



Office of the Mayor
Mayor Tom Bates

INFORMATION CALENDAR
June 24, 2014

To: Members of the City Council
From: Mayor Tom Bates
Subject: MTC Approval of the Adeline Corridor Planning Grant of \$750,000

INTRODUCTION:

At its May 28, 2014 meeting, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) approved a \$750,000 Priority Development Area (PDA) grant for the Adeline Street corridor and the Ashby BART area.

BACKGROUND:

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission is the transportation planning, coordinating and financing agency for the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area. It has 21 commissioners.

REPORT:

The PDA planning grant will fund development of a Specific Plan and a programmatic environmental review document. The funding will support a comprehensive planning process that will include outreach to and input from residents, businesses and community groups to identify and design the improvements needed for more affordable housing, commercial vitality and mass transit as well as pedestrian-friendly and bicycle-friendly neighborhoods. Project goals also include local jobs, pedestrian safety, historic preservation, cohesive streetscape design, public art and assessing the role that the Ashby BART parking lot could play in achieving community goals while maintaining the Ashby BART flea market. Goals also include better connectivity between the greater South Berkeley neighborhood and Ashby BART, Downtown Berkeley and the East Bay corridor.

FISCAL IMPACTS:

As noted in the staff report about the grant application to Council on April 29, 2014, the grant requires a 12% match of the total project costs by the local jurisdiction. The total project is expected to cost \$908,000 with \$800,000 in grants and \$108,000 in local match. Staff costs are eligible to be counted towards the matching funds and will be \$90,000 of the match. The other \$18,000 in matching funds will come from the Permit Service Center Fund from the Community Planning Fee collected on permits issued.

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LINKS:

1. Staff report, Joint MTC Planning Committee/ABAG Administrative Committee, May 2, 2014, agenda item 5:

http://apps.mtc.ca.gov/meeting_packet_documents/agenda_2220/Item_5_PDA_Planning_Grants_and_Reg_Implementation_Priorities.pdf

2. Staff report, Berkeley City Manager recommendation to City Council for ratification of grant application, April 29, 2014, agenda item 2:

http://www.cityofberkeley.info/Clerk/City_Council/2014/04_Apr/Documents/2014-04-29_Item_02_Grant_Application_Planning_Process.aspx