



April 23, 2026

TO: Transportation Authority of Marin Board of Commissioners

FROM: Anne Richman, Executive Director

RE: Executive Director’s Report – Agenda Item 3 (Discussion)

Local

May is Bike Month!

Marin Commutes May in Motion Spring Promotion

In celebration of Earth Day in April and Bike Month in May, Marin Commutes will be introducing the “May in Motion Challenge,” a month-long celebration of active and sustainable commuting. Beginning May 1 and running through May 31, the May in Motion Challenge invites Marin County commuters to embrace active and sustainable transportation, track their trips, and earn exciting new rewards along the way. Warmer weather and longer daylight make May the perfect time to bike or walk. Log 8 active or sustainable trips this month to be entered into \$50 leaderboard prize drawings, get a chance to win a free Redwood Bikeshare day pass, and compete for the Grand Prize: a 6-month Redwood Bikeshare membership.



Free Ride Time Doubled for Redwood Bikeshare Monthly Members



Redwood Bikeshare has doubled the free ride time for monthly members, from 30 minutes to 60 minutes per day. Pedal-assist e-bikes are available at convenient spots along the SMART train corridor in Marin and Sonoma counties, and you can unlock and manage rides in the Redwood Bikeshare app. Pricing includes pay-as-you-go for \$1 to unlock plus 25 cents per minute, a \$20 monthly membership, and a reduced-fee \$5 monthly membership for eligible riders. It’s a great way to get around, so check it out and enjoy the ride.

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National Bike to School Day – May 6th

Modeled after the successful Walk & Roll to School Day, Bike to School Day takes place on the first Wednesday in May, when students are encouraged to ride their bikes to school. The event is part of National Bike Month, making it a key piece of a broader celebration.

The initiative promotes healthy lifestyles, safety, and community engagement. Schools and surrounding neighborhoods take part by raising awareness of traffic rules, encouraging daily physical activity, and fostering a shared responsibility to safely accommodate cyclists on the road.

Celebrations will take place across the County, including a special event at Manor School, the first school to pilot Safe Routes to Schools education and encouragement programs led by Wendi Kallins and Deb Hubsmith and funded by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Stay tuned for other site-specific events to be announced by school districts.



May 14th – Bike to Work/Wherever Day (BTWD)



On May 14, [energizer stations](#) will be set up throughout the Bay Area, including Marin County, where riders can stop by to pick up a [BTWD](#) musette bag filled with cycling goodies. Be sure to visit the station near the Central Marin Ferry Connector, where TAM, MCBC, MTC, SMART, and Golden Gate Transit will be on hand with snacks, coffee, and information.

Join the MTC [Bay Area Bike Challenge](#) and log your bike miles from May 1-31 towards MTC's Bay Area goal of 175,000 miles and win prizes. [Pledge to Ride](#) to show your support for biking in May!

Gwen Froh Celebrated as Marin County Bike Champion of the Year

Organizers of Bay Area Bike to Wherever Day (BTWD) announced the 2026 Bike Champion of the Year award winners, recognizing one outstanding individual from each county. In Marin, Gwen Froh was honored for her more than two decades of leadership of the County's Safe Routes to Schools education and encouragement program. Through her work, she has advanced youth bike safety and helped foster a culture where biking to school is normal, supported, and safe. Gwen has been an integral part of TAM's Safe Routes to Schools program, and we deeply appreciate her years of dedication. Congratulations and thank you, Gwen!



Measure AA Expenditure Plan Amendments



Following TAM Board approval of the Measure AA expenditure plan amendments on March 26, Marin jurisdictions are now considering the amendments for adoption. So far, the amendments have been approved by the Marin County Board of Supervisors, the Town of San Anselmo, the City of Larkspur, the City of San Rafael, and the Town of Corte Madera. The remaining jurisdictions are scheduled to hear the item on various dates in May and June.

Adoption requires approval by the Marin County Board of Supervisors and by a majority of jurisdictions representing a majority of the incorporated population.

Regional

Richmond-San Rafael Bridge Open Road Tolling Project

Work has begun on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge toll plaza, the first of the Bay Area Toll Authority (BATA)-managed bridges to be transformed as part of a multi-year conversion to [Open Road Tolling \(ORT\)](#).

