



**DATE:** July 23, 2020

**TO:** Transportation Authority of Marin Board of Commissioners

**FROM:** Anne Richman, Executive Director *Anne Richman*  
Derek McGill, Planning Manager

**SUBJECT:** Award Quick Build Funding from Innovation Program Funds (Action), Agenda Item No. 10

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

The TAM board reviews and approves the proposed award of \$208,776 in Quick Build Grants for 11 projects in Marin County; authorizes the Executive Director to enter into all necessary funding agreements and an amendment to the budget to reflect the expenditure of \$208,776 in FY20/21 under Category 2.4 – Innovative Technology of the Measure AA Sales Tax expenditure plan.

The Funding, Programs & Legislation (FPL) Executive Committee reviewed and recommended to the TAM Board the proposed award of \$208,776 in Quick Build Grants for 11 projects at its July 13 meeting.

### **BACKGROUND**

The Measure AA Expenditure Plan directed TAM to set aside 0.5% under Category 2: Maintain, Improve and Manage Marin’s Local Infrastructure to support operational improvements to local streets and roads through innovative technology. These “Innovation Program” funds are to be distributed through a call for projects. As discussed at the TAM Board meeting on June 25, 2020, staff proposes (and the TAM board indicated support for) the development of a quick build program for local jurisdictions to support active transportation and business community during the COVID-19 recovery process.

This proposal to use the initial round of Innovation Program funding is intended to spark a series of small-scale projects that can be constructed quickly in order to meet the current demand for public spaces, generally making use of public streets and sidewalks. While not necessarily technology focused, these quick-build projects represent a new way of thinking about transport and public space, and about the nature and scale of construction projects. TAM staff through the years have developed innovative approaches to addressing Marin’s transportation challenges and will continue to support the use of technology and innovation to address transportation needs.

### **DISCUSSION**

To help meet local health guidance and social distancing requirements, and to support businesses, services and institutions in Marin County in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, on Thursday June 18, 2020, TAM announced the availability of one-time grants to support quick build redesign efforts on public streets. Notifications of funding were sent to eligible applicants, including local jurisdictions public works and planning directors, regarding this program and highlighting the compressed schedule of events for award.

Approximately \$212,000 in revenues is expected to accrue under Category 2.4 for the innovation program through this current fiscal year.

In developing this grant program, staff reviewed the National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) Streets for Pandemic Response & Recovery guidance (released 5/21/2020 and available [here](#)) as well as similar programs administered by the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) and San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG). Based on this review, TAM staff initially recommended a maximum grant award of \$20,000 per project, up to a total of \$100,000, to provide funding for up to 5 projects in Marin County. However, the response indicates a far greater demand for these types of projects throughout the county.

Applications for these funds were received for the following projects:

<b>Project Applications</b>	<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b>TAM Grant Request</b>
1. Sausalito - Caledonia Street Closure	\$45,000	\$20,000
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<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$311,848</b>	<b>\$208,776</b>

TAM staff reached out to all eligible applicants who did not apply by the July 2 deadline, to affirm the full list of applicants. Please note that Larkspur did submit a late application for consideration. An evaluation panel of TAM staff was convened to develop scoring criteria for this funding process, as well as review and evaluate applications. The selection committee determined that applications would be considered on a pass/fail basis for the following criteria:

- The ability to quickly implement the project, with expected implementation this summer.
- The project will complete a public engagement process to support the project implementation.
- The long-term viability of the project, either through operation or future potential capital projects.
- The project’s ability to advance project typology identified in the NACTO guidance
- The project’s ability to repurpose existing infrastructure to improve the bike/pedestrian environment.

The total grant request for all 11 projects totaled \$208,776 out of the total project cost of \$311,848. The selection committee determined that all applicants submitted eligible projects for consideration and brought forth this recommendation to the TAM Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) at its Wednesday July 8, 2020 meeting for their input. The TAM BPAC recommended full funding of all grants. Please note that the TAM BPAC did not advise on the late application from Larkspur.

Because of the very strong response to the program solicitation, and with the BPAC recommendation in mind, TAM staff is proposing to fund all of the projects by utilizing funds from the current fiscal year in addition to the funds previously accrued.

