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

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**SUBJECT:** Allocate Transportation Sales Tax Interest Funds to City of Sausalito's Gate 6 Road Intersection Modifications Project (Action), Agenda Item 8

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

Recommend that the TAM Board authorizes the allocation of \$100,000 in Transportation Sales Tax Interest funds to the City of Sausalito for the Gate 6 Road Intersection Modifications Project.

## **BACKGROUND**

Both Measure A and Measure AA Expenditure Plans for the ½-Cent Transportation Sales Tax allow interest income generated by both Measure A and Measure AA fund balances to be used for the transportation purposes described in the Expenditure Plans. All use of sales tax interest revenue should be determined by the TAM Board in a noticed public meeting as specified in the Expenditure Plans.

### **History**

Since inception and as the end of FY2019-20, the TAM Board has programmed/committed approximately \$4.4 million in Transportation Sales Tax interest funds to various projects/programs (listed below) out of approximately \$6.3 million cumulatively available.

Several commitments have recurred over a few years or are ongoing, including the following:

- Bike Path Maintenance
- Golden Gate Transit's Ferry Shuttle Service (commitment ceased with the FY 18/19 allocation when Measure AA provided dedicated funding to GGBHTD), and
- Insurance covering the Central Marin Ferry Connection structure over Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (commitment ceased with the FY 19/20 allocation when SMART extended passenger rail service to Larkspur).

Other programming commitments have been one-time only, including the following:

- Multi-Use Path (2<sup>nd</sup> to Andersen)
- Bellam Blvd. Approach to the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge
- North South Greenway Project, and
- Yellow School Bus Service.

For interest funds that were allocated to capital projects, all of the commitments helped complete a funding plan when no other funds were available. In every case, the funds were leveraged by other dedicated fund sources, by a match 1:1 or greater.

## DISCUSSION

### Project Scope

The Gate 6 Road Intersection Modifications Project is at the north Limit of the City of Sausalito. It is a signalized intersection and serves as the primary northerly gateway to the City. The existing traffic signals at the intersection are owned and operated by Caltrans with signal maintenance costs being shared between Caltrans, Marin County, and the City of Sausalito. The intersection is a five-legged intersection with the fifth leg serving the extremely popular Sausalito-Mill Valley Multi-Use Path. See Attachment A for project details.

Thousands of commuters, recreational users, and tourists cycle and walk along the Sausalito-Mill Valley Multi-Use Path each day. The pathway ends just north of Gate 6 Road. Currently, cyclists either enter the Gate 6 Road approach to cross Bridgeway Boulevard to the existing southbound bike lane, or cross at the Gate 6 crosswalk, push the pedestrian button, and wait to cross Bridgeway Boulevard with the pedestrian signal.

The project includes the installation of a dedicated bicycle phase and detection for southbound cyclists coming from the Sausalito-Mill Valley Multi-Use Path going to Bridgeway Boulevard. It also includes new vehicle detection and signal modifications, a redesign of the path approach at the northeast corner of the Bridgeway Boulevard/Gate 6 intersection, and some additional curb work.

The bicycle route at Gate 6 road connects to Bridgeway Boulevard at Princess Street in Sausalito with the Mill Valley Sausalito Path. Counts adjacent to these locations show between 1200 and 1700 daily bicyclists according to TAM's last bicycle count in 2018. Many users on this bicycle route pass through the Gate 6 Road Intersection Modifications Project to elsewhere in Marin or to San Francisco. These are the highest bicycle volume locations in Marin County. Below is a table of the top three locations in Marin (2018).

Location	Ped	Bike	Total
Bridgeway @ Princess Street, Sausalito	6,686	1,700	8,386
San Anselmo Avenue @ Tunstead Avenue, San Anselmo	2,462	499	2,961
Broadway @ Bolinas Road, Fairfax	2,291	619	2,910

### Funding Shortfall

In August 2020, Sausalito opened bids on the construction phase of the Gate 6 Road Intersection Modifications Project. Sausalito soon discovered that the project has a funding shortfall of approximately \$154,00 to the responsive low bid (see below table). On August 25, 2020, Sausalito staff requested funding assistance from TAM and Marin County to close the shortfall. Sausalito requested assistance from Marin County because the responsibility for the maintaining intersection falls on Caltrans, Marin County, and Sausalito. Sausalito was unsuccessful in securing funds from Caltrans.

