

SCBRL right of way. Splitting the project also allows flexibility to advance either project into construction sooner, if the final design and right of way components of either project are completed sooner.

~~The benefit of having Caltrans co-nominate the Watsonville-Santa Cruz Multimodal Corridor Program for cycle 4 funding is that, once the project has been split, Caltrans would be responsible for cost overruns on the highway portion of the project, and RTC would be responsible for cost overruns on the trail portion of the project. For these reasons,~~ **Staff recommends the RTC serve as the implementing agency for the construction component of the Coastal Rail Trail Segment 12 portion of the project.** Staff has worked with Caltrans to develop a plan to split the two projects as outlined in a draft letter to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) included as Exhibit G to Attachment 1, which is contingent on the award of SB1 cycle 4 funding. Staff will bring more information to the Commission at subsequent meetings, including recommendations for entering into Cooperative Agreements for the construction component, awarding and amending of contracts, and to adopt plans, specifications, and engineers estimate for the project.

Lift Line

Four percent (4%) of net Measure D revenues are allocated to Community Bridges-Lift Line, as the Consolidated Transportation Services Agency (CTSA) for Santa Cruz County, for paratransit service. Since Community Bridges-Lift Line is the only agency receiving a direct allocation of Measure D fund that is not a public agency, review and approval of their Measure D five-year plan is overseen by the RTC and included in the RTC's public review process. The proposed Lift Line five-year plan, which continues to support expanded weekday and weekend paratransit service, electric fleet upgrades, and the new operations facility, is included as Attachment 1: Exhibit F. Unlike previous years, the Lift Line five-year plan now separates operations costs rather than combining them with the cost of each additional driver.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the RTC hold a public hearing to solicit input and adopt by resolution (Attachment 1) the updated Measure D 5-year programs of projects for FY24/25-28/29 for regional and RTC-oversight projects and programs: Highway Corridor, Active Transportation/Trail Program, Rail Corridor, Highway 17 Wildlife Crossing, and San Lorenzo Valley/Highway 9 Corridor (Exhibits A-E) and Community Bridges-Lift Line (Exhibit F). The proposed uses of