Pre-construction began in late 2025. Work to re-stripe lanes on the bridge approach and to erect a new gantry structure over the westbound lanes to accommodate tolling equipment is now set to begin in late April 2026. Visit the [Caltrans District 4 website](#) for additional details on the construction schedule.

ORT uses advanced technology to read FasTrak® toll tags without the need to slow down and go through toll booths. Overhead equipment can read the toll tags as vehicles travel at highway speeds. ORT is expected to improve safety and traffic flow while reducing congestion.

The transition to ORT will include:

- The removal of toll booths (not actively staffed since 2020).
- Installation of overhead structures and equipment.
- Re-striping of toll plaza that will no longer require drivers to merge in and out of lanes at the plaza.



Bridge	Proposed Conversion Schedule
Richmond-San Rafael	Work begins April 2026
Antioch	2027
Carquinez	2027
Benicia-Martinez	2028
San Mateo	2028
Dumbarton	2028
San Francisco-Oakland Bay	2028

Source: MTC Website

MASCOTS Launch



MASCOTS coordinated transit service changes in the North Bay officially launched on April 12. Significant schedule changes were made after months of planning, coordination and outreach. Transit riders will have more service, better-timed connections, and a simpler network with improved transfers and more options throughout the day.

Details may be found on the [MTC website](#) and changes are highlighted on transit service websites, including Golden Gate Transit, SMART, Marin Transit, Sonoma County Transit, Petaluma Transit, and Santa Rosa City Bus.

SMART Healdsburg Extension Groundbreaking

SMART is hosting a Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Healdsburg Extension Project on Friday, May 8 at 1:00 p.m., at the Foley Family Community Pavilion in Healdsburg. Design and initial construction activities are already underway, with passenger service anticipated to begin in late 2028.



Great Redwood Trail Master Plan Approved



After four years of planning and public outreach, the Great Redwood Trail Agency (GRTA) has approved a master plan to guide development of a 300-mile hiking, biking, and equestrian trail along the former railway corridor between Humboldt Bay and San Francisco Bay. Once completed, the Great Redwood Trail is expected to become the longest rail-to-trail project in the nation. The trail's southern segment includes the SMART Multi-Use Path in Marin and Sonoma counties. [View the website for more information including the Master Plan and Story Board.](#)

Plan Bay Area 2050+ Adopted

Plan Bay Area 2050+ was officially adopted by the [Metropolitan Transportation Commission \(MTC\)](#) and the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) in March 2026. This adoption and certification of the plan's associated Environmental Impact Report gives approval to the Bay Area's long-range plan for transportation, housing, economic resiliency and environmental sustainability.

State

CTF Transportation Awards Gala

The California Transportation Foundation's 37th Annual Transportation Awards Gala will take place on May 13 in San Jose, bringing together transportation leaders from across the state to recognize outstanding achievement in the field. Each year, CTF honors a Person of the Year, Elected Official of the Year, and Organization of the Year, along with top transportation projects in a range of categories. TAM has submitted a project for award consideration, and finalists are expected to be announced this week. We are hopeful for good news and look forward to celebrating the innovation and impact of transportation projects throughout California.

Senate Bill (SB) 827 Fiscal & Financial Training



Recent changes to California law expanded training requirements for local agencies in 2025, adding Fiscal and Financial Training to the biennial Ethics Training already required for elected officials. All TAM Board members have been added to the California Special Districts Association roster and may now access this required training free of charge through CSDA's on-demand webinar, along with other helpful training resources. Please reach out to TAM staff if you have any difficulty creating or accessing your CSDA account.

[On-Demand Webinar: SB 827 Required Fiscal & Financial Training | CSDA](#)

Federal

Joint Washington, D.C. Trip Strengthens Federal Advocacy for Marin



The County of Marin and TAM recently returned from a joint legislative trip to Washington, D.C., focused on advancing shared federal priorities and strengthening relationships with the Marin congressional delegation and key agency staff. During the trip, meetings with elected and federal agency officials were conducted to discuss Marin's FY 27 funding requests and a range of policy priorities, including transportation funding, e-bike safety, regional transportation corridors, AI regulation and safety, economic development, and wildfire preparedness. These types of legislative trips can help position Marin and TAM for future federal advocacy by elevating local priorities directly with decision-makers.

