

Surplus Land Act Compliance

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CURRENT

- The Bay Area has the highest housing costs in the United States
- Limited funding sources are available to secure land for construction of low/moderate income housing
- Public lands can play a critical role in increasing supply available for affordable housing

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- In 2012 the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) created the One Bay Area Grant (OBAG) program as a funding approach to better integrate the region's federal transportation program with the State of California's climate protection Act (SB375) and the Bay Area's Sustainable Communities Strategy
- In 2016 MTC adopted several revisions to the OBAG 2 policy framework related to affordable housing.

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- Among the revisions was a requirement that agencies applying for grants must reaffirm their compliance with the provisions of the California Surplus Land Act
- The TPW Department is pursuing OBAG funding to rehabilitate the roadbed of the Downtown Transit Mall

PROPOSED

 Agree to continue to comply with terms of the Surplus Land Act (Assembly Bill 2135).

BENEFIT

- Ensures the development of affordable homes near high quality transit stops and stations is a critical best practice to ensure equitable development and increase transit ridership
- Provides opportunities for co-location with community facilities, making more efficient use of potentially underutilized sites in valuable locations

RECOMMENDATION

- It is recommended by the Transportation and Public Works Department that the Council, by resolution, confirm the City of Santa Rosa's compliance with the California Surplus Land Act for disposition of City property, as required by the Metropolitan **Transportation Commission One Bay Area** Grant program.
- Questions?