### **FISCAL IMPACTS**

Current year revenue projections, in combination with revenues already accrued, are anticipated to be sufficient to cover the full costs of this program. Based on the staff recommendation, the agency's FY2020-21 Annual Budget will be amended to reflect the recommended awards, up to \$208,776 in expenditures this fiscal year.

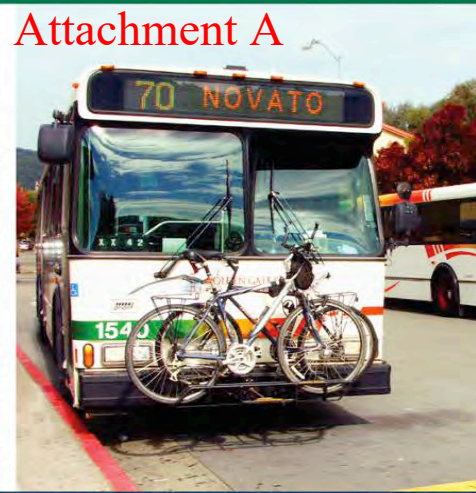
### **NEXT STEPS**

Upon approval of the Board, staff will notify awarded jurisdictions and enter into all necessary funding agreements.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment A: Staff Presentation

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# TAM Quick Build Funding Program Recommended Awards

