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Dear Anne,

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As the Transportation Authority of Marin considers a review of the Measure B Expenditure Plan priorities at the Measure's tenth anniversary, I would like to offer Marin Transit's support for the TAM staff recommendation to maintain the status quo with the Measure B Expenditure Plan for up to two years.

TAM has provided more than \$800,000 annually to Marin Transit to address the Measure B expenditure plan Element 2 – Improve Transit for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities. Marin Transit serves older adults and people with disabilities through a variety of programs under the umbrella of Marin Access. We have provided more than 120,000 paratransit trips per year to people who cannot use regular fixed route service.

In addition to providing paratransit service as mandated by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Marin Transit provides paratransit service that is beyond the mandated requirements. In July 2020, Marin Transit and TAM partnered on Connect2Transit an app-based, on-demand service. Paratransit-eligible riders can use the fully accessible service for the same fare they would pay on conventional pre-scheduled paratransit. Low income fare assistance, a volunteer driver program, a subsidized taxi program (Catch-A-Ride), shoppers shuttles in West Marin, travel training and Travel Navigators comprise the balance of the Mobility Management programs we offer with funding support from Measure B.

Given the unprecedented circumstances caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, future ridership demand and funding for these services is uncertain. Marin Transit is working with stakeholder groups such as the Paratransit Coordinating Council and the Mobility Management Consortium to plan for the return of older adults and people with disabilities to our services. Deferring any action to make changes to the Measure B Expenditure Plan is prudent given all the uncertainties we face now. We look forward to working with TAM on

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reviewing the Measure B Expenditure Plan within the next two years as we better understand the need for specialized services that Measure B has supported.

Thank you for giving Marin Transit an opportunity to comment on the Measure B Expenditure Plan review.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy E. Whelan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Nancy Whelan
General Manager