

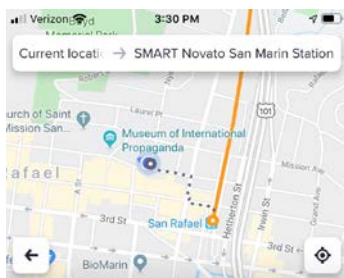


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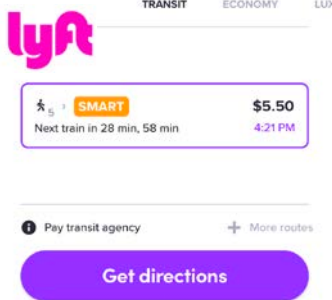
TO: Transportation Authority of Marin Board of Commissioners
FROM: Anne Richman, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Executive Director’s Report – Agenda Item 3 (Discussion)

LOCAL

TAM to Extend Lyft GetSMART Program to Larkspur and Downtown Novato SMART Stations!



Since the inception of SMART train service in September 2017, TAM has been partnering with Lyft and Whistlestop to provide a shared ride first/last mile service to SMART stations. With the expected opening of the SMART train extension to Larkspur and the opening on the Downtown Novato SMART station, TAM is pleased to announce that our program will be extended to provide shared first/last mile connectivity to users at these stations. TAM intends to conduct this service for up to a year and is working closely with local transit operators to explore options for future iterations of this program.



Additionally, in time for the Larkspur extension, Lyft is now directly promoting transit services on their app. Based on feedback from partner programs such as TAM’s GetSMART program, users of the app will be shown transit options to their destinations, furthering TAM’s goals to increase transit ridership through this pilot program. The service will direct the Lyft user to the nearest transit service where applicable, as shown in the screenshot at the left. TAM and the GetSMART partnership are pleased to support the opening of SMART stations with a low-cost option to help address the first/last mile connections at these locations.

Drive Clean Marin Electric Vehicle Group Discount

TAM, Bay Area Air Quality Management District and Marin Clean Energy have partnered together to help fund the Drive Clean Marin and Drive Clean Bay Area initiatives to educate about the benefits of electric vehicles and to support increased adoption of EVs. The primary focus of Drive Clean Bay Area is to inspire and motivate Bay Area residents and employees to replace their internal combustion vehicles with an electric vehicle, e-bike or other form of no-carbon transportation. A group discount campaign was launched to provide substantial discounts for buying or leasing select models of electric vehicles. Participants must sign up for the group discount promotion by December 31, 2019. Participants will save an additional \$500 – \$2,500 if they take delivery by December 2, 2019. Visit www.drivecleanmarin.org for more information and to sign up for the group discount.



TAM Meetings – 2020

Following is a list of 2020 meeting dates for the **TAM Board of Commissioners** (generally on the fourth Thursday of each month):

January 23, 2020	July 23, 2020
February 27, 2020	August 27, 2020 <i>if necessary</i>
March 26, 2020	September 24, 2020
April 23, 2020	October 22, 2020
May 28, 2020	November 19, 2020– <i>Third Thursday</i>
June 25, 2020	December 17, 2020 – <i>if necessary</i>

Unless noted otherwise on the posted agenda, all TAM Board meetings are held at the Marin County Civic Center, Room 330, 3501 Civic Center Drive, San Rafael, California. Meeting start time is 6:00 p.m.

Following is a list of 2020 meeting dates for the two **TAM Executive Committees** (generally on the second Monday of each month).

January 13, 2020	July 13, 2020
February 10, 2020	August 10, 2020 <i>if necessary</i>
March 9, 2020	September 14, 2020
April 13, 2020	October 12, 2020
May 11, 2020	November 9, 2020
June 8, 2020	December 14, 2020

Unless noted otherwise on the posted agenda, both meetings are held in the TAM Conference Room at 900 Fifth Avenue, Suite 100, San Rafael, California. Meeting start times are:

- The Funding, Programs & Legislation Executive Committee meets at 2:00 p.m.
- The Administration, Projects & Planning Executive Committee meets at 3:30 p.m.

PSPS

Following the late-October Public Safety Power Shutoff that affected much of the County and the Region, TAM staff is evaluating our own office procedures for such events, including steps for improving communication and systems redundancy. We are grateful to our partners and to the emergency responders for their support of TAM and the community.

Marin-Sonoma Narrows Ribbon Cutting

Caltrans, TAM and SCTA are beginning to plan a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate big milestones for the Marin-Sonoma Narrows including the grand opening of the second major section of carpool lanes and the completion of the bicycle/pedestrian connection between Novato and Petaluma. Approximately 3.3 miles of carpool lane will open in each direction between the San Antonio Creek Bridge at the Marin/Sonoma border and Highway 116/Lakeville Road in Petaluma. This will be the second major section of carpool lanes to open for the 17-mile Marin-Sonoma Narrows project. The ribbon cutting will also



celebrate the class I and II bike connections created between Marin and Sonoma Counties. The date of the ribbon cutting has yet to be confirmed but the project team is targeting early December.

