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TO: Transportation Authority of Marin Board of Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Authorize the exchange of OBAG Cycle 2 Priority Conservation Area (PCA) Funds between Marin County and Corte Madera (Action), Agenda Item No. 9d

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize Corte Madera to exchange \$312,000 in federal PCA funds from the Paradise Drive Multiuse Pathway Gap Closure Project with Marin County for \$234,000 in local funds from the Hicks Valley/Wilson Roads Rehabilitation Project on the condition that subsequent authorizing resolutions to the funding exchange proposal will be provided by Marin County and Corte Madera.

In addition, Corte Madera will be required to complete the project as scoped in its PCA application and prohibited from seeking TAM funds (except Measure A funds for local roads under Strategy 3.2) to defray the shortfall created by this funding exchange proposal.

BACKGROUND

Under the One Bay Area Grant (OBAG) Cycle 2 Program, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) included the Priority Conservation Areas (PCA) Program to support Plan Bay Area goals such as preservation and enhancing the natural, economic and social value of rural lands. MTC set aside \$8.2 million for the four North Bay Counties with each County receiving \$2.05 million for programming over FY 17/8 to FY 21/22. PCA funds are federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds and must comply with all federal requirements.

On July 28, 2016 and February 23, 2017, the TAM Board programmed the available PCA funds of 2.05 million to six projects shown in the below table.

PCA Programming (as of February 23, 2017)		
Sponsor	Project	Amount Programmed
NPS	Fort Baker's Vista Point Trail	\$500,000
Corte Madera	Paradise Drive Multiuse Pathway	\$312,000
Marin County	Wilson Road Rehabilitation Project	\$500,000
Marin County	Hicks Valley Road Rehabilitation Project	\$369,700

Novato	Carmel Open Space Land Acquisition	\$103,950
Novato	Hill Recreation Area Bike/Ped Improvements	\$264,350
	Total	\$2,050,000

PCA FUNDING EXCHANGE PROPOSAL

Corte Madera staff recently approached TAM staff on the idea of exchanging the programmed amount of \$312,000 from the Paradise Drive Multiuse Pathway with local funds from another project to avoid “federalizing” the Paradise Drive Multiuse Pathway. TAM staff provided Corte Madera staff with the suitable parameters to facilitate the funding exchange, namely exchanging funds with a PCA eligible project.

Corte Madera staff then approached Marin County on exchanging the \$312,000 in PCA funds from Paradise Drive Multiuse Pathway with local funds from the Wilson Road Rehabilitation Project that is also receiving PCA funds. The two agencies agreed to a 75% exchange rate whereby Marin County would receive \$312,000 in PCA funds and Corte Madera would receive \$234,000 in Marin County’s local funds to be used on the Paradise Drive Multiuse Pathway.

While Corte Madera is receiving less local funds than the amount programmed by the TAM Board, Corte Madera is still obligated by TAM to complete the Paradise Drive Multiuse Pathway as originally scoped in its PCA application by committing sufficient amount of its own local funds needed to complete the project. Corte Madera will be prohibited from seeking TAM funds (except Measure A funds for local roads under Strategy 3.2) to defray the shortfall created by this funding exchange proposal.

Marin County will use the additional \$312,000 in PCA funds from Corte Madera to join the Hicks Valley Road Rehabilitation Project with the Wilson Road Rehabilitation Project as one project. The additional PCA funds will allow Marin County to add an extra stretch of road to link the two projects and rehabilitate one continuous corridor.

To facilitate this funding exchange, both parties will need an approved resolution from its respective governing board. Staff from both agencies will be seeking respective approval from Town Council on September 19, 2017 and the Board of Supervisors on September 26, 2017.

PCA Programming – Requested Revisions			
Sponsor	Project	Prior Programmed Amount	Revised Programmed Amount
NPS	Fort Baker's Vista Point Trail	\$500,000	\$500,000
Corte Madera	Paradise Drive Multiuse Pathway	\$312,000	\$0
Marin County	Wilson Road Rehabilitation Project	\$500,000	\$0
Marin County	Hicks Valley Road Rehabilitation Project	\$369,700	\$0
Marin County	Hicks Valley/Wilson Roads Rehabilitation Project	\$0	\$1,181,700
Novato	Carmel Open Space Land Acquisition	\$103,950	\$103,950
Novato	Hill Recreation Area Bike/Ped Improvements	\$264,350	\$264,350
	Total	\$2,050,000	\$2,050,000

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

TAM staff is recommending the TAM Board approve the funding exchange proposal between Marin County and Corte Madera on the condition that Board of Supervisors for Marin County and the Town Council for Corte Madera provide subsequent authorizing resolutions to the funding exchange proposal, including the conditions as outlined.

NEXT STEPS

Submit PCA applications to MTC for programming as shown in the Revised Programmed Amount column in the above table after appropriate resolutions have been received by the respective agencies.