



# **Yellow School Bus Funding**

**Marin Transit Allocation Request to TAM Board of Commissioners**

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# Marin Transit's Role in School Transportation



- Provide Youth Passes
- Provide Supplemental School transit service
- Provide Ross Valley yellow bus service
- Manage other yellow bus programs
- Co-sponsored 2015 Coordinated Countywide Student Transportation Study
- Established an ad hoc committee of Marin Transit Board in 2016
- In 2019, allocate Measure AA funds to yellow school bus programs



# Measure AA Improvements to School Transportation



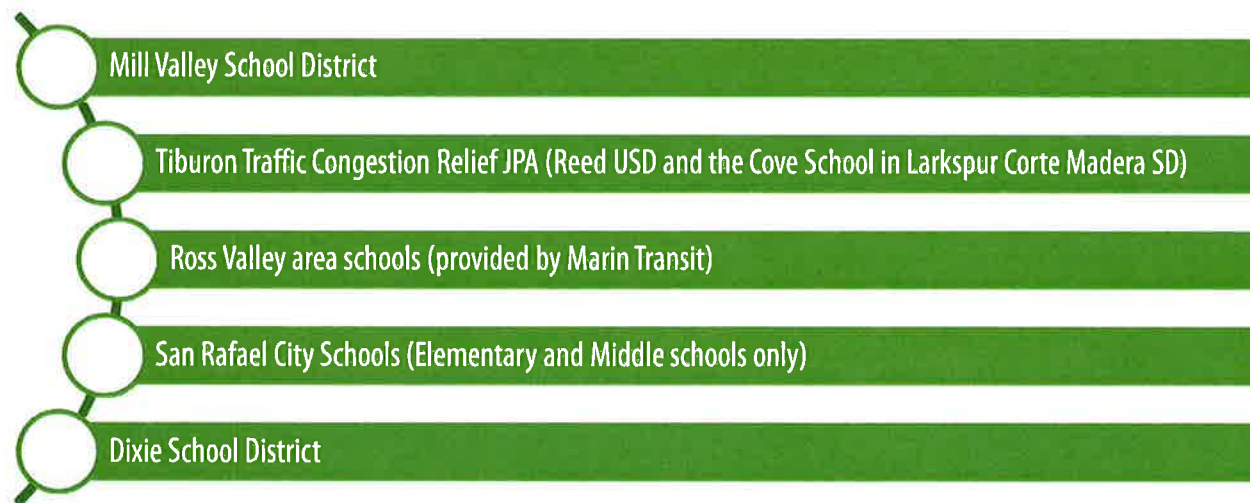
- Marin Transit must use 5% of Measure AA on school transportation
- Most of the requirement is met with expenditures for supplemental transit service and the youth pass program
- Marin Transit approved spending \$600,000 annually on a formula basis to eligible yellow school bus programs



# \$600,000 Measure AA Operating Funds to Yellow Bus Programs



- Ongoing Measure AA focused on 5 existing yellow bus programs in the urbanized area of Marin to help reduce traffic in the most congested corridors



- Distribution based on threshold criteria and formula based on pass distribution
- Expansion of yellow bus programs will require new/ additional funding

# \$1.1 million Measure A Interest Allocation Request



## First Priority: One-time Capital Expenditures

- Parking facility

## Second Priority: One-time Matching Funds

- Local match for new buses, **only** if parking is secured

## Third Priority: Operating Funds For New & Expanded Programs\*

- New “high need” programs (identified in study)
  - Hall Middle School
  - Kentfield
  - Novato
- Expand existing programs – For example:
  - Ross Valley YSB
  - San Rafael YSB
  - Overcrowded supplemental routes

\* Programs must meet threshold criteria

# Near Term Yellow School Bus Parking Needs



- 15 parking spaces for 40 foot buses
- Driver restrooms (other amenities a bonus)
- Neighborhood support
- Adequate ability to maneuver buses
- Proximity to school sites and/or highway 101
- Secure location
- Ability to accommodate drivers' personal vehicles during school day
- Access in and out of lot throughout the school day
- Overnight and weekend parking
- Reasonable cost



# Questions?

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