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TO: Transportation Authority of Marin Board of Commissioners

FROM: Dianne Steinhauser, Executive Director

RE: Executive Director’s Report – Agenda Item 4 (Discussion)

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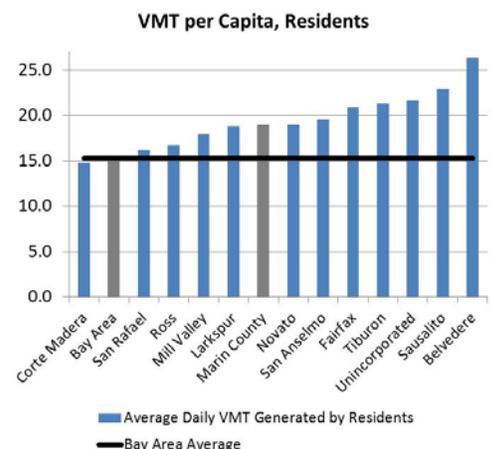
**Central Marin Ferry Connection Multi-Use Path Wins Award**



We are pleased to announce the CMFC project has received an Award from the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC). An ACEC judging panel has recognized the project for its Engineering Excellence Honor Award. Our Engineering team led by Biggs Cardosa, along with TAM staff, will accept the award in February. An exhibit will be prepared and displayed at the State Capital during Engineers Week from February 20-24. With this award our project is now eligible for the ACEC Engineering Excellence Awards National Competition. We hope this is the first of many!

**TAM Hosts SB 743 Workshop for Local Jurisdictions Staff**

On November 16th, Marin County Planning Directors and Public Works Directors were invited to TAM’s offices for a presentation and workshop on SB 743, State legislation removing LOS from consideration in the CEQA process. The workshop was well attended with approximately 30 staff members from local jurisdictions, and TAM’s Marin Travel Model consultants available to answer questions raised by recent guidance recommending a 15% reduction in VMT per capita below the existing regional average, if a project being considered that generates 100 additional trips or more. Note jurisdictions are free to adopt their own target thresholds. TAM are working on updating the tools for local jurisdictions to review projects using this new metric including updated origin and destination data and TAM’s new Travel Demand Model (TAMDM) ready in 2017.



## TAM Innovation Workshop 'Save the Date' and Call for Speakers

TAM will be hosting an Innovation workshop on Friday February, 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017, and have distributed a save the date to announce the workshop. The workshop will assess the role of ground-breaking technologies on our future transportation plans and investments. The workshop theme is: *Moving Marin Forward: Innovations for Tomorrow's Transportation*. Staff has developed a preliminary program that will highlight *Industry, Innovators, and Implementers* around three key areas:

- Emerging Technology
- Environmental Stewardship
- Efficient Transportation Systems

Staff have requested the TAM board provide potential contacts that may be considered for participation in the workshop, including expert panelists, keynote speakers and presenters for a technology showcase.



## New TAM Website Update: Beta Site to be Launched

The TAM website development and redesign process is progressing. Staff is preparing to launch a beta site to allow partners and interested parties to use the new website and provide input on the user experience while the current website is still the primary site. Launching a beta site is a recommended best practice that allows user feedback to be incorporated into the website functionality and design. This soft-launch/test period will allow staff to receive valuable feedback and continue to adjust and improve the new TAM website. The City of San Rafael currently has a beta site on-line for public review and has received constructive input. The TAM beta site will be launched in January 2017.



## Marin Transit Electric Vehicle Purchase Makes the News

### Marin Independent Journal

#### TRANSPORTATION

### Marin Transit to buy all-electric buses for fleet

Zero-emission models will arrive next year

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Marin will have a first by late next summer — all-electric buses rolling around the county on a permanent basis. Marin Transit will buy two all-electric battery buses as part of a \$1.6 million project to get cleaner-burning vehicles on the road.

The project will provide an opportunity to test the technology using the two 35-foot buses, expected to arrive in September 2017.

The program will allow the district to develop expertise on the buses and steer future and potentially wider use of the battery-powered buses. "Right now this is the direction that transit agencies are going," said Anna Penoyar, capital analyst for Marin Transit. "More are adopting zero-emissions technology."

The transit district is trying to get ahead of the California Air Resources Board's proposed Advanced Clean Transit rule. An edict from the board is



The BYD electric bus is 35 feet long and runs on one battery charge per day. Marin Transit will get two of the buses next year.

The Marin IJ reported that in collaboration with Marin Clean Energy, the Transportation Authority of Marin, and the Golden Gate Bridge District, Marin Transit will buy two all-electric battery buses as part of a \$1.6 million project to get cleaner-burning vehicles on the road.

