



**DATE:** December 14, 2021

**CATEGORY:** Consent

**DEPT.:** Public Works

**TITLE:** **MTC Mobility Hub Pilot Grant Program – Mountain View Transit Center Mobility Hub**

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Adopt a Resolution of Local Support of the City Council of the City of Mountain View Authorizing the Filing of an Application for Funding Assigned to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and Committing Any Necessary Matching Funds and Stating Assurance to Complete the Project, to be read in title only, further reading waived (Attachment 1 to the Council report).

### **BACKGROUND**

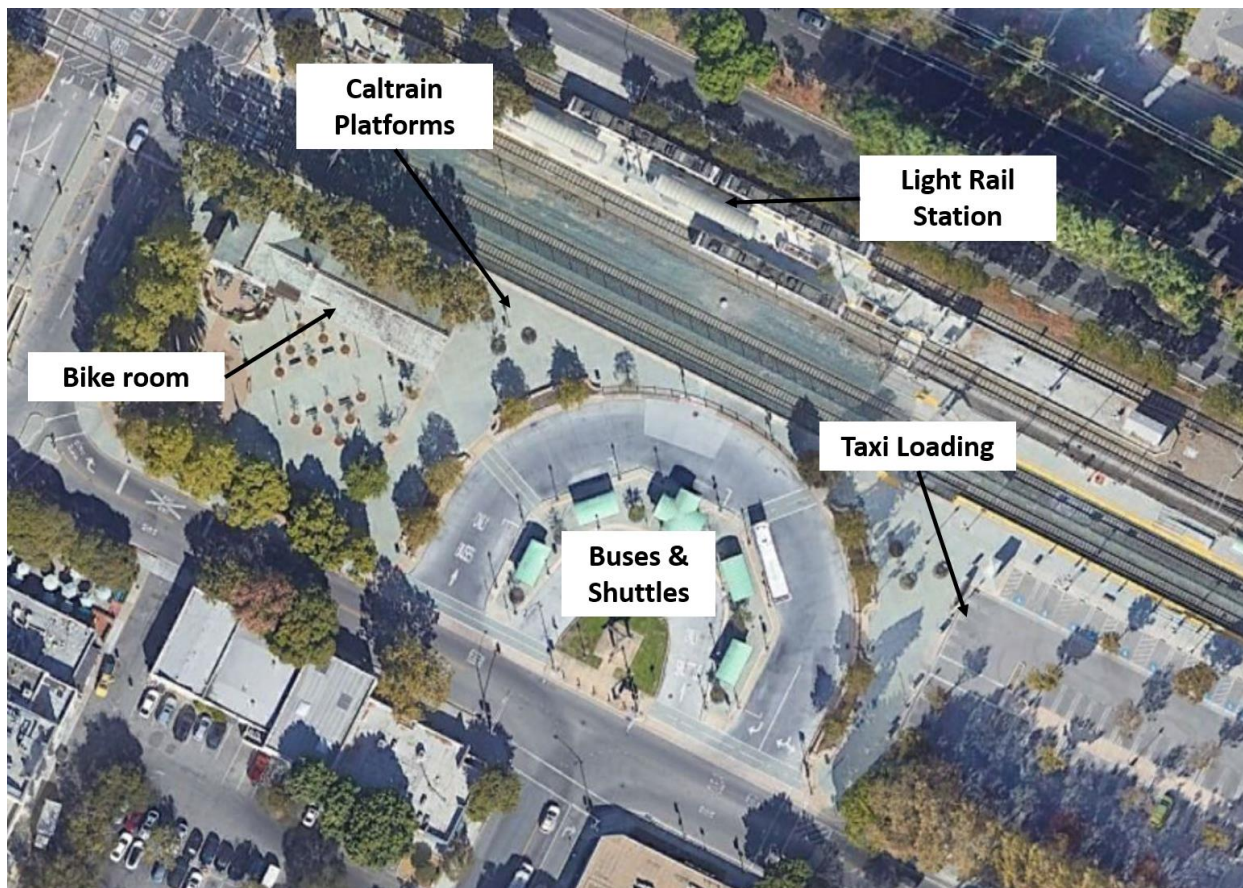
In May 2021, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) announced the availability of Mobility Hub Pilot Grant Program funding and issued a call for applications to eligible Bay Area public agencies. A Mobility Hub is a location that combines multiple mobility services, including regional and local transit and first-/last-mile services with active transportation and micro-mobility options. The Pilot Program is intended to serve as a learning experience on the steps and actions that work best to advance and implement mobility hubs as well as how to overcome implementation challenges. The grant program focused on projects within the priority locations identified in the application guidance. The Mountain View Transit Center and Caltrain Station were ranked No. 2 under the “Pilot Program Prioritized Urban District Hub Clusters” category.

The Mobility Hub Program is one of the Climate Initiative Strategies from Plan Bay Area 2040 and is included in Plan Bay Area 2050. The primary goal of the Program is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions (GHGs) through a reduction in vehicle miles traveled (VMT) by making it easier for trips to be made by transit, biking, walking, scooter, wheelchair, or other mobility devices. The program also supports other regional and Plan Bay Area goals of increasing transit access and connectivity, focusing growth, increasing transit-oriented development, and providing viable travel options to all Bay Area communities.

City staff submitted a grant application for the Mountain View Transit Center Mobility Hub requesting \$200,000, with a City local match of \$35,000, for a project total of \$235,000. The MTC approved the project grant award at its September 22, 2021 meeting.

## **ANALYSIS**

The Mountain View Transit Center already has many of the Mobility Hub elements related to regional and local transit and first-/last-mile services, including Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) buses, Caltrain, light rail, taxis, and shuttles. The City continues to work on projects to improve active transportation access to the Transit Center. In addition to the bike lockers owned and operated by Caltrain, the City provides a bike room located in the train station building at the Transit Center (Figure 1).



**Figure 1: Transit Center Mobility Hub Elements**

The bike room has capacity for storing up to 50 bikes. It is an unstaffed facility, and users register by paying a \$25 deposit and filling out paperwork with the Public Works Department to receive a unique access code for use of the facility. This facility has

outdated infrastructure that accommodates modern bikes poorly, is underutilized, and does not provide an option for unplanned, occasional use due to the need to preregister at City Hall to receive an access code.

The City proposes to pursue the following improvements with the current grant funding opportunity to enhance the Transit Center Mobility Hub:

- Upgrade the bike room with new racks and electric charging for e-bikes and scooters.
- Install a new access control kiosk to the bike room which could offer same-day instant access by allowing users to sign up online via a secure portal. Access could also be linked to a user's Clipper card.
- Improve wayfinding in the vicinity.

It is anticipated that design and construction of the bike room improvements would be completed in 2023 based on timing of funding availability and staff workloads. Once completed, staff will coordinate with Caltrain and VTA to market the new bike room to potential users. In addition, staff plans to review the benefits and costs of hiring a third-party vendor to manage the day-to-day operations of the bike room.

As an MTC pilot program, the City will be required to submit before-and-after bike room utilization data to assist in evaluating the effectiveness of these improvements as part of the Transit Center Mobility Hub.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The City will receive \$200,000 to implement the bike room improvements under the Mobility Hub Pilot Grant program and is required to provide a local match of \$35,000. This project will be added to the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) to be approved by Council in June 2022. The Fiscal Year 2022-23 CIP will identify a CIP funding source for the local match.

### **ALTERNATIVES**

1. Do not adopt the resolution and do not authorize the application for the MTC grant funding.
2. Provide other direction.

**PUBLIC NOTICING** – Agenda posting.

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Attachment: 1. Resolution Authorizing Application