



DATE: September 26, 2019

TO: Transportation Authority of Marin Board of Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Allocate Measure AA (Transportation Sales Tax) Funds to Golden Gate Bridge Highway and Transportation District (GGBHTD) for Ferry Connector Service (Action), Agenda Item No. 6c

RECOMMENDATION

Recommend that the TAM Board allocates \$141,670 in Measure AA funds to Golden Gate Bridge Highway and Transportation District (GGBHTD) for the FY 19/20 operational period of the GGBHTD Ferry Connector Service.

BACKGROUND

Since 2012, GGBHTD has been experiencing overfilled capacity at its Larkspur Ferry Terminal parking lot nearly every morning with some commuters being turned away or directed to the overflow parking lot at the old Marin Airporter site. GGBHTD in 2013 approved the implementation of a ferry feeder bus service to address the steadily growing demand for Larkspur Ferry Service. It followed with charging for parking (\$2/weekday) at the ferry terminal and upgraded ferry service as part of its overall implementation strategy.

Since 2013, TAM has been allocating \$85,000 annually in Measure A Interest Funds to Marin Transit as pass through funds to GGBHTD to operate ferry feeder bus service to the Larkspur Ferry from the Ross Valley/Sir Francis Drake Corridor. Marin Transit was used as a pass-through agency because GGBHTD was not named as a recipient of Measure A funds.

With the passage of Measure AA in November 2018, the Expenditure Plan for Measure AA specifically named GGBHTD as a direct recipient of Measure AA funds under Category 4.6 to expand access to ferries and regional transit. Measure AA set aside 0.5% of the revenue annually for this purpose, which equates to approximately \$110,000 annually.

TAM started collecting Measure AA funds on April 1, 2019. For FY 18/19, TAM collected three months of revenues (April 1, 2019 to June 30, 2019) that amounts to \$30,669 in Measure AA funds under Category 4.6. For FY 19/20, Category 4.6 is projected to collect \$111,091 in Measure AA funds. The total amount from FY 18/19 and FY 19/20 is \$141,670, which is available for allocation upon GGBHTD's request.

GGBHTD'S FUNDING REQUEST

TAM received the attached allocation request (Attachment A) on August 22, 2019 from GGBHTD requesting an allocation of Measure AA funds in the amount \$141,670 for the continued Ferry Connector Service

provided. If approved, this allocation represents the seventh allocation of Transportation Sales Tax funds from TAM to GGBHTD's Ferry Connector Service.

GGBHTD's Ferry Connector Service is a ferry feeder bus service along Sir Francis Drake Boulevard between Fairfax Manor and the Larkspur Ferry Terminal and will serve all Golden Gate Transit bus stops. Feeder buses will meet morning ferry departures from Larkspur to San Francisco as follows: 7:00 a.m., 7:30 a.m., 7:50 a.m., 8:20 a.m., 9:15 a.m. and 10:10 a.m. Feeder buses will meet afternoon/evening arrivals at 3:30 p.m., 4:00 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 5:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 7:00 p.m. and 7:50 p.m.

GGBHTD is requesting \$141,470 in Measure AA funds from TAM to defray the anticipated cost of operation of \$1,160,000 for FY 19/20. The TAM funds represent 12.2% of the total cost.

FISCAL IMPACTS

In anticipation of this request, the FY 19/20 TAM Budget already includes \$141,470 for GGBHTD's Ferry Connector Service.

NEXT STEPS

Issue a funding agreement to GGBHTD for \$141,470 in Measure AA Funds for FY 19/20 operation of Ferry Connector Service.

ATTACHMENT

Attachment A: GGBHTD's Request for Measure AA Funds

Attachment A

**Transportation Authority of Marin
Measure AA – Transportation Sales Tax**

Allocation Request Form

Fiscal Year of Allocation: 2019/20

Expenditure Plan: Measure AA Funds

Project Name: Ferry Shuttle Route 25

Implementing Agency: Golden Gate Bridge, Highway & Transportation District (GGBHTD)

Scope of Work: Continuing ferry feeder bus service along Sir Francis Drake Boulevard between Fairfax Manor and the Larkspur Ferry Terminal and will serve all Golden Gate Transit bus stops. Feeder buses will meet morning ferry departures from Larkspur to San Francisco as follows: 7:00 a.m., 7:30 a.m., 7:50 a.m., 8:20 a.m., 9:15 a.m. and 10:10 a.m. Feeder buses will meet afternoon/evening arrivals at 3:30 p.m., 4:00 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 5:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 7:00 p.m. and 7:50 p.m.

Cost of Scope: \$1,160,000

Strategic Plan Programmed Amount: N/A

Requested Amount: \$141,760 (\$30,669 in FY 18/19 funds and \$111,091 in FY 19/20 funds)

Other Funding: Golden Gate Bridge Tolls

Cash flow Availability (leave blank):

Project Delivery Schedule (include start & completion milestones): The project began as a demonstration project in September 2013 and ended in June 2014. GGBHTD Board of Directors authorized continuation of the service as a regular fixed route. Measure AA funds are being programmed to the GGBHTD for the seventh year of operation of the ferry shuttle for the period of July 2019 through June 2020.

Environmental Clearance: N/A

Non-Motorized Travel Considerations: N/A

Have the needs of non-motorized travelers been considered in the design of the project and is the project consistent with Caltrans Deputy Directive 64? Yes/No

Is non-motorized travel impeded by this project? Yes/No

If yes, has a cross-facility, non-motorized access been included in the project?

Has a parallel non-motorized facility been designed to accommodate non-motorized travelers? Yes/No

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