TAM Board of Commissioners Meeting

July 23, 2020

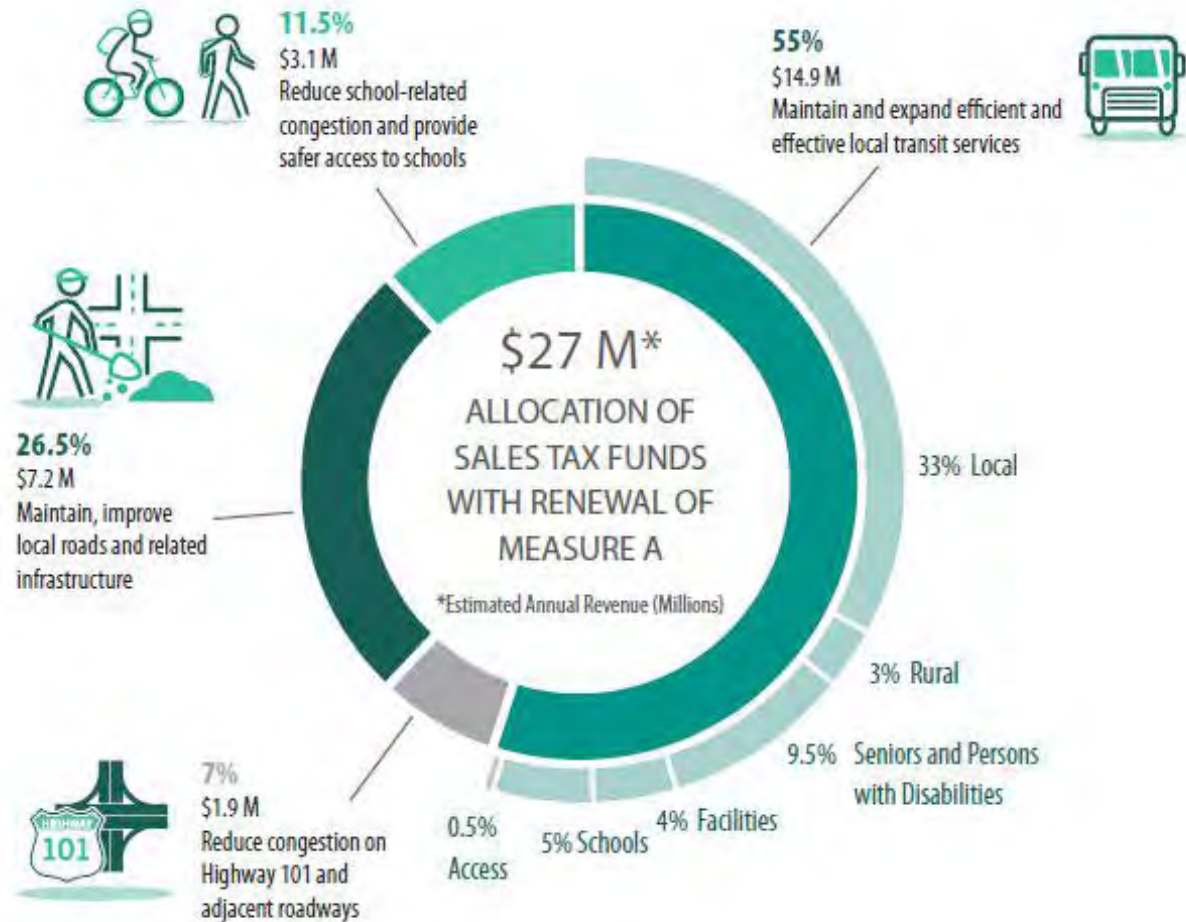
# Background on Quick-Build Funding



- June 25th Discussion at TAM Board on COVID-19 Recovery Planning
- TAM review of existing and new programs to support recovery efforts
- TAM Board Support for:
  - Conducting a Quick Build Program
  - Partnering with Local jurisdictions to support Safe Streets/Street Redesign Efforts

# Measure AA - Innovation Program

- Funded from Local Roads Category - 0.5%
- Call for projects identified by Expenditure Plan
- Projected \$212k through end of FY2020-21



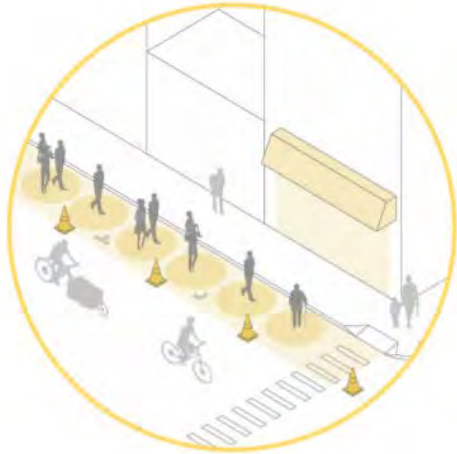
# Goals of the Quick Build Funding

- Support active transportation and transit modes
- Support local businesses and the community in complying with health guidance
- Rethink the use and design of infrastructure
- Easy to install with quick implementation

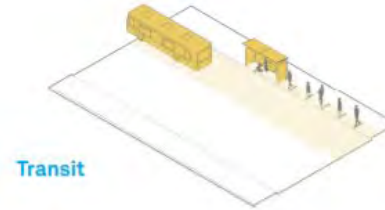




# NACTO Guidance



## Streets for Pandemic Response & Recovery



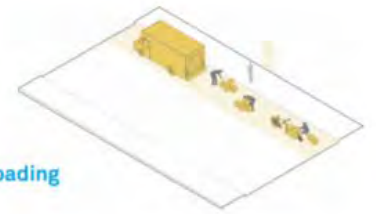
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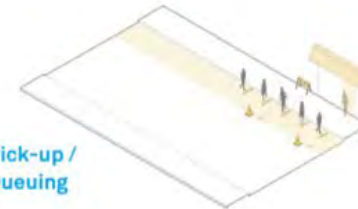
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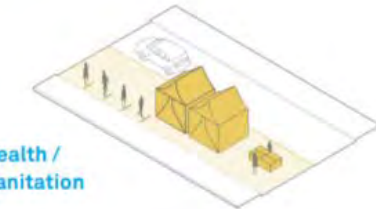
Dining



Loading



Pick-up / Queuing



Health / Sanitation



Open / Play Streets



Communication



# Application Process

- Maximum grant amount \$20k
- Local Jurisdictions as eligible applicants
- Accelerated process:
  - Planning and Public Works Directors briefings – June 17 & 18<sup>th</sup>
  - Call for projects released – June 18<sup>th</sup>
  - Applications received – July 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - Selection committee meeting – July 6<sup>th</sup>
  - TAM BPAC Review – July 8<sup>th</sup>

