



DATE: June 27, 2019

TO: Transportation Authority of Marin Board of Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Public Hearing on the Measure AA Transportation Sales Tax Strategic Plan, Agenda Item 9a

RECOMMENDATION

Recommend that the TAM Board conduct a public hearing and receive public inputs on the draft Measure AA Transportation Sales Tax Strategic Plan.

BACKGROUND

In November 2018, Marin voters approved the renewal of Marin's ½-Cent Transportation Sales Tax Expenditure Plan, known as Measure AA. The Measure AA Expenditure Plan lists projects and programs that are eligible for sales tax funds and establishes the maximum percentage of funds that can be allocated to each category. It did not establish exactly when allocations will be made.

The Expenditure Plan directed TAM to prepare a Strategic Plan to establish the timing of all allocations and procedures for funding priorities within the prescribed categories of funding. It provides a 30-year outlook on how local transportation sales funds will be allocated in the context of anticipated demands, timing, and other available revenues.

Details of the draft Strategic Plan are contained in Item 9b of this TAM Board packet. The draft Strategic Plan has been reviewed by the TAM Board on May 30, 2019 and the Citizens Oversight Committee on June 17, 2019.

The Measure AA Strategic Plan must be approved by the TAM Board, following a noticed public hearing on Strategic Plan and a 30-day public comment period. A copy of the draft Strategic Plan was made available on TAM's website (<http://www.tam.ca.gov>) on May 30, 2019. A Public Notice was posted on the Marin Independent Journal on June 14, 2019. June 29, 2019 officially signifies the end of the 30-day comment period.

As of June 20, 2019, when this memo was mailed out, no public comments were received by TAM. However, a letter from Marin Transit was received with comments on the Measure AA Strategic Plan. At the June 10, 2019 Funding, Programs & Legislation Executive Committee meeting, General Manager, Nancy Whelan, of Marin Transit informed the Executive Committee that the letter has been rescinded and a revised letter will be submitted. When staff receives the revised letter, responses will be provided in the supplemental packet for the TAM Board.

Staff will continue to receive and review comments until the close of the comment period on June 29, 2019. Staff is asking the TAM Board to review and adopt the Measure AA Strategic Plan, scheduled for June 27, 2019.

Public comments received after the mailout of this Board packet and before June 29 that results in minor revisions and do not substantially alter the Strategic Plan will be incorporated in the final adopted Measure AA Strategic Plan. Any major comments will necessitate the Strategic Plan Update be returned to the TAM Board for additional approval.