



RAIL TO RIVER ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR - SEGMENT B

Planning and Programming Committee

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ISSUE

- ❑ Staff directed to return to the Board in April 2023 with details on three new state/federal grant programs, including:
 - eligible uses of the funds,
 - agency responsible for managing the funds,
 - next funding cycle and grant application due dates,
 - evaluation criteria, and
 - examples of local projects that have been funded through these programs.

Grant Programs

- ❑ The staff report provides a brief description and summary of each of the three new grant programs that could potentially serve as additional funding sources for the Rail to River Active Transportation Corridor - Segment B Project, including:
 - State's "*Reconnecting Communities/Highway to Boulevards Program*"
 - Cities are eligible applicants as owners of the ROW
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 - Federal "*Neighborhood Access and Equity Grant Program*"
 - Eligibility requirements still being developed
- ❑ Based on information available to date, Rail to River is likely eligible for all three grant programs

NEXT STEPS

- ❑ Metro staff will continue advancing Segment B into the next phase of environmental review, including project development work that can support potential future grant applications.
- ❑ Staff is currently seeking technical assistance in support of this work and anticipates awarding a contract for these services in late summer 2023.
- ❑ Staff will continue to monitor all potential funding opportunities and grant application deadlines. Metro has a program to provide technical grant writing assistance to small cities as well.
- ❑ As project development activities advance, Metro staff will support local jurisdictions in submitting grant applications as appropriate to meet grant program criteria and schedule.



Thank you



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