SMART is Testing the Service Schedule to Larkspur – Be Track Safe!



SMART started simulated service to the new Larkspur station on Sunday, November 17. SMART has completed all the required testing for the Larkspur extension, and the next step in preparing to open the Larkspur station for service is to demonstrate the operational functioning of the full system from Sonoma County Airport Station to the Larkspur Station, including confirming the timetable and completing the training of all of SMART's crew members on the expanded territory.



During simulated service, southbound trains will drop off passengers at the San Rafael Station and continue on to the Larkspur Station without passengers. Northbound trains returning from Larkspur will stop and pick up passengers at the San Rafael Station and continue onto the Sonoma County Airport Station. Simulated service will take place during normal service hours and will not occur overnight.

Be alert for the new SMART train crossings in San Rafael.

The new Larkspur Station and the new Downtown Novato Station are both expected to open by the end of the year.

Roundtable with New Caltrans Director

On November 15th, I had the opportunity to join with the other Bay Area county transportation agency and MTC executives to meet with the new Caltrans Director, Toks Omishakin. The Director is visiting different areas around the State to become familiar with the many agencies and projects with which Caltrans is involved. At the roundtable, each county provided an overview of their priorities and activities, and Director Omishakin introduced himself and outlined his priorities for Caltrans.

Highway 37 - Climate Change Adaptation Study Public Outreach Meeting – November 21 at 7 PM

The County of Marin Department of Public Works, in coordination with corridor stakeholders, are studying options to protect Highway 37 (from US 101 to the Marin County Limits at the Petaluma River) from inundation resulting from Storm Flooding and Sea Level Rise.



The community has been invited to attend and learn more about the issue, potential solutions, and stakeholders' efforts to protect environmental resources and mobility along this sensitive corridor at a meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 21, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM, located at 503 Palm Drive, Novato.

Information collected will be compiled and reported out in a final report to Caltrans and the SR-37 Policy Committee.

STATE

Caltrans Shifts to Vehicle Miles Traveled Analysis in CEQA

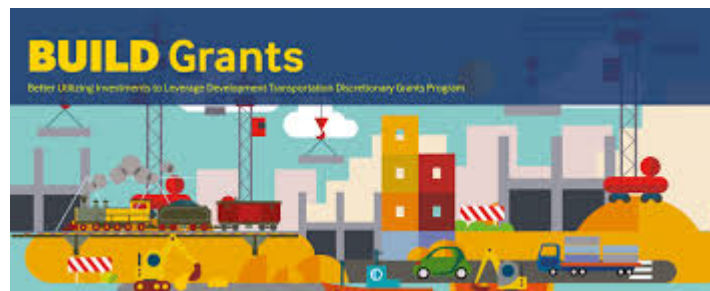


On November 8th, 2019 Caltrans hosted an SB743 webinar to discuss the transition from automobile delay time to vehicle miles traveled in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review process. Caltrans is working on guidance documents to update their CEQA procedures for review of local land efforts and Caltrans CEQA procedures for projects on the State Highway System. Caltrans recognizes that these changes cause a fundamental change to how transportation planning will occur. Caltrans CEQA guidelines will now look at comprehensive travel impacts, not just automobile level of service. For the State Highway System (SHS), induced demand and overall VMT were not considered in previous analyses but will be looked at moving forward. Although the CEQA guidelines allow for lead agencies to determine the most appropriate metric for transportation projects, Caltrans has chosen to use VMT for projects on the SHS. Caltrans is developing a number of materials to support this shift including updated guidance on GHG emission and VMT analysis. TAM staff are following this shift closely as it will affect Marin County Transportation Projects and has been sharing updates with local jurisdictions.

FEDERAL

Federal Transportation Funding

On November 12, 2019, the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) announced the investment of \$900 million in infrastructure through the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Transportation Discretionary Grants program. The funding has been awarded to 55 projects in 35 states. DOT awarded 50% of BUILD



Transportation grant funding to projects located in rural areas.

The BUILD Transportation Discretionary Grant program provides investment in road, rail, transit and port projects that promise to achieve national objectives. Previously known as Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery, or TIGER Discretionary Grants, Congress has dedicated nearly \$7.1 billion for ten rounds of National Infrastructure Investments to fund projects that have a significant local or regional impact.

