

MOTION BY DIRECTORS NAJARIAN AND ANTONOVICH

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Regular Board Meeting

TOD Planning Grant Program Round 4 - Item 23

MTA staff completed the solicitation, evaluation and proposed award of transportation oriented development (TOD) round 4 grants, but did not incorporate, consistent with virtually all other LACMTA call funding opportunities, a process whereby cities can appeal applications not recommended for funding.

Appeal opportunities are crucial to ensure; that grant processes are evenly administered with equal outreach, staff assistance and guidance available to all jurisdictions including the County of Los Angeles; that grant processes are entirely transparent and objective with no perception of uneven scoring or bias and; that the limited funding available is directed to those city/County projects promising the greatest transportation benefit, with completion by the proposed schedule and within the proposed project budget.

LACMTA's legislatively-mandated technical advisory committee (TAC), with membership representing the entire county, has long served as the group to which cities and LACMTA staff have trusted to hear and make recommendations on the relative merit of funding appeals. This long standing county-inclusive process is generally accepted as the best and fairest method to vet disagreements in application scoring and funding recommendations.

WE THEREFORE MOVE THAT, the CEO direct MTA staff to coordinate with and schedule an appeal process with TAC for this and all future TOD grant rounds; and

WE FURTHER MOVE that, MTA staff report back to the planning and programming committee in ~~February~~ March 2015 on the appeal process for board approval.