<b>Project Cost Summary (nearest thousand)</b>	
<b>Phase</b>	<b>Cost</b>
PE and Design	\$369,000
ROW	\$63,000
CON	\$1,016,000
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$1,448,000</b>
<b>Existing Available Funds</b>	<b>\$1,294,000</b>
<b>Shortfall</b>	<b>\$154,000</b>

TAM and Marin County staff engaged in discussions on possible funding sources to assist Sausalito in defraying the shortfall. Marin County staff indicated the County will be able to contribute approximately \$54,000 (subject to Board of Supervisors approval, scheduled for October 6) if TAM can fund \$100,000 of the shortfall.

Staff considered all possibilities and ruled out any competitive funding sources, because the opened bids are due to expire on October 18, 2020. Even if available, competitive funds, including TAM’s annual Transportation for Clean Air (TFCA) and Transportation Development Act (TDA) Grants, require an application and review process that cannot realistically get completed before the expiration of the bids.

**Transportation Sales Tax Interest Funds**

Based on the relatively small amount needed and the short timeframe available to secure additional funds, staff concluded that Transportation Sales Tax interest funds would be the best fit. Staff is proposing to allocate \$100,000 in Transportation Sales Tax interest funds to match \$54,000 from Marin County to assist Sausalito in defraying a shortfall for the Gate 6 Road Intersection Modifications Project.

The Gate 6 Road Intersection Modifications Project is a complicated project at an intersection that falls under multiple jurisdictions. The intersection is a regional gateway for bicycle users into Marin. It was commonly agreed among the agencies in Marin that the intersection was in desperate need of improvements. Staff commends Sausalito for accepting this project 10 years ago when others were reluctant. It has been a logistical maze for Sausalito to navigate to the construction phase. Staff believes the use of Measure A interest funds for this shortfall would be a good use of the funds because of the following factors:

- project already has other TAM funds
- eligible for Transportation Sales Tax interest funds
- provides regional benefits
- leverages other funds
- has no other funding options
- allows the project to be completed

Kevin McGowan, Sausalito’s Public Works Director, and Jill Barnes, Project Manager, will be available at the TAM Board meeting to address questions.

**FISCAL IMPACTS**

If this allocation request is approved by the TAM Board, the FY 20/21 TAM Annual Budget would be amended to include \$100,000 in Transportation Sales Tax Interest funds for the Gate 6 Road Intersection Modifications Project.