National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Program Funding Update

The California Energy Commission has released award announcements for the second round of NEVI projects in California, including funding for the Marin Square site in San Rafael. Marin Square is planned to include six public DC fast-charging ports, making it one of the larger sites in this round of awards.



Staff have contacted Electric Era, the company responsible for the installation, to obtain additional information about the award. Updates will be shared with the Committees and Board as more details become available.

Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) – FY26 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)

Safe Streets and Roads for All



On March 27, 2026, the U.S. D.O.T. announced the FY26 NOFO for the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Program, with approximately \$1 billion available.

Established by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), the SS4A grant program funds regional, local, and Tribal initiatives through grants to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries.

The SS4A program provides funding for two types of grants:

- **Planning and Demonstration Grants** are used to develop, complete, or supplement an Action Plan, as well as carry out demonstration activities that inform an Action Plan.
- **Implementation Grants** are used to implement strategies or projects that are consistent with an existing Action Plan and may also bundle funding requests for supplemental planning and demonstration activities that inform the Action Plan.

The NOFO is posted on [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) and on the [SS4A Website](#). The deadline for applications is May 26, 2026.

Federal Legislative Consultant Weekly Updates

TAM's Federal Legislative Consultant disseminates regular Updates on federal transportation issues to keep the agency informed, including activities in Congress, the Executive Administration, and relevant federal agencies, such as the Department of Transportation. Attached are Carpi & Clay's Transportation Weekly Updates for April 3, 2026, and April 17, 2026.



TAM Celebrations

Congratulations to Senior Transportation Planner Mikaela Hiatt-Isono and Assistant Project Delivery Manager Audrey Veyssiere on earning their certification as Waterfront Edge Design Guidelines Associates after completing the Waterfront Alliance’s Waterfront Edge Design Guidelines (WEDG) course. This achievement further expands TAM’s expertise in sea level rise and waterfront planning.



TAM in the Community

Date	Meeting	Topic
4.15.2026	Dominican University Staff Wellness Fair	Marin Commutes/Redwood Bikeshare/General
April & May	SR2S Task Forces Meetings – Nine Areas	Crossing Guard Program
4.22.2026	Dominican University Earth Day	Marin Commutes/Redwood Bikeshare/General
4.23.2026	Sustainable Cities Forum as part of Climate Week	Sea Level Rise
4.26.2026	Mill Valley Green Change Earth Day	Marin Commutes/General
5.1.2026	MarinHealth Wellness Fair	Marin Commutes
5.14.2026	Bike to Work Day	Marin Commutes/Redwood Bikeshare/General
5.27.2026	101-580 Community Working Group	101-580 Multimodal and Local Access Improvement Project



TRANSPORTATION WEEKLY UPDATE

April 3, 2026

THIS WEEK AT THE WHITE HOUSE

President Publishes FY 2027 Budget Proposal. Today, President Trump released his [FY 2027 Budget proposal](#). For transportation, the budget proposes:

- \$770 million for the Nationally Significant Multimodal Freight & Highway Projects discretionary grants program (INFRA and Mega)
- \$714 million for the Bridge Investment Program
- An increase of \$481 billion to hire additional Air Traffic Controllers
- \$4 billion for FAA facilities & equipment
- A \$372 million cut to the Essential Air Service (EAS) program
- A proposal to privatize TSA airport screeners by requiring small airports to enroll in the Screening Partnership Program (SPP) where TSA pays for private screeners.
- A \$2.1 billion cut to Amtrak
- Eliminates the Federal-State Passenger Rail partnership
- A \$486 million cut to FTA's Capital Investment Grants (CIG) program
- Repurposes \$800 million from the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) program and eliminates the Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) program.
 - Funds will be moved to formula-based programs within FHWA

THIS WEEK AT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

DOT IG Publishes Report on FAA's Security of Its High-Impact Systems. DOT's Office of Inspector General (DOT IG) has published a report titled [FAA Does Not Effectively Secure Its High-Impact Systems Supporting the National Airspace System](#). The report finds that FAA has not effectively secured its high-impact information systems that support the National Airspace System, leaving critical operations potentially vulnerable to cybersecurity threats. It

identifies gaps in the implementation of required security controls, including weaknesses in testing, system protection, and risk mitigation practices. The report also notes that these systems, many of which are safety-critical, could have severe or catastrophic consequences if compromised. The report concludes that the FAA must strengthen its cybersecurity processes and fully implement required protections to reduce risks to aviation safety and operations.



