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MENDOCINO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Held Remotely via Zoom Meeting/Teleconference

May 18, 2022

Members Present

Tim Eriksen, City of Ukiah
Jeremy Ronco (*for Dusty Duley*), City of Willits
Paul Andersen, City of Point Arena
Chantell O’Neal, City of Fort Bragg
Alicia Meier, County DOT
Mark Cliser, Co. DPBS
Dean Meester, Caltrans

Members Absent

AQMD Representative
Jacob King, MTA

Staff & Others Present

Nephele Barrett, MCOG Administration
Loretta Ellard, MCOG Planning
Jesus Rodriguez, MCOG Planning
Alexis Pedrotti, MCOG Planning
Danielle Casey, MCOG Administration
Kyle Finger, Caltrans
Andrea Trincado, City of Willits
Lucy Bartholomew, Blue Zones
Joaquin Wright, GHD

1. **Call to Order/Introductions** – Nephele called the meeting to order at approx. 10:03 a.m. Individuals present were identified.
2. **Public Expression** – None.
3. **Input from Native American Tribal Governments’ Representatives** – No tribal representatives were present.
4. **Approval of Minutes of 3/16/22** – Motion by Tim Eriksen, seconded by Paul Andersen, and carried unanimously on roll call vote (7 ayes – *Eriksen, Ronco, Andersen, O’Neal, Meier, Cliser, Meester*), to approve the minutes of 3/16/22.
5. **Presentation on CalRecycle’s Tire Derived Aggregate (TDA) Program** – Joaquin Wright, GHD, presented a short video on “Tire Derived Aggregate – a Sustainable Road Repair Solution” and summarized CalRecycle’s TDA grant program which uses recycled tires (tire derived aggregate) in sustainable road repairs. He reviewed eligible grant project categories: lightweight fill – slope stabilization; embankment fill; road repair walls; vibration mitigation – under light rail lines; low impact development (LID)/storm water management; and aggregate replacement projects in landfills. Eligible reimbursement costs include: TDA material, transportation, installation, geotextile materials related to TDA, engineering, and design work. Project requirements include: 100% CA-generated waste tires; minimum 500 tons of TDA material (*200 tons for LID projects*); plans and specifications are subject to review by CalRecycle, and technical assistance and training is provided.

Joaquin advised the maximum TDA grant is \$350,000, grants are reimbursable, and the project period is 24 months from the notice to proceed. The next grant cycles will be in August 2022 and January 2023.

A brief discussion ensued, with Joaquin responding to various questions. He invited TAC members to contact him with questions (joaquin.wright@ghd.com). More information is available at www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Tires/Grants/TDA. Nephele thanked him for the informational presentation.

6. **Final FY 2022/23 Overall Work Program** – Lexi reviewed her staff report and gave a brief overview of the proposed Final FY 2022/23 OWP, totaling \$1,046,598. She noted the Final OWP emailed to TAC members yesterday included revised financial sheets to show the programming of the \$150,000 “project reserve” to new work element 3 “MTA Feasibility Study for Ukiah Transit Center”. She summarized revisions made since the draft OWP was reviewed. The proposed Final Overall Work Program includes projects recommended by the TAC in the Draft as well as carryover projects, and addresses the minor comments received from Caltrans. She also noted that carryover amounts will be adjusted in the first amendment after the fiscal year ends.

Motion by Tim Eriksen, seconded by Jeremy Ronco, and carried unanimously on roll call vote (7 ayes – Eriksen, Ronco, Andersen, O’Neal, Meier, Cliser, Meester) to recommend that MCOG approve the Final FY 2022/23 Overall Work Program.

7. **Staff Reports**

7a. **Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Cycle 11 – Applications due 9/12/12** – Nephele reviewed the staff report and advised the Cycle 11 call for projects has been released. She noted TJKM will be developing two applications per agency as part of the Local Road Safety Plans project, and applications are due 9/12/22.

Nephele pointed out that the “funding set-aside” categories do not have benefit cost ratio (BCR) requirements, and this would be a good opportunity for local agencies to submit applications (separate from the applications TJKM is preparing). She also noted the set-asides are often under-subscribed, and agencies not funded in the last round have priority. Set-aside categories include: Guardrail Upgrades; Pedestrian Crossing Enhancements, Installing Edgelines, Bike Safety Improvements, and Tribes.

For the BCR category, Loretta advised that a minimum BCR of 3.5 has been identified for this cycle. She encouraged members to click on the links in the staff report for guidelines and instructions.

Alicia mentioned an HSIP webinar on May 25, and Loretta offered to forward the webinar announcement to members.

7b. **Active Transportation Program (ATP) – Applications due 6/15/22** – Nephele advised there is currently an open call for projects for the ATP program, with applications due 6/15/22. She reported MCOG is working with Caltrans on an application for construction funding for the Gualala Downtown Streetscape project.

Alicia said the County plans to submit an ATP application for a safe routes to school project in Covelo. She said she attended a recent Round Valley MAC meeting and received some public input.

Tim said the City of Ukiah was considering applying for an ATP grant to extend the rail trail from the northern city limits all the way to Redwood Valley, noting they would need to talk to the County since the entire segment is outside the city limits. He said they were excited about a possible application until the recent unfortunate ruling from the Surface Transportation Board that puts the whole rail trail in question and gives a lot of power to the skunk train and possible coal train. He’s now not sure if it

would be worth applying to put the trail on top of the rail, which he feels would be fought. Nephele agreed it would likely be an uphill battle, and thought maybe a future application could be considered after the issues have been worked through.

Tim said the City is now considering whether to put their phase 4 trail (to Plant Road) on or off the ballast, and may be talking to Senator McGuire's office about how to proceed. Nephele expressed hope now that the Great Redwood Trail Agency is in existence and has staffing from the Coastal Commission that they may be able to help with some of these issues.

11:02 a.m. (approx) - Nephele left for another meeting.

7c. Local Road Safety Plans (LRSP) - Update – Loretta advised that three of the four city councils have received presentations from TJKM on the Local Road Safety Plans, and a presentation is scheduled for Ukiah at tonight's City Council meeting. She noted the County is not having a presentation, but plans to put their LRSP on a consent calendar. Loretta said it appears that agencies are just receiving the informational presentations, with action on the final plans to be scheduled at follow-up meetings. Loretta noted this project is due to wrap up by end of June.

7d. Regional Early Action Plan (REAP) Grants – Update - Loretta encouraged agencies to continue working on required tasks, and submit invoices as soon as possible.

7e. Mobility Solutions for Rural Communities of Inland Mendo. Co. Feasibility Study – Update
Loretta advised that the consultant firm of Amma Transit Planning, Inc. was selected (in a second RFP cycle) to perform this Caltrans grant-funded study, and a kick-off meeting is scheduled for this afternoon. She said this feasibility study will look at non-traditional mobility solutions in the hard-to-serve rural communities of Hopland, Potter Valley, Covelo, Laytonville, and Brooktrails. Planning will soon be starting to form the Technical Advisory Group (TAG), and some TAC members may be invited to participate on the TAG.

8. Miscellaneous

8a. Next Meeting – 6/15/22 *(if needed)*

9. Adjournment – 11:06 a.m. *(approx.)*

Respectfully Submitted,



Loretta Ellard
Deputy Planner

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