



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
April 21, 2026

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Paul Buddenhagen, City Manager

Submitted by: Wahid Amiri, Interim Public Works Director

Subject: FY 2026-2027 Transportation Development Act Article 3 Fund Allocation

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit a request to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for the Allocation of Fiscal Year 2026-2027 TDA Article 3 Pedestrian/Bicycle Project Funding for up to \$350,000 for the purpose of updating the 2020 Berkeley Pedestrian Plan; accept the funds; and execute any resultant agreements and amendments.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

Transportation Development Act (TDA), Article 3 (Fund 339) would provide an amount not to exceed \$350,000 to the City for the development of the Pedestrian Plan update. TDA provides funding exclusively for eligible bicycle and pedestrian projects and plans in the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) Region. The total TDA funding available to the City for FY 26-27 is \$447,450. This request allows the City to maintain a significant portion of TDA funding available for other projects, while completing this necessary plan update.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The City's current Pedestrian Plan (Resolution no. 69,711-N.S.) was adopted by Council on January 26, 2021. The City is required to have an updated Pedestrian Plan to remain eligible for several county, regional, and statewide transportation grants and funding programs. The Pedestrian Plan should be updated every five years to remain an effective component of the Local Roadway Safety Plan (LRSP) according to Caltrans guidelines. The scheduled update to the current Pedestrian Plan will also support the City to fulfill the requirements of Streets and Highways Code section 2370.

The Pedestrian Plan update is a Strategic Plan Priority Project, advancing our goals to provide state-of-the-art, well-maintained infrastructure, amenities, and facilities, and create a resilient, safe, connected, and prepared city.

The Pedestrian Plan update will benefit from the data collection and analysis that is taking place currently for the Berkeley Vision Zero Action Plan update. The current Vision Zero Action Plan (Resolution no. 69,324-N.S.) was adopted by Council on March

10, 2020, and details the location of the City's streets where the most severe and fatal traffic collisions have occurred, and the proposed practices and infrastructure interventions to prevent these types of collisions. The Vision Zero Plan update data will provide the Pedestrian Plan effort with a basis for making new prioritized project recommendations.

BACKGROUND

The State Legislature passed the Transportation Development Act in 1971, implementing a statewide quarter-cent sales tax. TDA is one of the major funding sources for public transportation in California, and under Article 3, funds are to be used by local jurisdictions for qualified bicycle and pedestrian projects. Writing and updating bicycle, pedestrian, and active transportation plans are eligible TDA expenses.

Local jurisdictions obtain these funds in a 3-step process: apportionment, allocation, and payment (reimbursement). Apportionment in the San Francisco Bay Area follows the MTC formula based upon population. The City submits TDA allocation requests to MTC on an annual basis, and unused TDA funds allocated to any project are rolled over from one fiscal year to the next. No matching funds are required, but the project must meet the funding objectives and be developed in cooperation with the community. The basic funding objectives are to increase the safety, security, and efficiency of bicycle and pedestrian travel, and to provide for a coordinated system. The City receives payment of allocated grant funds upon submission of claims for reimbursement.

MTC requires both a supporting resolution from the City Council and a review of TDA allocations by a pedestrian and/or bicycle advisory committee. The allocation to update the Berkeley Pedestrian Plan was approved by the Berkeley Transportation Commission at their February 19, 2026, meeting. The Commission passed a motion as follows:

February 19, 2026, Agenda Item 2 – Berkeley Pedestrian Plan Update
It was Moved/Seconded (Lutzker / Gattu) that the Transportation and Infrastructure Commission supports the City Manager and Department of Public Works' recommendation to the Berkeley City Council for authorization to submit a fund allocation request to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's Transportation Development Act Article 3 program for the Pedestrian Plan update for up to \$350,000, in the Commission's capacity as the City of Berkeley Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC).
Ayes: Fike, Gattu, Hothi, Lutzker, Moss, Scheider, Zaro; Nays: None;
Abstentions: None; Absent: None; Excused: Adrian Leung, Kim Walton;
Motion passed 7-0-0-0-2

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

Increasing walking in the City would help achieve the City's Climate Action Plan greenhouse gas emission reduction targets of 80% below year 2000 levels by 2050. The Climate Action Plan states that, to meet these targets, "Transportation modes such as public transit, walking and bicycling must become the primary means of fulfilling our mobility needs." Primary goals of the Pedestrian Plan update include identifying projects that will improve the safety and comfort of pedestrians and preparing the City to implement those projects.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

If this Resolution is not adopted as submitted by Staff the City risks losing access to multiple transportation funding sources for projects. The City's most recent Pedestrian Plan (Resolution no. 69,711-N.S.) was adopted over five years ago and since then considerable progress has been made to implement the projects within the plan. The priority projects and cost estimates need updating to remain current and relevant to the City's priorities and budget.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

TDA funding will support the Pedestrian Plan development. No alternative actions have been considered.

