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TO: Transportation Authority of Marin Board of Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Approval of Extension of Interagency Agreement with Larkspur Corte Madera School District for Crossing Guard Services (Action), Agenda Item No. 6f

RECOMMENDATION:

The TAM Board authorizes the Executive Director to enter into Amendment 4 of Inter-agency Agreement A-FY17-02 with Larkspur Corte Madera School District for reimbursement of one crossing guard for the 2020/2021 school year. The not to exceed amount will be increased by \$19,000 to \$88,000, and the termination date will be extended to July 31, 2021.

BACKGROUND:

The TAM Crossing Guard Program provides trained crossing guards for critical intersections throughout Marin County. As stipulated in the original Transportation Sales Tax (Measure A) Expenditure Plan, the Program provides trained crossing guards under contract to a professional company that specializes in crossing guard programs. Under contract to TAM, All City Management Services (ACMS) currently provides guards under the close supervision of TAM staff. The current 2019/2020 school year is the fourteenth year during which crossing guards have been funded by the TAM Crossing Guard Program.

The TAM Crossing Guard Program received a significant boost by the passage of Measure AA, the 30-year extension of Measure A, in the November 2018 election. Measure AA increased the funding share of sales tax revenue available for the Crossing Guard Program, allowing for an increase in the number of guards funded each year. This increase allowed for 96 guards to be funded by the Program. TAM staff conducts an extensive process every four years to evaluate, rank, and recommend the locations for the TAM-funded guards. The next evaluation will be for the FY21/22 school year.

In addition to funding the 96 top-ranked locations, the TAM Crossing Guard Program includes provisions for local agencies, schools, or school districts to arrange for a guard to be provided through the TAM contract at a location below the funding cutoff by reimbursing TAM the cost of the guard for the school year. The cost for a guard is currently approximately \$19,000 for the regular school year. There are currently six guard locations funded in this manner, one by the Larkspur Corte Madera School District, one by the Kentfield School District, and four by the Novato Unified School District.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

TAM has historically offered local agencies, schools and school districts the opportunity to add additional crossing guards on a reimbursement basis. Representatives from the Novato Unified School District, and the Kentfield School District have informed TAM staff that due to potential budgetary issues they cannot commit to maintaining the current funding agreement, but may choose to do so after budgets become more refined. The Larkspur Corte Madera District will maintain the one guard located at Paradise Drive and Seawolf Passage. Reimbursed guards are provided to our partners at cost without mark-up. TAM staff treats these sites the same as TAM-funded sites in terms of program management, and provide identical oversight including site audits.

FISCAL CONSIDERATION:

This guard location is reimbursed 100% by the School District. This action has no impact on the Proposed FY2020-21 TAM Annual Budget.

NEXT STEPS:

Staff will continue to work with Kentfield and Novato School Districts to verify that the guards paid for previously by them will have to be discontinued. Staff will be able to reinstall these guards at any time should the budget situation improve.

ATTACHMENTS:

None