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**TO:** Transportation Authority of Marin Board of Commissioners

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**SUBJECT:** Allocate Transportation Sales Tax (Measure A) Funds from Reserve Funds for the West Sir Francis Drake Boulevard Project (Action), Agenda Item No. 9b

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

Allocate a total of \$35,305 in Transportation Sales Tax (Measure A) funds from Reserve to Marin County for the West Sir Francis Drake (SFD) Boulevard Project from Lagunitas Road and Wild Iris Drive.

## **BACKGROUND**

With the initial adoption of the Measure A Strategic Plan in 2006, the TAM Board established a 5% annual reserve for the first five years of the Strategic Plan, collecting \$5.382 million in the first five-year period. Those funds have been available since that time as an emergency reserve.

In the Fall of 2016, Marin Transit requested funds from TAM for an urgent need - the award of a contract for the Redwood and Grant Bus Facility in Novato. In December 2016, the TAM Board agreed to allow Marin Transit's share of the Reserve Funds to be released for the award of the contract.

TAM staff set a target of \$3.5 million in Reserve Funds to remain, which left approximately \$1.882 million for programming to the four strategies established in the Measure A Expenditure Plan. Marin Transit was allocated its share of nearly \$1.12 million. The remaining shares were programmed to Strategies 3 and 4 in February 2017. Strategy 2 was not being considered for its share of the Reserve because the lone project in Strategy 2, Highway 101 Gap Closure Project, is complete and funding commitments have been fulfilled.

Of the \$1.882 million in programming, approximately \$1.12 million was made available for Strategy 1 (Transit), \$539,000 is available for Strategy 3 (Streets and Roads), and \$224,000 is available for Strategy 4 (Safe Routes to Schools).

Of the \$539,000 available for Strategy 3, \$269,502 is available for Strategy 3.1 for major roads and \$269,502 is available for Strategy 3.2 for local roads. The apportionment for each jurisdiction with these Reserve Funds follows the same formula used for Strategy 3.2, which is based on a 50/50 split derived from lanes miles maintained and population.

The major road category is divided by five planning areas (North, Central, South, Ross Valley, and West). Based on the 50/50 split, the West Planning Area was programmed \$35,305 of the \$269,502 available for the major road category as shown in the below table.

| <b>Planning Area</b> | <b>% Share</b> | <b>Measure A Reserve Funds</b> |
|----------------------|----------------|--------------------------------|
| North                | 19.90%         | \$53,631                       |
| Central              | 25.40%         | \$68,454                       |
| South                | 20.00%         | \$53,900                       |
| Ross Valley          | 21.60%         | \$58,213                       |
| West                 | 13.10%         | \$35,305                       |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>100.00%</b> | <b>\$269,502</b>               |

Reserve funds for Transit (Strategy 1), Local Roads (Strategy 3.2), and Safe Pathway (Strategy 4.3) categories have been allocated to the respective agencies since the TAM Board programmed these funds on February 23, 2017.

### **WEST SIR FRANCIS DRAKE BOULEVARD PROJECT**

In the West Planning Area, the Measure A Strategic Plan identified two projects on Sir Francis Drake Boulevard with a project from Shafter Bridge to Platform Bridge Road as the first prioritized project and a project from Samuel P. Taylor Park to the Fairfax limit as the second prioritized project. The first prioritized project was completed in 2013.

The County has since started work on the second prioritized project on a segment between Lagunitas Road and Nicasio Valley Road. This segment is 2.25 miles long at a cost of \$2.1 million. Work includes pavement resurfacing, repairing base failures, roadway widening where possible, minor drainage improvements, guardrail upgrades, and new pedestrian facilities.

TAM has allocated \$802,000 in Measure A funds for a smaller segment of the project between Lagunitas Road and Wild Iris Drive. This was the remaining amount available in the West Planning Area from the Major Road Category of Measure A. The County has managed to secure other funds to complete the project but still has a small deficit. Completion of this project would represent the final segment along Sir Francis Drake Blvd. to be improved from the White's Hill Bridge through Samuel P. Taylor State Park.

Staff is recommending allocating Measure A Reserve funds of \$35,305 to Marin County for the completion of the SFD Blvd project from Lagunitas Road to Nicasio Valley Road. This allocated amount along with other County local funds will help defray the existing deficit and support this project being completed.

As noted above, TAM has already programmed the Reserve funds on February 23, 2017 to all eligible recipients of Measure A funds. This action would allow staff to allocate the funds to Marin County by issuing a supplemental funding agreement for \$35,305.

### **FISCAL IMPACTS**

The FY 17/18 TAM Budget had anticipated the allocation of Measure A Reserve funds and had been budgeted accordingly. No further action is needed.

### **NEXT STEP**

If approved by the TAM Board, a supplemental funding agreement for the amounts listed will be issued to Marin County.