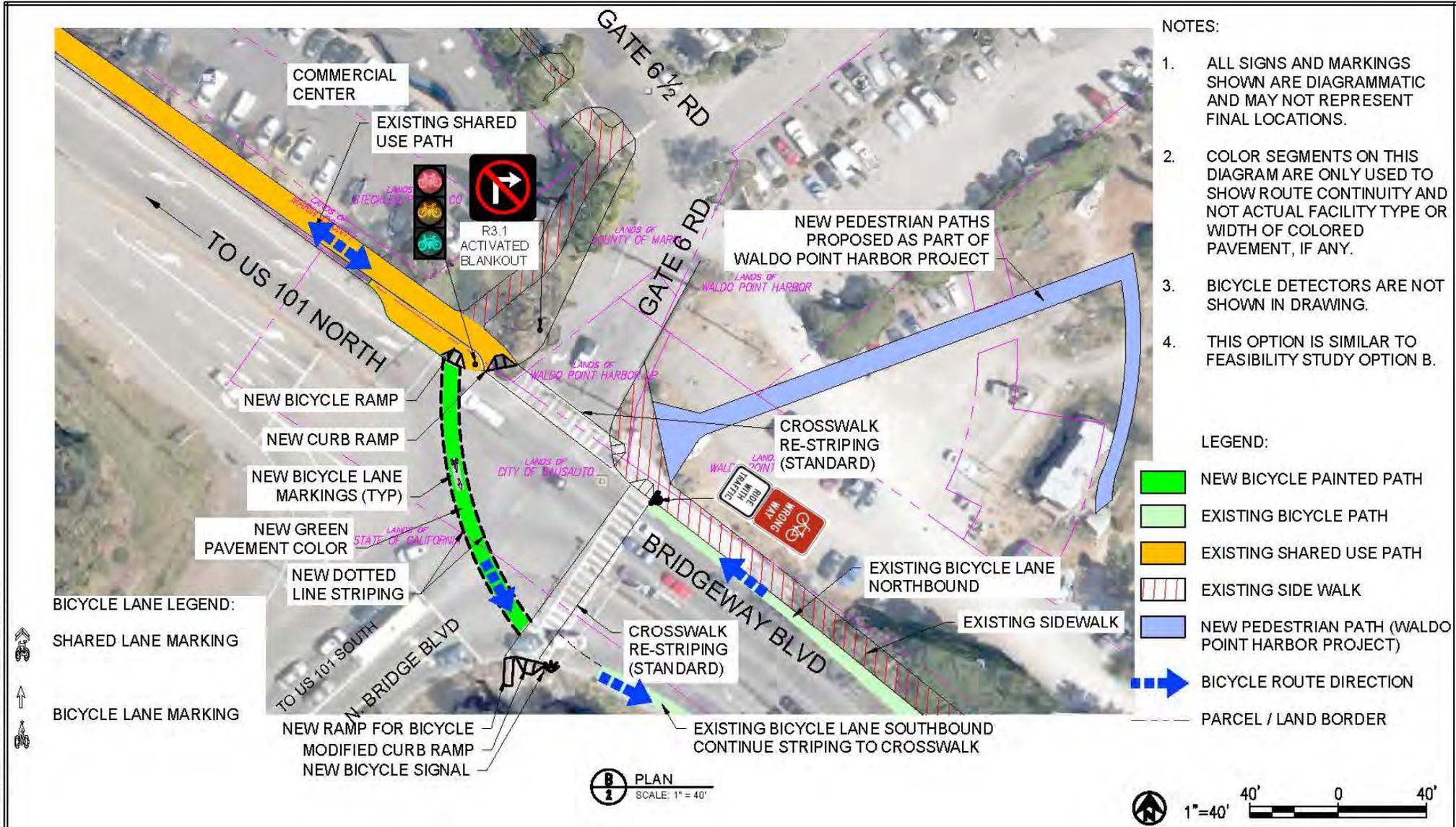
**NEXT STEPS**

If approved by the TAM Board, staff will issue a funding agreement to the City of Sausalito for \$100,000 in Transportation Sales Tax Interest funds and amend the Strategic Plan and the FY 20/21 TAM Annual Budget accordingly. Staff will also continue to monitor the status of the County's fund commitment to ensure that the project shortfall is closed.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment A – Project Overview (Map)  
Attachment B – PowerPoint Presentation

# PROJECT OVERVIEW



- NOTES:**
1. ALL SIGNS AND MARKINGS SHOWN ARE DIAGRAMMATIC AND MAY NOT REPRESENT FINAL LOCATIONS.
  2. COLOR SEGMENTS ON THIS DIAGRAM ARE ONLY USED TO SHOW ROUTE CONTINUITY AND NOT ACTUAL FACILITY TYPE OR WIDTH OF COLORED PAVEMENT, IF ANY.
  3. BICYCLE DETECTORS ARE NOT SHOWN IN DRAWING.
  4. THIS OPTION IS SIMILAR TO FEASIBILITY STUDY OPTION B.