FAA Publishes a Notice Implementing Section 927 Waiver Process for Certain Unmanned Aircraft Operations. FAA has published a notice implementing Section 927 of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2024, establishing a new waiver-based process to approve certain unmanned aircraft operations. This framework provides a more flexible and efficient pathway for authorizing advanced drone activities, such as operations beyond visual line of sight, without requiring full rulemaking. The action is intended to accelerate integration of unmanned aircraft into the national airspace.

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NHTSA Announces Highway Safety Formula Grants. NHTSA has announced \$665 million in highway safety grant awards to all states and territories. The funding helps states with traffic enforcement activities, child safety seat clinics, post-crash care, and public education.

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NHTSA Publishes 2025 Motor Vehicle Fatality and Fatality Rates Early Estimates. NHTSA has published the 2025 early estimates for motor vehicle fatality and fatality rates. The estimates show that there were 26,640 traffic fatalities in 2025, a 6.4% decrease from 2024.

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NHTSA Publishes FMVSS No. 110 NPRM. NHTSA has published a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) that amends Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 110, "Tire selection and rims and motor home/recreation vehicle trailer load carrying capacity information for motor vehicles with a GVWR of 4,536 kilograms (10,000 pounds) or less." The

proposed modification would amend a single section of the standard to enable compliance by affixing the required placard on the left side of the vehicle when there is not a “driver's side” for vehicles equipped with Automated Driving Systems (ADS) that do not have manually operated driving controls. This rulemaking would allow flexibility in complying with the standard without detriment to vehicle safety. This action is part of a larger NHTSA effort to address vehicle automation in the agency's regulations. Comments are due by May 1, 2026.

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* This issue covers actions April 4 – April 17.

April 17, 2026

THIS WEEK IN CONGRESS

House Appropriations Committee Announces FY 2027 Markup Schedule. Appropriations Committee Chair Tom Cole (R-OK) has announced the Subcommittee and full Committee markups for each of the 12 FY 2027 Appropriations bills. The Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development (THUD) bill mark ups will be:

- Subcommittee on **May 21**
- Full Committee on **June 4**

FULL MARKUP SCHEDULE

House Passes ALERT Act. On April 14, the House passed, by a vote of 396 to 10, **H.R. 7613, the ALERT Act**. The bill is a package of requirements meant to respond to the NTSB recommendations included in the report from the 2025 midair collision between American Airlines Flight 5342 and a UH-60 Army Black Hawk helicopter at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA). The bill now moves to the Senate where negotiations between this and the Senate bill, **S. 2503, the ROTOR Act**, which was approved by unanimous consent in December.

Senate Committee Approves SAFEGUARDS Act. On April 14, the Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee approved, by voice vote, **S. 2378, the SAFEGUARDS Act**. The bill establishes a dedicated funding stream for TSA checkpoint screening technology by setting aside a portion of passenger security fees into a new fund used to procure, deploy, and sustain advanced screening equipment. It is intended to accelerate modernization of checkpoint technology, improving threat detection capabilities while increasing efficiency and reducing passenger wait times.

THIS WEEK AT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

DOT Announces RTA Grant Awards. DOT has announced \$54.2 million in Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program (RTA) grant awards. The funding will support projects that rehabilitate run-down bridges and roads, boost transportation safety and mobility, develop port infrastructure, and expand multimodal infrastructure.

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FAA Announces DETER Program. FAA has announced the Drone Expedited and Targeted Enforcement Response (DETER) Program to expedite and increase enforcement actions against small Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) operators who violate FAA regulations. The program establishes prompt settlement procedures for certificated and noncertificated UAS operators who are individuals, first-time violators, and meet the eligibility provisions of the policy. This policy will help to deter careless and criminal violations of UAS regulations by incentivizing violators to admit to liability and waive lengthy appeals processes in exchange for reduced fees. The enforcement policy is effective on April 17, 2026.

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FAA Opens ATCS Hiring Window. FAA has announced it opened its annual air traffic control (ATCS) hiring window at 12:00am on April 17, 2026. The FAA's new campaign aims to reach young adults who possess useful skills that are transferable to a career in air traffic control, including: demonstrated high cognitive functions; multitasking; spatial awareness; and strategy and problem-solving. Applicants must be U.S. citizens, under 31, and fluent in English.

