



DATE: January 23, 2020

TO: Transportation Authority of Marin Board of Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Allocate Transportation Sales Tax (Measure AA) Funds to Mill Valley for the East Blithedale Avenue Rehabilitation Project (Action), Agenda Item No. 7f

RECOMMENDATION

The TAM Board approves the allocation of \$1,000,000 in Transportation Sales Tax (Measure AA) funds to Mill Valley to commence the design phase for the East Blithedale Avenue Rehabilitation Project.

On January 13, 2020, the Funding, Programs & Legislation (FPL) Executive Committee reviewed and recommended the approval of allocating \$1,000,000 in Measure AA funds to Mill Valley for the design phase of the East Blithedale Avenue Rehabilitation Project.

BACKGROUND

The Measure A Expenditure Plan provides funds for Major Roads and Related Infrastructure. Road improvements funded under this strategy were described as the most heavily traveled and regionally significant. A list of eligible roads was adopted with the Measure A Expenditure Plan. A detailed prioritization process engaged in by local stakeholders and all local jurisdictions in 2006 established Miller Avenue and East Blithedale Avenue as the first and second prioritized projects, respectively, in the Southern Marin Planning Area. Measure A required the completion of the first prioritized project before allocating funds to the second prioritized project. The first prioritized project, Miller Avenue, was completed in late 2017, with funds remaining available for the second prioritized project.

With the passage of Measure AA, funds remaining in the Major Road Strategy of Measure A were carried over to the Measure AA Strategic Plan under a newly created category called Major Road Projects and the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge Approaches Set-aside. The amount of the set-aside funds under Measure AA also accounted for the State Local Partnership Program (SLPP) backfilled funding commitment approved by the TAM Board in July 2010 and July 2011.

These funds will be made available to the jurisdictions with remaining originally programmed projects over the life of Measure AA, when funds are requested by the project sponsor. The remaining Measure AA funds for the Southern Marin Planning Area is \$1.897 million, which Mill Valley can request for the East Blithedale Avenue Rehabilitation Project.

EAST BLITHEDALE AVENUE REHABILITATION PROJECT

Under the Measure A Expenditure Plan, the East Blithedale Avenue Rehabilitation Project is limited to the section between Sunnyside Avenue and Tiburon Blvd. Eligible uses of funds include a variety of roadway, bikeway, sidewalk and pathway improvements. The funds can be used for any phase of the project.

Project Allocation Request

Mill Valley is requesting \$1,000,000 in Measure AA funds to commence the design phase of the East Blithedale Avenue Rehabilitation Project (Attachment A). This phase is estimated to cost \$1,200,000. Mill Valley will contribute \$200,000 in City Development Impact Fees to the overall costs, thereby fully funding the design phase. Attachment B is a map of the project limits.

Prior Allocation

This allocation request represents the second request for the East Blithedale Avenue Rehabilitation Project. The TAM Board previously allocated \$250,000 in Measure A funds to the project for the project scoping and development phase in June 2018.

Remaining Funds Available

As noted above, the Measure AA Strategic Plan programmed \$1.897 million for the East Blithedale Avenue Rehabilitation Project in the Southern Marin Planning Area. This amount does not include previously released Measure A Reserve funds. In February 2017, the TAM Board released \$1.88 million in Measure A reserve funds. The proportional share of Measure A reserve funds for the Southern Planning Area is \$53,900, which have not been allocated.

Therefore, the total available funding for the East Blithedale Avenue Rehabilitation Project is \$1,950,900. Upon approval from the TAM Board for the current request of \$1,000,000 for the design phase, \$950,900 will remain for the construction phase of the project, assuming no supplemental allocation will be needed for the design phase.

FISCAL IMPACTS

Upon approval, the allocated amount will be incorporated into the Measure AA Strategic Plan and the estimated expenditure for the current fiscal year will be amended into TAM's FY2019-20 Annual Budget.

NEXT STEPS

Upon approval, a funding agreement will be issued to Mill Valley for Measure AA funds for the East Blithedale Avenue Rehabilitation Project, and the Measure AA Strategic Plan and TAM's budget will be amended accordingly.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A – Allocation Request Form
Attachment B – Map of Project Limits

ALLOCATION REQUEST FORM

Fiscal Year of Allocation: 2019/20

Expenditure Plan: Major Roads and Related Infrastructure

Project Name: E. Blithedale Avenue Rehabilitation Project (Sunnyside Avenue to Tiburon Blvd)

Implementing Agency: City of Mill Valley

Scope of Work: Project Design Phase: City of Mill Valley completed the feasibility study phase for the project and is ready to proceed with the project engineering design. The engineering design phase of project will include:

- Project management and quality control,
- Site Investigations, topo and boundary surveys, and mapping,
- Utility Coordination and Potholing of utilities,
- Preliminary engineering and concept plans,
- Geotechnical engineering,
- Final design,
- Signals, lighting and electrical design
- Public and community engagement services, and
- Design support during construction.

