



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR  
March 19, 2013

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
From:  Christine Daniel, City Manager  
Submitted by: Andrew Clough, Director, Public Works  
Subject: Funding Applications: Bay Area Air Quality Management District –  
Transportation Fund for Clean Air

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit two applications to the Bay Area Air Quality Management District’s Transportation Fund for Clean Air program, to accept the funds awarded, and execute any resultant agreements and amendments:

1. Up to \$155,000 for the Citywide Bicycle Parking Installation Project (Allocation 1); and
2. Up to \$180,000 for the Citywide Bicycle Parking Installation Project (Allocation 2).

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

There is no matching requirement for funds from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA). However, TFCA funding has an expenditure timeline of two years, and because the entire project budget cannot be expended within two years, funding must be broken into separate 2-year allocations:

1. Allocation 1 FY 2014 – FY 2015: funding up to \$155,000 will be recommended for appropriation through the first amendment to the appropriations ordinance (AAO#1) in FY 2014 and is subject to appropriation in the FY 2015 budget; and
2. Allocation 2 FY 2016 – FY 2017: funding up to \$180,000 is subject to appropriation in these fiscal year budgets.

Funds will be placed in revenue code 613-4950-331-6018 for BAAQMD TFCA funds.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

In FY 2014 TFCA will provide \$1.3 million of new funding for Alameda County. Combined with previous fiscal years’ rollover amounts, Berkeley’s share for FY 2014 will be \$218,672. Subsequent years are expected to provide approximately \$96,000 of funding per year. TFCA funding from these applications will be used to execute 2 multi-year contracts for a Citywide Bicycle Rack Installation Project during FY 2014 – FY 2017, for purchase of bicycle racks and for installation of the purchased racks; and to pay for staff time and consultant support for project delivery. Excess funding remaining in Berkeley’s TFCA account will be rolled over for use in subsequent years.

The Public Works Department has installed bicycle racks in the public right-of-way since the 1990s, with about 1,844 bicycle parking spaces installed citywide since 2004, most in response to requests from residents and businesses. The City's most recent Bicycle Rack Installation Project concluded in 2012 with another 816 new bicycle parking spaces, the highest of any single project in City records. The current funding request and subsequent contracts would continue the request-based citywide Bicycle Rack Installation Project over the next 4 fiscal years, adding more than 800 new bicycle parking spaces.

#### BACKGROUND

TFCA is a funding program funded by a \$4 surcharge on motor vehicles registered in the Bay Area, generating approximately \$22 million per year in revenue. TFCA's goal is to implement the most cost-effective projects in the Bay Area that will decrease motor vehicle emissions, and therefore improve air quality. TFCA funds a wide range of project types, including purchase or lease of clean fuel buses; purchase of clean air vehicles; shuttle and feeder bus service to train stations; ridesharing programs to encourage carpool and transit use; bicycle facility improvements such as bike lanes, bicycle racks, and lockers; arterial management improvements to speed traffic flow on major arterials; smart growth; and transit information projects to enhance the availability of transit information. The City has received grant funding from the TFCA Regional Fund many times in the past.

#### RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

These funding allocations would bring in up to \$335,000 to the City without requiring any new matching funds. The proposed project would reduce air pollution and reduce motor vehicles trips by providing transportation alternatives, and is consistent with the General Plan Transportation Element policies, and the Berkeley Bicycle Plan. In the past, City General Funds have been used to pay for bicycle rack installation. However at this time sufficient TFCA grant funds have accumulated through annual rollovers to justify the use of this funding for multi-year bicycle parking contracts.

#### ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

The City could defer application for and disbursement of TFCA funding, and instead allow the full amount of the annual allocation to rollover for use in subsequent years. The Citywide Bicycle Rack Installation Project would remain unfunded.

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Attachments:  
1: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

FUNDING APPLICATIONS: TRANSPORTATION FUND FOR CLEAN AIR FUNDING  
FOR 4-YEAR CITYWIDE BICYCLE RACK INSTALLATION PROJECT

WHEREAS, City of Berkeley has installed bicycle racks on the public right of way since at least the 1990s in response to requests from the public; and

WHEREAS, installation of bicycle parking is consistent with the Berkeley General Plan Transportation Element and the Berkeley Bicycle Plan; and

WHEREAS, Transportation Fund for Clean Air funds can be used to pay for bicycle rack purchase and installation; and

WHEREAS, once allocated, TFCA funding in the amount of up to \$335,000 will be placed in revenue code 613-4950-331-6018; no matching funds are required.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager is authorized to submit two applications to the Bay Area Air Quality Management District's Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA) program for allocation of funds in the amount of \$155,000 for the Citywide Bicycle Parking Installation Project (Allocation I); and \$180,000 for the Citywide Bicycle Parking Installation Project (Allocation II); accept the funds awarded; and execute any resultant agreements and amendments.

