Q1) of FY23 (July 1-September 30, 2022), the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO) received approval for two formula grants, which will be used for both operating and capital assistance.
- Staff also submitted one formula grant application capital improvements during the quarter.
- Previously awarded grant-funded projects are underway to purchase replacement vehicles and upgrade facilities.
- A list of METRO's active grants (Attachment A) and pending applications (Attachment B) is provided quarterly to apprise the Board of Directors (Board) of grant funding status.
- No action is required; this report is for information only.

III. DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND

During Q1 of FY23, METRO received approval for two formula grants.

- METRO received approval for its FY23 Transportation Development Act (TDA) annual claim from the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC). The TDA funds will contribute \$13,694,068 for fixed-route public transit and ADA complementary paratransit operations in Santa Cruz County for FY23.
- The California Transportation Commission (CTC) approved METRO's combined 2020, 2022 and 2023 Local Partnership Program (LPP) Project Programming Request (PPR) to implement Revenue Vehicle Replacement Project. METRO has a balance of

\$903,000 in cycle 2020-21, 2021-22, and 2022-23 formulaic unprogrammed shares based on voter-approved sales taxes. The LPP guidelines require a one-to-one match of private, local, state or federal funds for each dollar of LPP expenditures. METRO's highest priority is to replace and rebuild buses, and LPP funds will assist with purchasing three (3) fixed-route, 40-foot buses to replace three (3) equivalent 2003 CNG transit buses that have driven over 852,000 miles each well over the FTA's useful life thresholds.

During the quarter, staff submitted and received approval for one formula grant application for capital improvements.

- METRO staff submitted and received approval for \$782,148 funds from the California State of Good Repair Program (SGR). METRO has already committed its FY23 SGR funds for bus replacement projects and/or for the required local match for competitive grant opportunities. METRO's highest capital improvement priority is to replace buses that have exceeded their useful lifespan.

Closed-out Grants

During the quarter, staff closed-out Project # 19-0024: Replace Six (6) Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Buses.

- Project #19-0024: This project purchased six CNG buses to replace six (6) equivalent CNG buses using \$4,036,017 in Public Transportation Modernization, Improvement, and Service Enhancement Account (PTMISEA) and \$100,000 in Measure D funds. All applicable State funds expended and Caltrans approved the closeout report.

Active, Pending and Future Grants

Active operating and capital improvement grants total \$63,318,338 in formula and \$38,326,436 in competitive funds. Of this amount, \$8,396,512 is to replace and refurbish buses. The remaining awarded funds are for capital improvement projects.

Pending grant applications request \$15,854,192 of new formula funding and \$6,820,660 of new discretionary funding. Of the total of \$22,674,852 in funding requests, \$22,150,497 is to replace buses. The remaining applications request funds for capital improvement projects.

METRO staff continuously seeks grant funds for operating assistance and capital improvements. During the next three months, staff will prepare grant applications for FY22 Solutions for Congested Corridors Program (SCCP) and the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP).

IV. STRATEGIC PLAN PRIORITIES ALIGNMENT

The actions taken in this report tie to METRO's Financial Stability, Stewardship and Accountability.

V. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS/IMPACT

Current active grants (Attachment A) of \$101,644,774 for METRO's operations and capital improvements projects. The Operating and Capital Budgets will be amended as necessary when grants are awarded.

VI. CHANGES FROM COMMITTEE

N/A

VII. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

This is for information only and there are no alternatives to consider.

VIII. ATTACHMENTS


Attachment A: Active Grants as of November 2022

Attachment B: Pending Grants as of November 2022

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IX. APPROVALS

John Urgo, Planning
and Development Director



Approved as to fiscal impact:
Chuck Farmer, CFO



Michael Tree, CEO/General Manager



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Active Grants as of 11/25/2022						
Formula Grant						
#	Project Description	Project Scope	Funding Source	\$ Budget Grant	\$ Budget Total Project	Project % Complete
Operating Projects						
1	Operate Watsonville Circulator	Operate new circulator route w/ ZEB in Wats DAC	FY22 LCTOP	\$ 1,074,571	\$ 1,074,571	0%
2	Operate Watsonville Circulator	Operate new circulator route w/ ZEB in Wats DAC	FY21 LCTOP	\$ 489,213	\$ 489,213	95%
3	FY23 Operating assistance	Operating assistance	FY23 SCCRTC Transportation Development Act-Local Transportation Fund (TDA-LTF)	\$ 9,218,043	\$ 18,436,086	5%
4	FY23 CRRSAA Rural Transit Operation	Operating assistance	FY23 FTA 5311 Rural Operating Assistance	\$ 524,932	\$ 524,932	0%
5	FY22 &23 Rural Transit Operations	Operating assistance	FY22 &23 FTA 5311 Rural Operating Assistance	\$ 521,408	\$ 1,042,816	5%

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6	FY21 ARPA	Operating assistance	FTA FY21 Federal Section 5307 formula funds through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)	\$ 26,020,080	\$ 26,020,080	25%
7	FY23 operating and capital assistance	Operating and capital assistance	FY23 SCCRTC Transportation Development Act-State Transit Assistance (TDA-STA)	\$4,476,025	\$ 8,952,050	5%