Measure AA Strategic Plan Programmed Amount Available: \$746,000 is currently programmed in FY 19/20. \$254,000 will be moved from FY 21/22 to FY 19/20 to accommodate this allocation request.

Prior Measure A Allocated Amount: \$250,000

Prior Scope of Work: Project Development Phase. Given project size and the various stakeholders, the City of Mill Valley will invest approximately 9 months to identify and evaluate potential projects, conduct outreach meetings with stakeholders, to define project scope. Once a project scope is defined, funding will be requested for the preparation of preliminary engineering plans, permitting and environmental clearance, final engineering plans and construction.

Current Measure AA Requested Amount: \$1,000,000

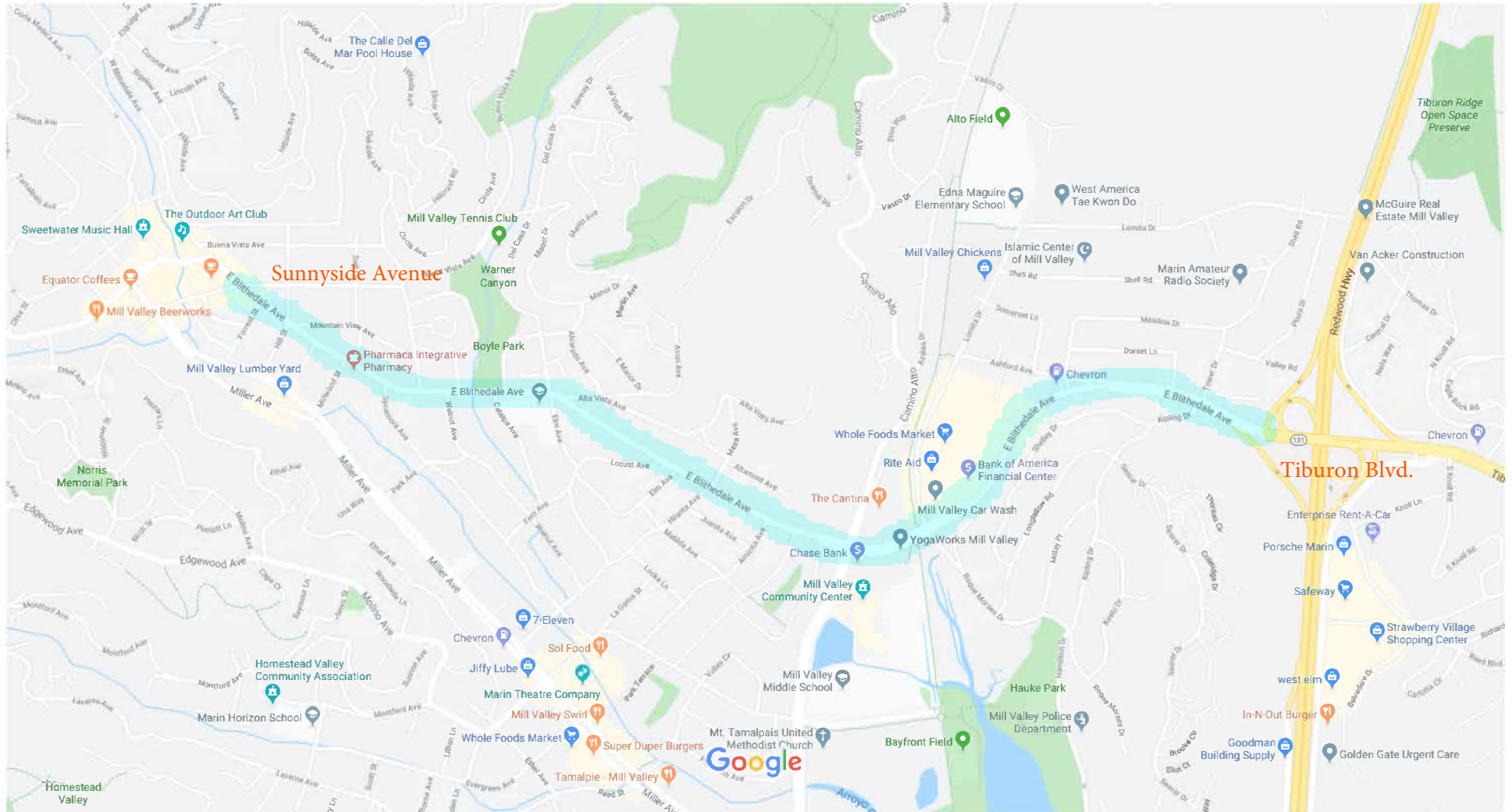
Other Funding: \$200,000 in City Development Impact Fees

Cash Flow Availability: 100% available in FY 19/20

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E. Blithedale Ave. Project Limits



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