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TO: Transportation Authority of Marin Board of Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Allocate Transportation Sales Tax (Measure A) Funds to San Rafael for the Third Street Rehabilitation Project (Action), Agenda Item No. 9a

RECOMMENDATION

Recommend the allocation of \$300,000 in Transportation Sales Tax (Measure A) funds to San Rafael to develop project scope for the Third Street Rehabilitation Project.

BACKGROUND

The Measure A Expenditure Plan provides funds for major roads and related infrastructure under Strategy 3, Sub-strategy 3.1. Projects funded under this strategy are described as the most heavily traveled, and include significant roads and their related infrastructure. A list of eligible roads was adopted with the Measure A Expenditure Plan.

The Expenditure Plan assigned the responsibility for establishing priorities for Sub-strategy 3.1 funding to the Marin Public Works Directors in collaboration with the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) based on criteria such as condition of roadway, average daily traffic, transit frequency, bicycle and pedestrian activity, school access, accident history, matching funds opportunity, and geographic equity. Based on a thorough process of evaluation over many months, the Marin Public Works Association and TAC selected a series of prioritized road segment within each of five planning areas designated in the Expenditure Plan.

San Rafael's Third Street is the next priority segment for improvement in the Central Marin planning area after the first priority project, Fourth Street, was completed in 2010.

PROJECT ALLOCATION REQUEST

The City of San Rafael is requesting \$300,000 in Measure A funds to commence with the Third Street Rehabilitation Project (Attachment A). With the requested funds, San Rafael will complete the project scoping and feasibility phase on the Third Street Rehabilitation Project from Second Street to Grand Avenue. Attachment B provides a map of the project's boundaries. The project scoping phase will last about 12 months to identify and evaluate options on a potential project. San Rafael will conduct outreach and stakeholder meetings during this process.

San Rafael representatives will be in attendance at this Executive Committee meeting to provide an overview of the potential project and address questions regarding the funding request.

Prior Allocations

This request represents the first request for Third Street.

Remaining Funds Available

The Measure A Strategic Plan programmed approximately \$15 million for the Central Planning Area. The completed Fourth Street Project used approximately \$4 million, leaving \$11 million available for all remaining projects in the Central Planning Area.

In addition to the Measure A funds, the Central Planning Area also has approximately \$1.5 million in State Local Partnership Program (SLPP) funds available. SLPP was created by Proposition 1B of 2006 that provided matching state transportation funds for "self-help" agencies, including TAM, in which voters have approved fees or taxes solely dedicated to transportation improvements.

In July 2010, the TAM Board committed SLPP funds to the Five Planning Areas in the Major Roads category of Measure A. However, in July 2011, the TAM Board diverted all available SLPP funds from the Major Roads category to the SMART project. Concurrently, the TAM Board directed the same amount of Measure A Debt Service Reserve to the Major Roads category of projects. The Central Planning Area was programmed approximately \$1.5, which is available for the next prioritized project after the Fourth Street Project.

The total available funding for the next prioritized project in the Central Planning Area is approximately \$12.5 million. Any funds not used for the second prioritized project will be preserved for the third prioritized project (Marin County's Las Gallinas/Los Ranchitos/Lincoln from Lucas Valley Road to 2nd Street).

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)

The TAC convened on February 19, 2016 to hear San Rafael discuss this project. After asking questions and offering suggestions, the TAC passed a motion of support to recommend the allocation as requested.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

On March 14, 2016, the Programming and Projects Executive Committee discussed allocation request and adopted to recommend allocating the Measure A funds as requested.

The Programming and Projects Executive Committee requested additional information on the total available and the remaining amounts for each planning area and a list of all major projects that were evaluated and their ranking. The requested information is attached as Attachments C and D.

NEXT STEPS

If approved, issue a funding agreement to San Rafael for Measure A funds.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A – San Rafael Allocation Request Form and Schedule

Attachment B – Third Street Project Map

Attachment C – Funds Available for Each Planning Area

Attachment D – List of Major Road Projects by Planning Areas and Ranking