- LEGEND:**
- NEW BICYCLE PAINTED PATH
  - EXISTING BICYCLE PATH
  - EXISTING SHARED USE PATH
  - EXISTING SIDE WALK
  - NEW PEDESTRIAN PATH (WALDO POINT HARBOR PROJECT)
  - BICYCLE ROUTE DIRECTION
  - PARCEL / LAND BORDER

**BICYCLE LANE LEGEND:**  
 SHARED LANE MARKING  
 BICYCLE LANE MARKING

**B 2 PLAN**  
 SCALE: 1" = 40'

1"=40' 40' 0 40'

	<p><b>GATE 6 ROAD INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS</b>  <b>ALTERNATIVE 3</b></p> <p>Figure 4 / Page 1                  Date: 11/18/2013</p>	<p><b>BIKE SIGNAL</b></p>	<p>4400 Market Street, Ste. 500                  Oakland, California 94612                  415.763.1000   415.763.1001                  www.UrbanDesignCE.com</p>		
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# Transportation Sales Tax Interest Funds Allocation

TAM Board of Commissioners  
September 24, 2020



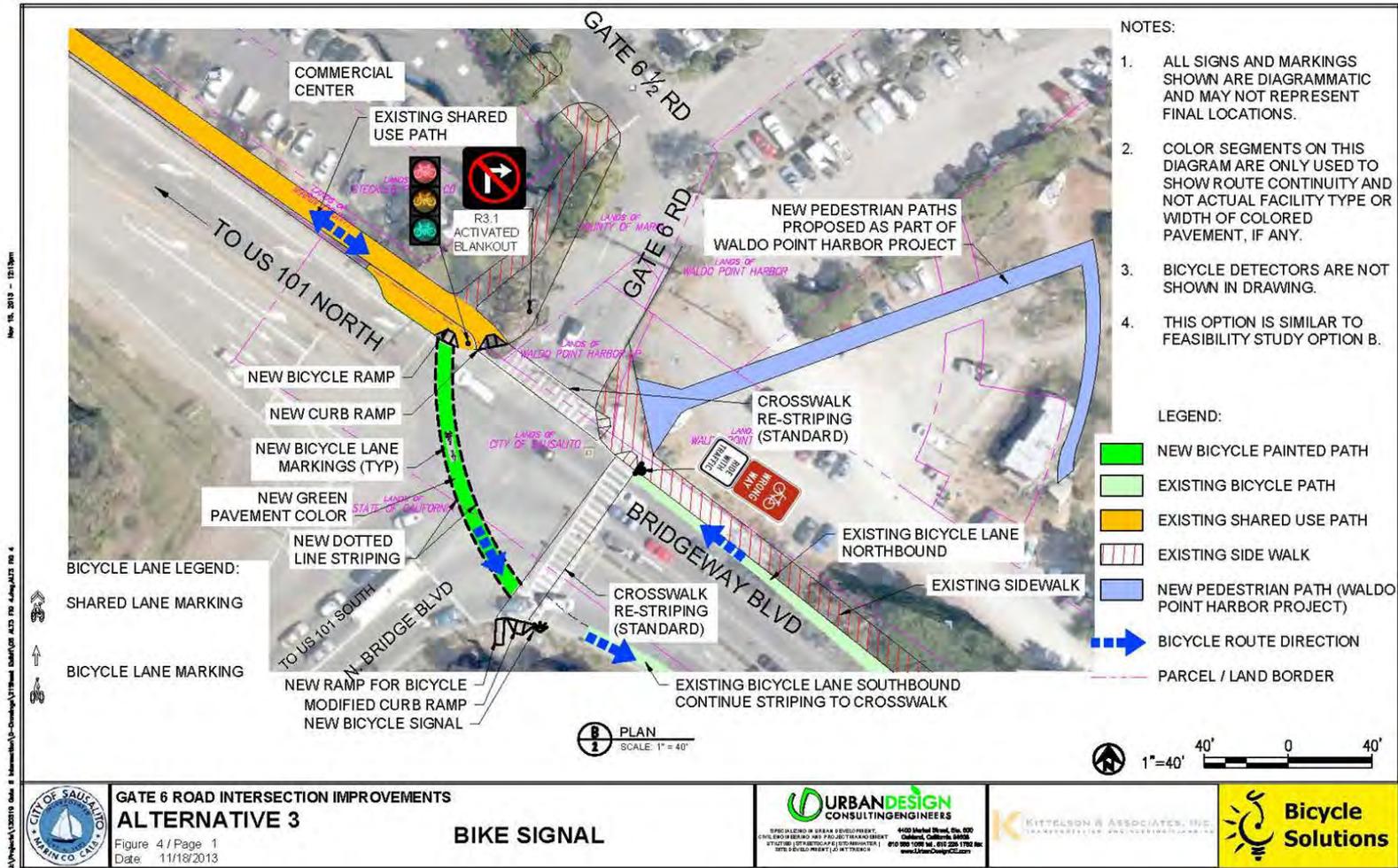
# Background

- Interest funds are earned on both the Measure A and Measure AA Transportation Sales Tax fund balances.
- According to both the Measure A and Measure AA Expenditure Plans, all interest income generated will be used for the transportation purposes described in the Expenditure Plans as authorized by the TAM Board.
- Since inception, the TAM Board has programmed approximately \$4.4 million in Transportation Sales Tax interest funds to various projects out of approximately \$6.3 million cumulatively available as of June 30, 2020.

# Projects with Transportation Sales Tax Interest Funds

- Bike Path Maintenance
- Golden Gate Transit's Ferry Shuttle Service
- Insurance covering the CMFC structure over SFD Blvd
- San Rafael's Multi-Use Path (2nd to Andersen)
- Bellam Blvd Off Ramp Project
- North South Greenway Project
- Marin Transit's Yellow School Bus Service

# Sausalito's Gate 6 Project



## Proposed Improvements

- Installation of a dedicated bicycle phase and detection for southbound cyclists coming from the Sausalito-Mill Valley Multi-Use Path going to Bridgeway
- New vehicle detection and signal modifications
- Redesign of the path approach at the northeast corner of the Bridgeway/Gate 6 intersection
- Curb improvements

# Project Background

- Caltrans, Marin County, and the City of Sausalito have shared jurisdictions on the intersection
