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SUBJECT: METRO BIKE SHARE

RECOMMENDATION

RECEIVE oral report on Metro Bike Share.

DISCUSSION

Receive oral report on Metro Bike Share Program Board Motion related to item 17 (Metro Bike Share Business Plan and Fare Structure) approved at the May 2018 Board meeting requesting staff to pursue qualifying MTA's bicycle programs (i.e. bike share) legislatively as a transit transportation mode which reduces trips and greenhouse gas emissions, therefore making the programs eligible for Cap-and-Trade funds or other state or federal funding.

Staff has reviewed current state and federal funding programs that are available for bike share. Under both federal and state requirements, funds are restricted to capital only expenditures. Per the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), capital expenses cannot include the purchase of bicycles specifically. Currently bicycles and bike share programs are not qualified as a transit transportation mode per se but viewed instead as complementing the existing transit system (bus or rail) to provide first and last mile access. State eligibility requirements are very similar to those at the federal levels; however, bicycles themselves can be purchased with state funds. On-going operations and maintenance are not eligible for federal or state funding at this time.

Staff will monitor state and federal programs for any changes to current eligibility guidelines and will pursue <u>legislation</u> efforts to take advantage of any funding opportunities as they come available in the future.

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