CONTACT PERSON

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Eric Anderson, Principal Planner, (510) 981-7062
Dani Dynes, Associate Planner, (510) 981-7066

Attachments:

1: Resolution

- Exhibit A: Request to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for the Allocation of Fiscal 2026-2027 TDA Article 3 Pedestrian/Bicycle Project Funding
- Exhibit B: TDA Article 3 Project Application Form

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

FY 2026-2027 TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT ARTICLE 3 FUND
ALLOCATION

WHEREAS, Article 3 of the Transportation Development Act (TDA), Public Utilities Code (PUC) Section 99200 et seq., authorizes the submission of claims to a regional transportation planning agency for the funding of projects exclusively for the benefit and/or use of pedestrians and bicyclists; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), as the regional transportation planning agency for the San Francisco Bay region, has adopted MTC Resolution No. 4108, Revised, entitled "Transportation Development Act, Article 3, Pedestrian/Bicycle Projects," which delineates procedures and criteria for submission of requests for the allocation of "TDA Article 3" funding; and

WHEREAS, MTC Resolution No. 4108, Revised requires that requests for the allocation of TDA Article 3 funding be submitted as part of a single, countywide coordinated claim from each county in the San Francisco Bay region; and

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley desires to submit a request to MTC for the allocation of TDA Article 3 funds to support the projects described in Attachment B to this resolution, which are for the exclusive benefit and/or use of pedestrians and/or bicyclists.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager is authorized to submit a request to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for the Allocation of Fiscal Year 2026-2027 TDA Article 3 Pedestrian/Bicycle Project Funding for up to \$350,000 for the purpose of updating the 2020 Berkeley Pedestrian Plan; accept the funds; and execute any resultant agreements and amendments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Berkeley declares it is eligible to request an allocation of TDA Article 3 funds pursuant to Section 99234 of the Public Utilities Code, and furthermore.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that there is no pending or threatened litigation that might adversely affect the project or projects described in Attachment B to this resolution, or that might impair the ability of the City of Berkeley to carry out the project; and furthermore.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Berkeley attests to the accuracy of and approves the statements in Attachment A to this resolution; and furthermore,

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution and its attachments, and any accompanying supporting materials shall be forwarded to the congestion management agency, countywide transportation planning agency, or county association of governments, as the case may be, of Alameda County for submission to MTC as part of the countywide coordinated TDA Article 3 claim.

Exhibits

A: Request to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for the Allocation of Fiscal 2026-2027 TDA Article 3 Pedestrian/Bicycle Project Funding

B: TDA Article 3 Project Application Form

Re: Request to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for the Allocation of Fiscal 2026-2027 Transportation Development Act Article 3 Pedestrian/Bicycle Project Funding

Findings

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1. That the City of Berkeley is not legally impeded from submitting a request to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for the allocation of Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 3 funds, nor is the City of Berkeley legally impeded from undertaking the project(s) described in "Attachment B" of this resolution.
2. That the City of Berkeley has committed adequate staffing resources to complete the project(s) described in Attachment B.
3. A review of the project(s) described in Attachment B has resulted in the consideration of all pertinent matters, including those related to environmental and right-of-way permits and clearances, attendant to the successful completion of the project(s).
4. Issues attendant to securing environmental and right-of-way permits and clearances for the projects described in Attachment B have been reviewed and will be concluded in a manner and on a schedule that will not jeopardize the deadline for the use of the TDA funds being requested.
5. That the project(s) described in Attachment B comply with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA, Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq.).
6. That as portrayed in the budgetary description(s) of the project(s) in Attachment B, the sources of funding other than TDA are assured and adequate for completion of the project(s).
7. That the project(s) described in Attachment B are for capital construction and/or final design and engineering or quick build project; and/or for the maintenance of a Class I bikeway which is closed to motorized traffic and/or Class IV separated bikeway; and/or for the purposes of restriping Class II bicycle lanes; and/or for the development or support of a bicycle safety education program; and/or for the development of a comprehensive bicycle and/or pedestrian facilities plan, and an allocation of TDA Article 3 funding for such a plan has not been received by the City of Berkeley within the prior five fiscal years.
8. That the project(s) described in Attachment B which are bicycle projects have been included in a detailed bicycle circulation element included in an adopted general plan, or included in an adopted comprehensive bikeway plan (such as outlined in Section 2377 of the California Bikeways Act, Streets and Highways Code section 2370 et seq.) or responds to an immediate community need, such as a quick-build project.
9. That any project described in Attachment B bicycle project meets the mandatory minimum safety design criteria published in the California Highway Design Manual or is in a National Association of City and Transportation Officials (NACTO) guidance or similar best practices document.
10. That the project(s) described in Attachment B will be completed in the allocated time (fiscal year of allocation plus two additional fiscal years).
11. That the City of Berkeley agrees to maintain, or provide for the maintenance of, the project(s) and facilities described in Attachment B, for the benefit of and use by the public.

