Bay Area Toll Authority
Oversight Committee

October 8, 2025 **Agenda Item 5c-25-1211**

Funding Agreement – East Bay Regional Park District ($1,850,000) for Operations and Maintenance at the Bridge Yard Building, Judge John Sutter Regional Shoreline Observation Platform and Parking Lot (5-Year Term)

Subject:

A request for Committee approval of the funding agreement with the East Bay Regional Park District (Park District) in an amount not to exceed $370,000 annually for a five year term, commencing in FY 2025-26, for operations and maintenance of the San Franciso-Oakland Bay Bridge (Bay Bridge) Bridge Yard Building, the Judge John Sutter Regional Shoreline Observation Platform and the adjacent parking lot.

Background:

East Bay Regional Park District operates the Judge John Sutter Regional Park (previously known as Gateway Park) at the eastern touchdown of the Bay Bridge. Adjacent to the Regional Park, Caltrans owns two facilities: the Judge John Sutter Regional Shoreline Observation Platform and the Bridge Yard Building.

As part of the Bay Bridge East Span Seismic Safety Project and in lieu of demolishing of old bridge piers, Caltrans and BATA were permitted to create an observation pier atop the old E19 to E23 piers of the old east span in Oakland for public access. The 600ft observation pier runs parallel to the Bay Bridge. As a Seismic Project obligation, BATA is responsible for funding the operations and maintenance of the Observation Platform and its adjacent parking lot.

The Bridge Yard Building previously served as a facility for Caltrans' bridge painting and warehousing operations, which have since been relocated. In December 2017, Caltrans and the Park District entered into a lease agreement to support the development of the surrounding area as part of the Judge John Sutter Regional Park. The current lease is set to expire in 2027 but has options for two five-year extensions.

To fulfill Seismic Project obligations and support public access to the park and surrounding facilities, BATA executed funding agreements with the Park District to cover operations and maintenance costs for each the Observation Platform and the Bridge Yard Building, as well as the nearby parking lot. Under these agreements, the Park District provides services including facility patrols, platform cleaning, janitorial services, graffiti removal, and general upkeep.

However, these agreements have recently expired and need to be renewed to ensure BATA can continue fulfilling its project obligations. Based on a review of ongoing operational needs and past expenditures, staff estimate the annual cost to be approximately $70,000 for the Bridge Yard Building and $300,000 for the Observation Platform.

Bridge Yard Building

Judge John Sutter Regional Shoreline Observation Platform

Issues:

None identified.

Recommendation:

Staff requests the Committee to authorize the Executive Director or his Designee to negotiate and enter into a consolidated funding agreement in an amount not to exceed $370,000 per year for a five year term (a total of $1,850,000) with the East Bay Regional Park District for operations and maintenance of the Bridge Yard Building, Judge John Sutter Regional Shoreline Observation Platform and Parking Lot, subject to the approval of future BATA budgets.

Attachments:

- Request for Committee Approval Sheet - Summary of Funding Agreement for Bridge Yard Building, Judge John Sutter Regional Shoreline Observation Platform and Parking Lot

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Request for Committee Approval

Summary of Funding Agreement

Work Item No.:	1251
Consultant:	East Bay Regional Park District Oakland, CA
Work Project Title:	Bridge Yard Building, Judge John Sutter Regional Shoreline Observation Platform and Parking Lot
Purpose of Project:	Operations and maintenance of the above locations for public use and access.
Funding Amount Not-to-exceed:	$370,000 per year for five years for a total of $1,850,000
Funding Source:	BATA Operating Budget
Fiscal Impact:	Funds in the amount of $370,000 are included in the FY 2025-26 BATA Operating Budget; the balance of funding for the remining years is subject to the approval of future BATA budgets.
Motion by Committee:	That the Executive Director or designee is authorized to negotiate and enter into a funding agreement in an amount not to exceed $370,000 per year for five years for a total of $1,850,000 with the East Bay Regional Park District, as described above and in the BATA Oversight Committee Summary Sheet dated October 8, 2025; and the Chief Financial Officer is directed to set aside funds in the amount of $370,000 per year for five years for a total of $1,850,000, subject to the approval of future BATA budgets.
Bay Area Toll Authority:	
	Margaret Abe-Koga, Chair
Approved:	October 8, 2025