

A New Way to Fund Some of Marin's Most Important Transportation Projects

Approved by Bay Area voters in June 2018, Regional Measure 3 (RM 3) increases Bay Area bridge tolls to fund major transportation improvements and solve some of the Bay Area's growing congestion problems. The measure will generate up to \$4.45 billion dollars to fund major transportation projects serving toll bridge corridors.

The bridge tolls will be raised incrementally in the amount of \$1 in 2019, an additional \$1 in 2022 and a final \$1 in 2025. The toll increase requires a 50% approval by voters. Projects funded by the toll revenue show a benefit to the toll bridge users who pay the fee.

The toll increase applies to the region's seven state-owned bridges: the Antioch, Bay, Benicia, Carquinez, Dumbarton, Richmond-San Rafael, and San Mateo bridges. Cars passing over two bridges using Fastrak in the same day receive a 50% discount on the second bridge. The toll increase does not apply to the Golden Gate Bridge.

Critical Marin Transportation Projects Will Benefit from RM 3

Richmond-San Rafael Bridge Access Improvements

\$135 million is identified in RM 3 to be dedicated to the direct connector from northbound Highway 101 to eastbound Interstate 580 in San Rafael. \$75 million is identified in RM3 to be dedicated to I-580 Richmond-San Rafael Bridge access improvement projects in Contra Costa County. [Continued]



Highway 101 Marin-Sonoma Narrows

\$120 million is identified in RM 3 to complete the widening of Highway 101 to three lanes in each direction to provide continuous carpool lanes between Petaluma Boulevard South in Petaluma and State Route 37 in Novato. The project also includes continuous Class I and Class II bikeways between Novato and Petaluma.



\$30 million is identified in RM 3 to construct a replacement facility to the Downtown San Rafael Bettini Transit Center which serves over 9,000 transit trips each day. When SMART extends to Larkspur in 2019 the tracks will cut-through the existing facility, requiring relocation of the transit center. The new transit center will improve customer convenience and service flexibility.

State Route 37 Improvements

\$100 million is identified in RM 3 for near-term and long-term improvements to enhance mobility, safety, and long-term resiliency to sea level rise and flooding on State Route 37 from Highway 101 in Novato to Interstate 80 in Vallejo.



Marin-Sonoma Narrows



San Rafael Transit Center



State Route 37

Additional Projects Benefitting Marin

\$150 million – San Francisco Bay Trail Improvements / Safe Routes to Transit

\$40 million – SMART Extension to Windsor and Healdsburg

\$100 million – North Bay Transit Access Improvements

Other Major Regional Projects

Major regional projects in the RM 3 expenditure plan include expansion of BART's railcar fleet to accommodate record ridership and the system's pending extension to Milpitas and East San Jose; further extension of BART's Silicon Valley service to downtown San Jose and Santa Clara; extending Caltrain to downtown San Francisco; expanding transbay bus services and AC Transit's bus rapid transit lines; constructing a direct connector between

Interstates 680 and 880 in Fremont; upgrading the I-680/State Route 4 interchange in Contra Costa County, the I-680/State Route 84 interchange in Alameda County and the U.S. 101/State Route 92 interchange in San Mateo; various upgrades to relieve congestion in the Dumbarton Bridge corridor; expanding San Francisco's fleet of Muni Metro rail cars; and adding more vessels to the San Francisco Bay Ferry fleet.



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