End of Operating Projects

Capital Projects

8	Purchase 2 CNG buses	Purchase of two CNG BRT Plus Low Floor buses	FY19 SGR (\$687,360) FY20 SGR (\$195,394) PTMISEA (\$433,338) Measure D (\$131,609)	\$ 1,447,701	\$ 1,447,701	95%
9	FY23 TDA-STA/SGR Claim	Capital assistance	FY23 SCCRTC TDA-SGR	\$ 770,861	\$ 770,861	0%
10	FY20 LCTOP Capital assistance	Purchase 1 ZEB	Caltrans FY20 Formula Capital assistance Award:7/28/2020	\$ 969,394	\$ 969,394	5%
11	Roof for Golf Club Facility	Renovating Golf Club Roof	FTA FY19 5339(a) Bus and Bus Facilities Formula Program Pre-Award: 12/10/19	\$ 450,000	\$ 450,000	80%

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12	Bus Washer	Mid-life overhaul for bus washer	FTA FY19 5339(a) Bus and Bus Facilities Formula Program Pre-Award: 12/10/19	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	50%
13	4 Electric replacement buses for Highway 17 Express	Purchase 3 ZEBs, Depot and end-route charging	FTA FY16 5339(c) LoNo Award:8/21/17	\$ 3,810,348	\$ 4,936,512	20%
14	Pacific Station expansion and renovation architectural services	Design and engineering	FY08 FTA 5309 CA-04-0102 Award:9/12/08	\$ 490,000	\$ 612,500	90%
15	Pacific Station expansion and renovation architectural services	Design and engineering	FY06 FTA 5309 CA-04-0021 Award:2/14/07	\$ 396,000	\$ 495,000	90%
16	Bus replacement projects	Bus replacement projects	FY22 SCCRTC TDA-SGR	\$ 760,226	\$ 760,226	0%
17	Golf Club Parts Washers	Replace the JRI units purchased 2010	FY20 FTA 5339a Buses and Bus Facilities	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000	75%

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18	Non-revenue Electric Vehicles	Replace up to 3 old non-rev vehicles with electric non-rev vehicles	FY20 FTA 5339a Buses and Bus Facilities	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	95%
19	Service Truck	Road call fitted with service equipment	FY20 FTA 5339a Buses and Bus Facilities	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	75%
20	Fueling and Wash Facility - Awning Install	Construction phase -Awning at front of fueling island	FY20 FTA 5339a Buses and Bus Facilities	\$ 238,908	\$ 238,908	75%
21	ParaCruz Van Replacement	Purchase 6 replacement ParaCruz vans	FY19 LPP	\$ 302,000	\$ 604,000	25%
22	Replace two 1998 diesel-fueled buses with two CNG buses	FY20 State of California FTA Section 5339	CalTrans FY20 5339 Discretionary Funds	\$ 1,088,000	\$ 1,360,000	95%
23	Pacific Station Transit Center (Pacific Station)	Redevelop the existing Pacific Station bus terminal	Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Round 6	\$ 4,000,000	\$ 29,600,000	0%
24	FTA FY22 5339(a) the State Rural Discretionary	Vehicle Replacement Program	FTA FY22 5339(a) the State Rural Discretionary	\$ 420,000	\$ 2,100,000	5%

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25	FY21/22 Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant funding	FY21/22 Transportation Planning Grant funding	FY21/22 Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant funding	\$ 329,924	\$ 329,924	15%
			Total	\$ 58,227,634	\$ 101,644,774	
End of Active Grants						

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Santa Cruz METRO Pending Grants as of 11/25/2022						
Competitive Grant						
Formula Grant						
#	Project Description	Project Scope	Estimated Date of Award	Funding Source	\$ Budget Grant	\$ Budget Total Project
1	FTA FFY22 FTA Section 5307	FTA FY22 5307 Formula Operating and Capital Assistance	2/15/2023	FTA FY22 5307 Formula Operating and Capital Assistance	\$11,269,864	\$13,523,837
2	Local Partnership Program (LPP)	Bus Replacement	12/20/2022	CTC FY20 Local Partnership Program (LPP) FY 20-21, 21-22 and 22-23	\$903,000	\$1,806,000
3	FY22 Congressionally Directed Funding	ParaCruz Operation and Administrative Facility Construction Project	12/15/2022	FY22 Congressionally Directed Funding	\$5,517,594	\$6,130,660
4	FTA FY21 5339a	Install Automatic Passenger Counters (APCs)	12/15/2022	FTA FY21 5339a Bus and Bus Facilities Formula	\$524,355	\$524,355
5	Vouchers for 5 ZEBs	HVIP for 5 ZEBs	11/15/2022	CALSTART Heavy-duty zero-emission Vehicle Incentive Program (HVIP) for 5 ZEBs	\$138,000	\$690,000
Total					\$ 18,352,813	\$ 22,674,852
End of Pending Grants						

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