Attachment B

TDA Article 3 Project Application Form

1. Agency	City of Berkeley		
2. Primary Contact	Eric Anderson		
3. Mailing Address	1947 Center St, 4th floor, Berkeley, CA, 94704		
4. Email Address	eanderson@berkeleyca.gov	5. Phone Number	510-981-7062
6. Secondary Contact (in the event primary is not available)	Dani Dynes		
7. Mailing address (if different) N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
8. Email Address	DDynes@berkeleyca.gov	9. Phone Number	510-981-7053
10. Send allocation instructions to (if different from above):			
11. Project Title	Berkeley 2026 Pedestrian Plan update		
12. Amount requested	\$350,000	13. Fiscal Year of Claim	2026-2027

14. Description of Overall Project:

Comprehensive 5-year update to the City of Berkeley Pedestrian Plan, last updated in 2021, for compliance with TDA Article 3 and other grant and funding requirements, consistent with the definitions in the California Streets and Highways Code Section 890-892

15. Project Scope Proposed for Funding: (Project level environmental, preliminary planning, and ROW are ineligible uses of TDA funds.)

The funding will support consultant costs to public engagement; existing conditions data collection and analysis, including incorporating updated Vision Zero High Injury Streets and associated crash analysis; recommendations, including updated citywide project categories and identification and development of high-priority projects on high-injury corridors; cost estimates and implementation strategy

16. Project Location: A map of the project location is attached or a link to a online map of the project location is provided below:

The Pedestrian Plan is a citywide planning effort with recommended improvements in various locations.

Project Relation to Regional Policies (for information only)

17. Is the project in an [Equity Priority Community](#)? Yes No
18. Is this project in a [Priority Development Area](#) or a [Transit-Oriented Community](#)? Yes No

19. Project Budget and Schedule

Project Phase	TDA 3	Other Funds	Total Cost	Estimated Completion (month/year)
Bike/Ped Plan	\$350,000		\$350,000	December 2027
ENV				
PA&ED				
PS&E				
ROW				
CON				
Total Cost	\$350,000		\$350,000	December 2027

Project Eligibility

- A.** Has the project been reviewed by the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee? Yes No
 If "YES," identify the date and provide a copy or link to the agenda. February 19, 2026
 If "NO," provide an explanation).
- B.** Has the project been approved by the claimant's governing body? Yes No
 If "NO," provide expected date: _____
- C.** Has this project previously received TDA Article 3 funding? Yes No
 (If "YES," provide an explanation on a separate page)
- D.** For "bikeways," does the project meet Caltrans minimum safety design criteria pursuant to [Chapter 1000 of the California Highway Design Manual](#)? Yes No
- E. 1.** Is the project categorically exempt from CEQA, pursuant to CCR Section 15301(c), Existing Facility? Yes No
- 2.** If "NO" above, is the project is exempt from CEQA for another reason? Yes No
 Cite the basis for the exemption. California Environmental Quality Act § 21080.20 N/A
 If the project is not exempt, please check "NO," and provide environmental documentation, as appropriate.
- F.** Estimated Completion Date of project (month and year): 12/2027
- G.** Have provisions been made by the claimant to maintain the project or facility, or has the claimant arranged for such maintenance by another agency? (If an agency other than the Claimant is to maintain the facility, please identify below and provide the agreement. Yes No
- H.** Is a Complete Streets Checklist required for this project ? Yes No
 If the amount requested is over \$250,000 or if the total project phase or construction phase is over \$250,000, a Complete Streets checklist is likely required. Please attach the Complete Streets checklist or record of review, as applicable. More information and the form may be found here: <https://mtc.ca.gov/planning/transportation/complete-streets>