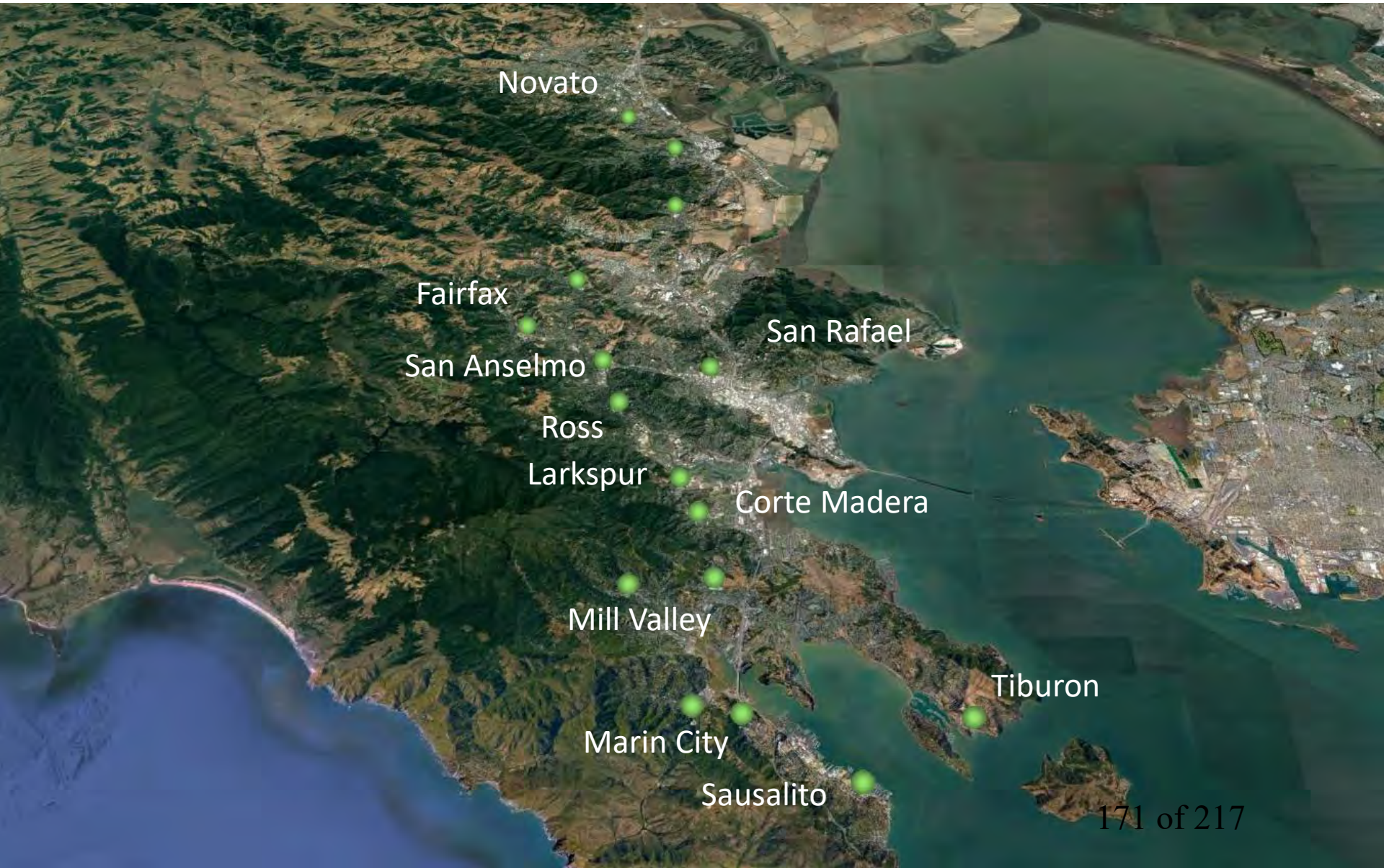
# Application Process, Continued

- 11 applications received:
  - Mix of: Outdoor dining/retail, seasonal market, and street redesign efforts (downtowns, schools, safety)
- Scoring criteria (pass/fail)
  - Public engagement
  - Implementable this Summer
  - Viable for long term implementation/Lead to a future capital project
  - Repurpose existing Infrastructure for Bike/ped activity
  - Project type identified in NACTO Guidance