- The intersection is a five-legged intersection with the fifth leg serving the extremely popular Sausalito-Mill Valley Multi-Use Path
- The bicycle route that runs through this intersection has the highest average weekday daily users in Marin according to TAM's last bicycle count in 2018
- Many users on this bicycle corridor are passing through to elsewhere in Marin or to San Francisco.

## Funding Shortfall

- In August 2020, Sausalito opened bids on the construction phase
- The project has a funding shortfall of approximately \$154,000 to the responsive low bid.

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# Funding Request

- Sausalito requested funding assistance from TAM and Marin County to close the shortfall
  - Sausalito was unsuccessful in securing funds from Caltrans
- Marin County will be able to contribute \$54,000 to assist with the shortfall
- TAM staff is proposing to allocate \$100,000 in Transportation Sales Tax interest funds to match Marin County's contribution

# Reasons for Assisting Sausalito

- The Project is a complicated project at an intersection that falls under multiple jurisdictions
- The intersection is a regional gateway for bicycle users into Marin
- It was commonly agreed among the agencies in Marin that the intersection was in desperate need of improvements
- Sausalito accepted this project 10 years ago when others were reluctant
- If this project does not go to construction, a huge opportunity would be lost and the project could remain stagnant for years

# Why Transportation Sales Tax Interest Funds?

- Project was previously allocated other funds from TAM and eligible for Transportation Sales Tax interest funds
- Project provides regional benefits
- Transportation Sales Tax interest funds will leverage other funds
- Sausalito has no other funding options
- Transportation Sales Tax interest funds can be allocated quicker than other funds to preserve the existing bids
- Allocation from TAM will allow the project to be fully funded

# Recommendation and Next Steps

- Allocate \$100,000 of Interest Funds to Sausalito for Gate 6 Project
- Amend TAM FY20/21 budget accordingly
- Monitor County funding commitment to ensure project shortfall is closed

# Questions