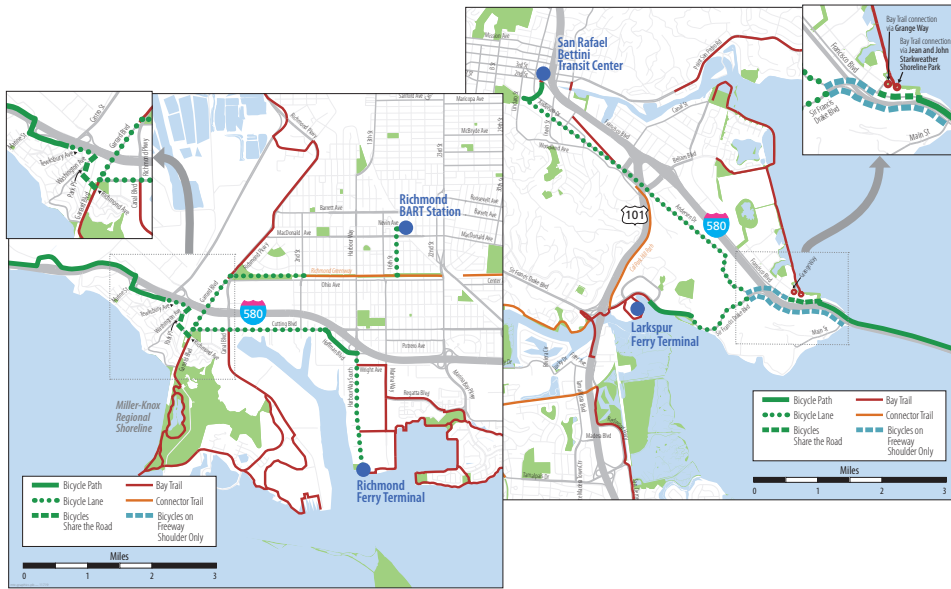
California received funding for two projects: \$8.7 million for an Infrastructure Fleet Expansion Project in Southern California (Lancaster) and \$10.4 million for an Interchange, Extension and Grade Separation Project in Central California (Fresno).

Source: transportation.gov (DOT)

THANK YOU!

Directions to the new bike path:

Bicyclists and pedestrians can access the path from the intersection of Tewksbury Avenue and Castro Street in Point Richmond, or from the intersection of East Francisco Boulevard and Main Street in San Rafael.



The Richmond-San Rafael Bridge Access Improvement Projects are made possible by a partnership between the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and Bay Area Toll Authority (BATA), Caltrans, the Contra Costa County Transportation Authority (CCTA), and the Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM). Funding for the projects comes from the Toll Bridge Rehabilitation Program, which not only finances regular rehabilitation and repair work on all seven of our region's state-owned toll bridges, but also allows for the financing of select capital projects — like this one.



RICHMOND-SAN RAFAEL BRIDGE ACCESS IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

PHASE 2: MOVEABLE BARRIER/ BIKE PATH RIBBON CUTTING



Saturday, November 16, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.
961 Stenmark Drive, Richmond, CA 94801

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and Bay Area Toll Authority (BATA), Caltrans, the Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM) and the Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA), have been making a series of improvements to the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge to reduce eastbound traffic congestion, improve connectivity and create better access for bicyclists and pedestrians.

The second phase of the improvement projects is now complete, and a new bicycle/pedestrian path provides a six-mile extension of the Bay Trail, allowing cyclists and pedestrians to travel for the first time between Contra Costa County and Marin County.

The westbound shoulder on the upper deck of the bridge has been converted to a new 10-foot-wide path. Pedestrians and cyclists are separated from auto traffic by an innovative moveable barrier, similar to the one in use on the Golden Gate Bridge. A “zipper truck” will be used to move the barrier when necessary, typically to allow BATA and Caltrans to conduct bridge maintenance work during short closures of the bike/ped path. Most of these closures will occur at night.

In Contra Costa County, the path begins in Richmond at Tewksbury Avenue and Castro Street in the Point Richmond neighborhood and continues adjacent to westbound I-580 to East Francisco Boulevard in San Rafael. In Marin County, the bike path can be accessed at the intersection of East Francisco Boulevard and Main Street in San Rafael.

See back of program for more detail, including maps showing access routes to other Bay Trail segments and regional transit hubs.

DATE | LOCATION

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SPEAKERS

1. **Amy Worth**, MTC Commissioner and BATA Oversight Committee Chair
2. **Scott Haggerty**, MTC/BATA Chair and Alameda County Supervisor
3. **Dina El-Tawansy**, Deputy Director, Caltrans District 4
4. **Alan Davis**, General Manager, Chevron Richmond Refinery
5. **Tom Butt**, Mayor, City of Richmond and CCTA Board Member
6. **Najari Smith**, Founder and Executive Director, Rich City Rides
7. **Ginger Jui**, Executive Director, Bike East Bay
8. **Tarrell Kullaway**, Executive Director, Marin County Bicycle Coalition
9. **Judy Arnold**, Marin County Supervisor and TAM Board Chair
10. **Laura Cohen**, Western Regional Office Director, Rails-to-Trails Conservancy