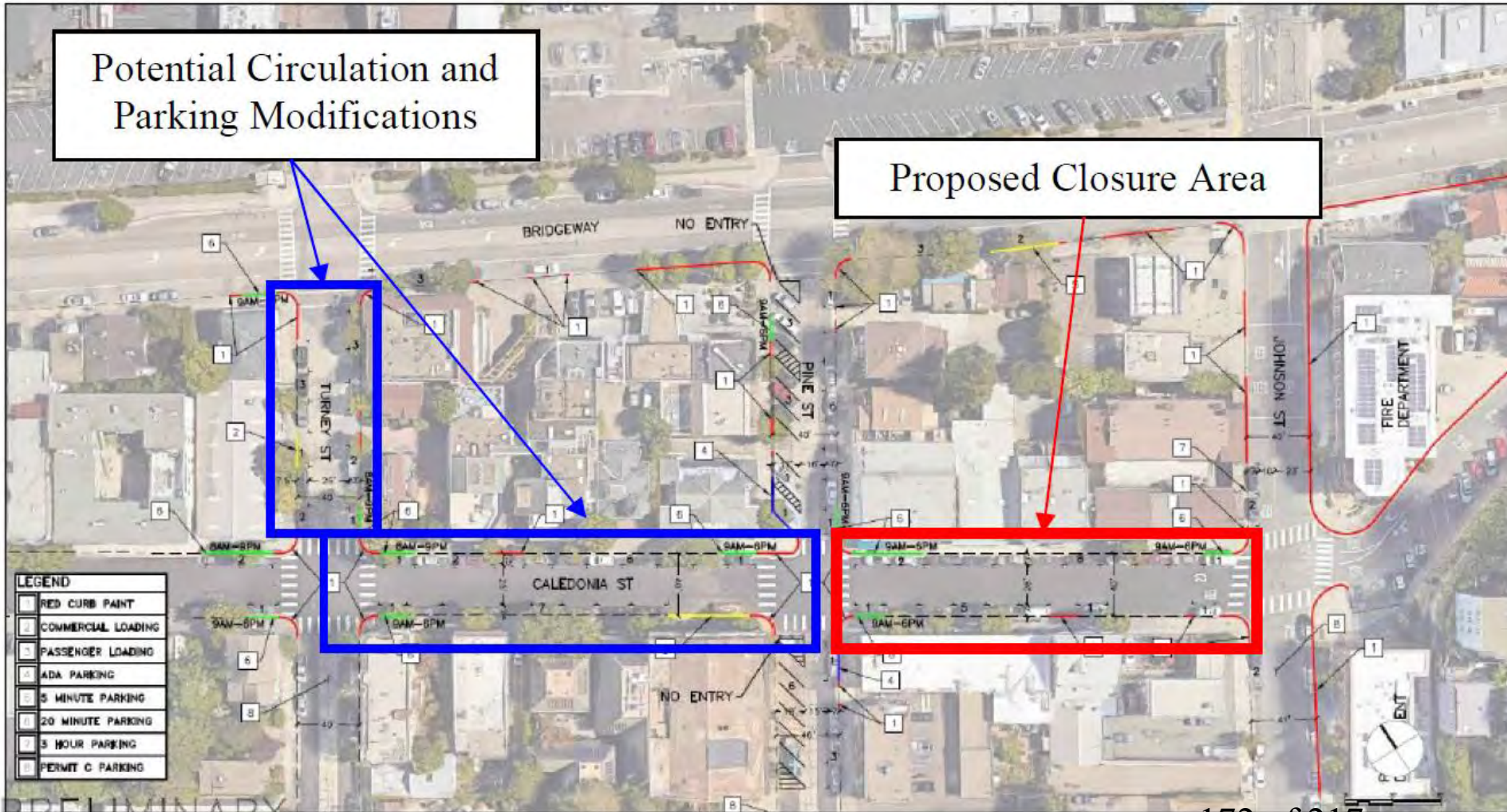
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# Sausalito – Caledonia Street