Last month the TAM Board approved a \$75,000 matching grant in support of the project. Expected to be operational late next summer, these 35 foot long electric buses will run on one battery charge per day.

## **Regional**

### **Public Invited to Learn More as Construction Begins on Richmond-San Rafael Bridge**



The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), Caltrans, the Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM) and the Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) invite the public to open houses in Richmond on Thursday, December 8 and in San Rafael on Friday, December 9 to learn more about the I-580 Access Improvement Projects now beginning construction in the heavily traveled Richmond-San Rafael Bridge corridor. Those improvements include a third Eastbound freeway lane and a bike/ped path linking Marin and Contra Costa counties.

Thursday, December 8, 2016  
6 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
Richmond City Hall, 450 Civic Center Plaza

Friday, December 9, 2016  
6 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
San Rafael City Hall, 1400 Fifth Avenue

Each Open House will be an informational meeting at which members of the public can review project plans, and talk with project team members.

### **Marin Southbound US-101 Lane Closure in Corte Madera for Emergency Repair**



The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will be closing the far right lane from Monday November 28th until Monday December 19th to do emergency repair to an underground pipe beneath the #5 lane on Southbound US-101 between the Tamalpais Drive off-ramp and the Casa Buena on ramp in Corte Madera.

## State

### Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 3

The Active Transportation Program (ATP) was created by the State to encourage increased use of active modes of transportation, such as biking and walking by consolidating various transportation programs, including the federal Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), state Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA), and federal and state Safe Routes to School (SRTS) programs.



ATP funds are primarily distributed to two programs – State and Regional Programs. The State Program is administered by the California Transportation Commission (CTC) and the Regional Program is administered in the Bay Area by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC).

The CTC and MTC issued Calls for Projects with ATP Cycle 3 funds on April 15<sup>th</sup> and April 18<sup>th</sup>, respectively, with applications both due on June 15, 2016. TAM provided application and technical assistance to Corte Madera and San Rafael with their applications.

By the deadline, the State received 456 applications requesting \$976,768,000. On October 28, 2016, CTC staff released its recommendations to fund 40 projects at \$131,763,000. The recommended projects are distributed 62% in Southern California and 38% in Northern California. Another 10 projects were recommended for \$26,333,000 under the Small Urban & Rural Program.

All projects included in the recommendations benefit disadvantaged communities based on the definitions set forth in the State's 2017 Active Transportation Program Guidelines.

The lowest funded project received 83 points. Unfortunately, applications from Marin did not meet the requisite score to merit funding as summarized in the below table.

Sponsor	Project	Requested	Points
San Rafael	Francisco Blvd East/Grand Ave Bridge Ped. & Bike Connectivity	\$4,025,000	81
Corte Madera	Central Marin Regional Pathways Gap Closure Project	\$2,626,000	78
GGNRA	SF Bay Trail, Vista Point Segment, Fort Baker	\$1,534,000	55
SMART	SMART Pathway - San Rafael (McInnis to Smith Ranch)	\$2,050,000	44

While applications from Marin were shutout from the statewide program, SMART received a recommendation for funding in the amount \$1,461,000 for the SMART Pathway (Payran to Southpoint) in Petaluma with 89 points.

Parisi Transportation Consulting noted some interesting facts with the State ATP Cycle 3:

- Only 40 out of 456 statewide applications received funding (8.7%).
- 100% of projects selected were deemed as affecting a community of concern.
- 7 out of the 40 projects selected have funds requested greater than \$5 million.

- One of the projects (Coachella Valley Multi-Modal Transportation Corridor) is slated to receive over \$24 million, which equates to about 18% of the total ATP funding.
- Only 5 out of 65 MTC-eligible (District 4) applications received funding (7.7%).
- Of the remaining 60 applications from the Bay Area, San Rafael project is ranked 8<sup>th</sup> (based on CTC scoring) and is in the top 13<sup>th</sup> percentile and Corte Madera project ranked 13<sup>th</sup> and is in the top 23<sup>rd</sup> percentile.
- Corte Madera's application finished 2<sup>nd</sup> among all Marin applications, short a few points to the San Rafael project which is located in a community of concern.

MTC will release its staff recommendation for ATP Regional Program on December 7, 2016 so applications from Marin will still have another chance for regional funding.

Both applications from San Rafael and Corte Madera appear well positioned for potential MTC regional funding but MTC will score applications completely separate from the State process so how well applications scored in the State process may not be indicative of how well they will score in the regional process.