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FHWA Announces CHBP Grant Awards. FHWA has announced \$407.7 million in Competitive Highway Bridge Program (CHBP) grant awards. The funding will help support projects that repair and replace bridges in rural communities.

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FHWA Publishes RPP NOFO. FHWA has published a notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) of the availability of \$3.8 million through the Pollinator-Friendly Practices on Roadsides and Highways Rights-of-Way Program (RPP). FHWA will award funding to State departments of transportation (State DOT), Indian Tribes, and Federal Land Management Agencies (FLMA) who are seeking to benefit pollinators on roadsides and highway rights-of-way on routes eligible for Federal aid. To be eligible for the program, an applicant must submit its existing pollinator-friendly practices plan. Applications are due by May 7, 2026.

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U.S. Department
of Transportation
**Federal Motor
Carrier Safety
Administration**

FMCSA Revises DataQs for MCSAP Grants. FMCSA has revised DataQs Requirements for Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP) Grant Funding, based on input from the public, industry, and State Partners.

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FMCSA Publishes UCR NPRM. FMCSA has published a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) that proposes amendments to its regulations governing the annual Unified Carrier Registration (UCR) Plan and Agreement registration fees that participating States collect from motor carriers, motor private carriers of property, brokers, freight forwarders, and leasing companies. The UCR Board of Directors (Board) did not recommend any change in fees for the 2026 registration year, therefore the fees remained the same as the 2025 registration year. However, on September 18, 2025, the Board recommended a fee increase for the 2027 registration year and subsequent registration years. This recommended increase averages 20 percent, with varying increases between \$9 and \$9,329 per entity, depending on the applicable fee bracket. Even after the proposed increase, the fees for registration year 2027 are still less than those in effect during registration years 2019 through 2022. FMCSA proposes to adopt the recommended fee increase. Comments are due on May 7, 2026.

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FTA Publishes Passenger Ferry NOFO. FTA has published a notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) for the availability of \$105 million through the Passenger Ferry Program. The program helps fund capital projects to support passenger ferry systems in urbanized areas such as ferry vessels, terminals, and related infrastructure. Applications are due by May 11, 2026.

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NHTSA Publishes FMVSS Occupant Crash Protection and Seat Belt Reminder Systems IFR. NHTSA has published an interim final rule that mends the seat belt warning requirements in Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 208, "Occupant crash protection" in response to petitions for reconsideration of the January 2025 final rule. This interim final rule delays the compliance dates and makes technical clarifications to the regulatory text. NHTSA denies the remainder of the requests. Though these amendments are effective immediately, to benefit from comments interested parties and the public may have, NHTSA requests that any comments be submitted to the docket for this rule. Following the close of the comment period, NHTSA will publish a final rule responding to any comments received and making any appropriate changes to the interim final rule. This interim final rule is effective April 6, 2026. Comments concerning this document are due no later than May 21, 2026. The compliance date of this interim final rule is September 1, 2028, with optional early compliance permitted.

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OTHER

GAO Publishes Report on DOT Guidance to Communities With Travel Pattern Changes.

GAO has published a report titled [Telework and Changing Travel Patterns: DOT Should Develop Guidance to Help Communities Prioritize Investments](#). The report finds that increased telework has significantly shifted travel patterns, creating uncertainty for transportation agencies as they plan and prioritize investments, while existing federal data and tools are not sufficient to fully address these long-term changes. It highlights that agencies are adapting services but lack clear, comprehensive guidance to respond effectively. The report recommends that DOT conduct a comprehensive study on telework and evolving travel behavior and use those findings to develop guidance to help state and local agencies better plan, prioritize, and target transportation investments.

GAO Publishes Report on FAA Controls to Improve Data Quality From Airports.

GAO has published a report titled [Airport Financial Reporting: FAA Should Implement Controls to Improve Data Quality](#). The report finds that while most commercial service airports submit required financial data to the Federal Aviation Administration, the agency lacks adequate controls to ensure the data is timely, complete, and accurate, and its systems are not able to consistently track submissions or identify errors, limiting the reliability and usefulness of the data for decision-makers. It recommends that FAA strengthen its data controls to improve quality, including better tracking of required reporters and error identification, clearly define staff roles and responsibilities for overseeing data collection and compliance, and provide greater transparency by disclosing known data limitations to users.



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