PRELIMINARY  
NOT FOR CONSTRUCTION

# Mill Valley – Miller Ave Temporary Closure



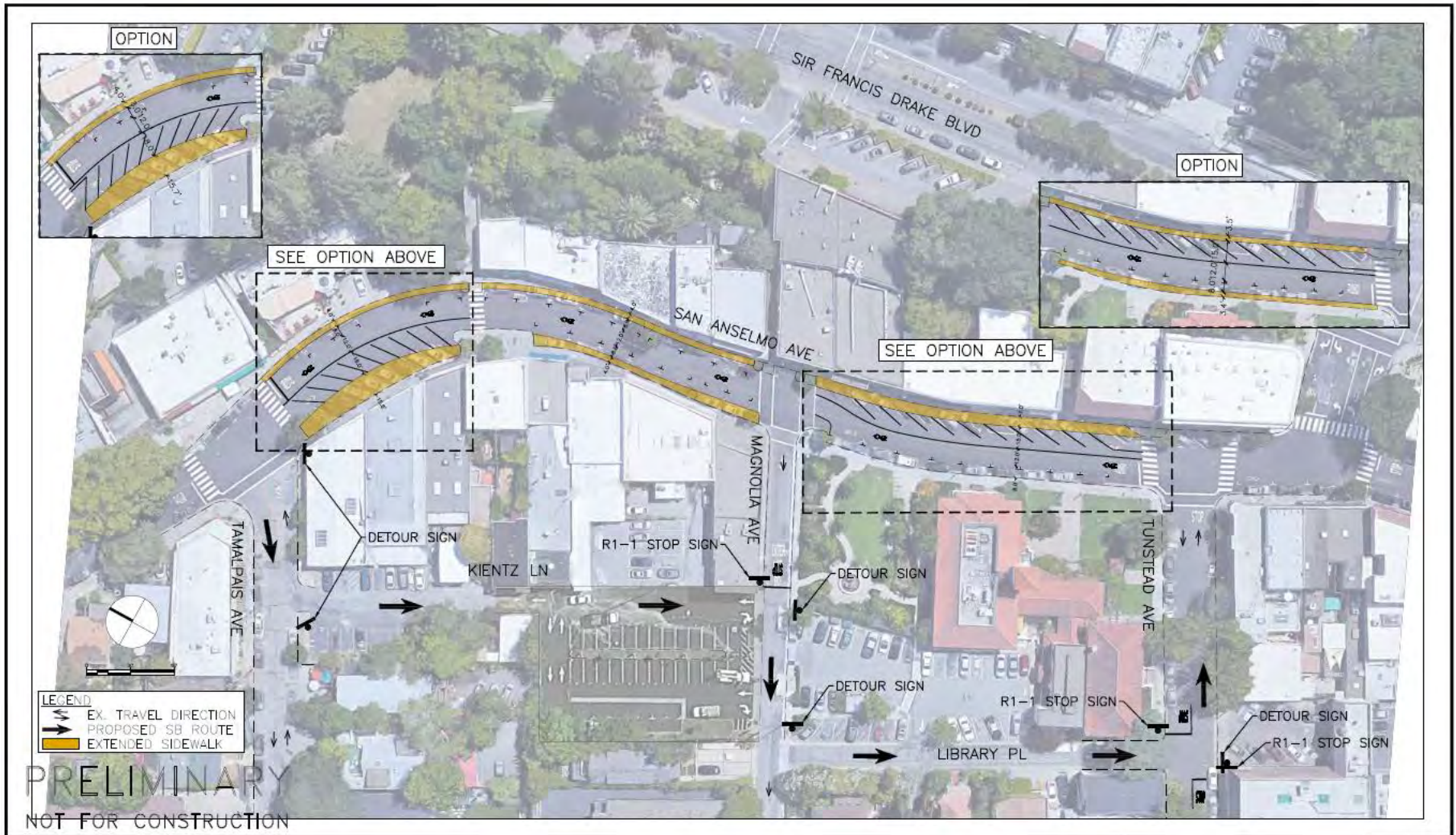
# Tiburon - Main Street Outdoor Market



Google







# San Anselmo – San Anselmo Ave Improvements



# Corte Madera – Old Corte Madera Square



-  Areas where tables maybe placed on sidewalks for outdoor dining
-  Area where safety barriers, tables, and chairs have been placed
-  Bus Stop
-  Bike Route

Map of Old Corte Madera Square

# Novato – Sunset Parkway Speed Management



# Ross – Redwood Drive Seasonal Market



# Staff Recommendation & Next Steps

- Staff is recommending fully funding all grant requests, including the late application from Larkspur
- TAM Budget will need to be amended to reflect the full amount of \$208,776 in the current fiscal year
- Revenues are projected to be available to meet this expenditure in the current fiscal year
- Staff will enter into all necessary funding agreements with respective grant recipients
- Staff will monitor projects and report back on lessons learned from this innovative program



Item 10 - Attachment A



# Questions and Discussion

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