

# City of Calistoga

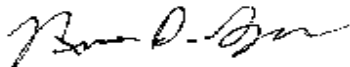
## Staff Report

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council  
**FROM:** Dan Takasugi, Public Works Director/City Engineer  
**DATE:** January 15, 2013  
**SUBJECT:** Consideration of a Resolution authorizing a Request to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for the Allocation of Fiscal Year 2012/13 Highway Bridge Program project funding in the amount of \$319,000 and appropriation of said funds during the 2012/13 budget year

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**APPROVAL FOR FORWARDING:**



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Richard D. Spitler, City Manager

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**ISSUE:**

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3 Consideration of a Resolution authorizing a Request to the Metropolitan Transportation  
4 Commission (MTC) for the Allocation of Fiscal Year 2012/13 Highway Bridge Program  
5 project funding in the amount of \$319,000 and appropriation of said funds during the  
6 2012/13 budget year.

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8 **RECOMMENDATION:**

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10 Adopt the Resolution.

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12 **BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:**

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14 The Highway Bridge Program (HBP) is authorized by the Federal Transportation  
15 Authorization Acts currently in effect, either the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st  
16 Century Act (MAP-21), or the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation  
17 Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). The purpose of the program is to

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18 replace or rehabilitate public highway bridges over waterways, other topographical  
19 barriers, other highways, or railroads when the State and the Federal Highway  
20 Administration determine that a bridge is significantly important and is unsafe because  
21 of structural deficiencies, physical deterioration, or functional obsolescence.  
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23 Reimbursable scopes of work include replacement, rehabilitation, painting, scour  
24 countermeasure, bridge approach barrier and railing replacement, low water crossing  
25 replacement, and ferry service replacement. About \$240 million of federal funds are  
26 made available to local agencies annually. The federal reimbursement rate is 88.53% of  
27 the eligible participating project costs including preliminary engineering, right of way,  
28 and construction costs.  
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30 The HBP grant program pays for 88.53% of the total project cost, including  
31 environmental clearance, design and construction. The remaining 11.47% must utilize  
32 local matching funds. For certain bridges that are identified as "off-system" bridges  
33 (typically on local or rural roads) the local 11.47% funding match may utilize bridge toll  
34 credits, thus enabling cities to rehabilitate or replace certain bridges at no cost. The  
35 bridge toll credit grant program is actually undersubscribed.  
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37 Calistoga has two bridges that are eligible for participation in the HBP. These bridge  
38 structures are:  
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- 40 • Bridge No. 21C0115 Berry Street over Napa River, built in 1919. Structural  
41 Deficiency rating of 23.1.  
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- 43 • Bridge No. 21C0103 Grant Street over Garnett Creek, built in 1918.  
44 Structural Deficiency rating of 41.0.  
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46 Of the two bridges, Berry Street is an "off-system" bridge structure and is eligible for  
47 bridge toll credits.  
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49 When staff became aware of this opportunity to obtain full funding for bridge  
50 replacement, staff notified Council in an August 28, 2012 memo of its intent to pursue  
51 an application for an HBP grant. The grant application was submitted to MTC in early  
52 September 2012. The application was submitted for funding under an amendment to  
53 the 2011 TIP (Transportation Improvement Plan), which is attached to SAFETEA-LU  
54 Act funding.  
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56 Staff did not make application for the Grant Street bridge over Garnett Creek, since it  
57 would have required an 11.47% local match, for which funding is not currently  
58 foreseeable in the near future.

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60 Staff learned that our HBP grant application for the Berry Street Bridge was approved  
61 by MTC on December 19, 2012, per 2011 TIP Amendment #11-31 (excerpt attached).  
62 Approval by FHWA (Federal Highway Administration) and Caltrans is expected, but has  
63 not been formalized. More formal notification will come out in a 2011 TIP amendment.  
64 A Request for Authorization (RFA) package is required to proceed with preliminary  
65 engineering.

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67 Staff recommends City Council authorize the City Manager to request authorization of  
68 the HBR funding (upon formal grant approval from FHWA and Caltrans) for preliminary  
69 engineering and approve the budget adjustment to recognize the additional revenue  
70 and the corresponding expenditure for this project during FY 2012/13.

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72 **FISCAL IMPACT:**

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74 The Fiscal Year 2012/13 General Fund Capital Improvement Program did not anticipate  
75 this program funding. As such, this budget adjustment seeks to increase the program  
76 funding and appropriations to account for this HBR grant by \$319,000 if the grant  
77 funding is approved by FHWA and Caltrans. The HBR grant program does not require  
78 any matching funds for this project.

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80 Staff anticipates that this project may require a significant amount of Public Works staff  
81 time. Some of this staff impact may need to be outsourced, due to lack of staff  
82 resources in Public Works. This is particularly the case, since the Caltrans Division of  
83 Local Agency Assistance has been essentially eliminated and the complexities of  
84 Federal Aid grant projects may exceed staff's ability to manage.

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86 **ATTACHMENTS**

- 87 1. Draft Resolution  
88 2. MTC Project Information page from Approved 2011 TIP Amendment #11-31  
89 3. HBR Grant Application w/o appendices

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-XXX**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALISTOGA, COUNTY OF NAPA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING A REQUEST TO THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION FOR THE ALLOCATION OF FISCAL YEAR 2012/13 HIGHWAY BRIDGE PROGRAM PROJECT FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$319,000 AND APPROPRIATION OF SAID FUNDS DURING THE 2012/13 BUDGET YEAR**

**WHEREAS**, the Highway Bridge Program (HBP) is authorized by the Federal Transportation Authorization Acts currently in effect, either the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21), or the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU); and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the program is to replace or rehabilitate public highway bridges over waterways, other topographical barriers, other highways, or railroads when the State and the Federal Highway Administration determine that a bridge is significantly important and is unsafe because of structural deficiencies, physical deterioration, or functional obsolescence; and

**WHEREAS**, the HBP grant program pays for 88.53% of the total project cost, including environmental clearance, design and construction. The remaining 11.47% must utilize local matching funds. For certain bridges that are identified as "off-system" bridges (typically on local or rural roads) the local 11.47% funding match may utilize bridge toll credits, thus enabling cities to rehabilitate or replace certain bridges at no cost; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Calistoga applied for a HBP grant to replace the Berry Street Bridge over the Napa River; and

**WHEREAS**, the application was approved by MTC on December 19, 2012, per 2011 TIP Amendment #11-31. Approval by FHWA (Federal Highway Administration) and Caltrans is expected, but has not been formalized.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of Calistoga authorizes the City Manager to request authorization of the HBR funding (upon formal grant approval from FHWA and Caltrans) for preliminary engineering.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of Calistoga hereby approves a budget adjustment to recognize the additional revenue and the corresponding expenditure for this project during FY 2012/13.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Calistoga at a regular meeting held this **15<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2013**, by the following vote:

- AYES:**
- NOES:**
- ABSTAIN:**
- ABSENT:**

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**CHRIS CANNING, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**AMANDA DAVIS, Deputy City Clerk**