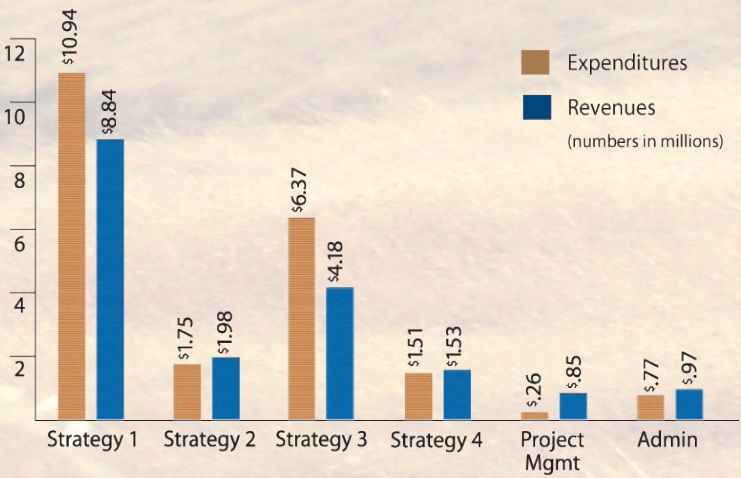


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FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

TAM’s financial statements for fiscal year 2008-09, covering the period from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009, were audited by the independent audit firm, Moss, Levy & Hartzheim, LLP. Members of the COC have reviewed the audited FY2008-09 Financial Statements and verified that Measure A funds had been properly administered in accordance with the terms of the Measure A Expenditure Plan and the Strategic Plan for the reporting period.

The prolonged economic recession dampened down sales tax revenue collections in Marin. TAM’s \$19.3 million FY2008-09 Measure A revenue collection is \$3.1 million, or 13.8%, less than the \$22.4 million collected in FY2007-08. This dramatic revenue drop has significant negative impacts on the transportation projects and programs in Marin County. TAM also earned \$0.62 million in interest revenue in FY2008-09. Total Measure A program expenditures for the year were \$21.61 million, including administration, project management, and expenditures for various strategies. The Expenditure Plan allows TAM to use 5% of the Measure A revenue for administration costs, of which 1% can be used for salaries and benefits for administrative staff and 4% can be used for other agency operating needs and overall project/program support. The audit team confirmed that TAM is in compliance with the 5% overall administration cost ceiling and under the 1% administrative staff cost cap mandated by Measure A.

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REVENUES VS. EXPENDITURES BY CATEGORY



Strategy 1: Local Transit Bus System
Strategy 2: Highway 101 Carpool Lane Closure Project
Strategy 3: Local Transportation Infrastructure
Strategy 4: Reduce School Related Congestion and Provide Safer Access to Schools

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FURTHER INFORMATION

The complete Expenditure Plan, Strategic Plan, COC FY2008-09 Annual Report, and TAM’s FY2008-09 Basic Financial Statements are available on TAM’s website, www.tam.ca.gov.



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Marin's Transportation Sales Tax

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BACKGROUND

Measure A, proposing a half-cent sales tax dedicated to transportation projects and programs in Marin County, was approved by voters with a 71.2% margin on the November 2, 2004 ballot. Life of the Measure A sales tax is 20 years. Revenue generated by Measure A is directed to four transportation project and program strategies based on specific percentages. The goal of these strategies is to improve mobility and reduce local congestion for everyone who lives or works in Marin County by providing a variety of high quality transportation options designed to meet local needs.

The Measure A Transportation Sales Tax Ballot initiative was a carefully crafted sales tax measure, developed with extensive public outreach that included many varied interest groups. Financial controls and permissible revenue disbursement were clearly defined in the Measure A Expenditure Plan, and performance measures were included where appropriate.



Marin Transit New Articulated Bus

The Measure has several binding features, including the creation of the Citizens’ Oversight Committee(COC). The purpose of the COC is to provide an independent review of Measure A expenditures. This oversight includes the issuance of an annual report to inform Marin residents how the sales tax revenues are being spent. The COC has been meeting regularly since August 2005. Meeting agendas and materials are posted on TAM’s website: www.tam.ca.gov. All meetings are open to the public.

The COC always welcomes new members to join this devoted group and bring new ideas and voices to the process. If you would like to serve on the COC, please call (415) 226-0815 to obtain more information.

MEASURE A IS WORKING FOR YOU

STRATEGY 1: LOCAL BUS TRANSIT SYSTEM

Measure A provides a dedicated source of funds to Marin Transit to support local public transit that originates and ends in Marin County. As the local transit operator for Marin County, Marin Transit manages four contracts to provide local fixed route bus services, rural transit services, and special needs transportation services. Special needs services include paratransit for disabled residents under the Americans with Disabilities Act, travel training for seniors and developmentally disabled adults, and accessible taxi programs. Dedicated local funding through the sales tax allows Marin Transit to leverage more state and federal funds for Marin transit riders. TAM allocated \$11.1 million in transportation sales tax revenue to Marin Transit in FY2008-09 to support its services. Many improvements to local transit services were made possible in FY2008-09 by the dedicated sales tax revenue sources. A few of those service improvements are listed here for your review:



Novato Dial-a-Ride

- Marin Transit carried 3.4 million passengers in calendar year 2008
- The West Marin Stagecoach service was expanded to seven days a week on the North Route and three additional weekend trips on the South Route during the extended peak season.
- In Fall 2008, Marin Transit conducted over 3,000 passenger surveys on all its fixed route services, to be utilized in re-shaping services to better meet riders' needs.
- In March 2008, Marin Transit completed a Strategic Marketing Plan with stakeholder participation and focus groups of riders and non-riders.

Find out more about Marin Transit and the services provided by visiting: www.marintransit.org.

STRATEGY 2: HIGHWAY 101 CARPOOL LANE GAP CLOSURE PROJECT

The Measure A Expenditure Plan has dedicated a total of \$25 million in Measure A funds to complete the 101 Gap Closure Project, which provides a continuous carpool lane in Marin County. The final segment of the project, Segment 4 over Puerto Suello Hill, began construction during the summer of 2007. The southbound carpool lane was opened in February 2009. The northbound carpool lane opened in late April 2009. We look forward to the completion of this final segment of the Gap Closure Project in early 2010, to provide congestion relief, an exemplary Class 1 bicycle/pedestrian facility, and an overall improvement to the quality of life in Marin.



Puerto Suello Hill 101 Gap Closure Project

STRATEGY 3: LOCAL TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE

We are pleased to report that several Major Road projects are making progress. Conceptual planning activities are progressing for the Miller Avenue Project in the City of Mill Valley. The City of Novato completed Segment 2 (Grant Avenue to Eucalyptus Avenue) and Segment 3 (Eucalyptus Avenue to San Marin Drive) of its Novato Boulevard Revitalization Project, and will be concentrating on completing Segment 1 (Diablo Avenue and Grant Avenue), which is currently in the environmental review process. The County of Marin is moving forward in a broad and complex technical effort to improve Sir Francis Drake Blvd. through Samuel P. Taylor Park. Environmental review for the project is scheduled for completion in late 2009. Finally, the City of San Rafael's 4th Street/West End Village Revitalization Project has been completed and on budget. Funded almost entirely with Measure A funds, this project improved almost every aspect under and on the public right of way along 4th Street, from D Street west to the Miracle Mile, including the replacement of outmoded underground utilities. For the local roads category, TAM allocated a total of \$2.48 million in FY2008-09 to various cities and towns, and to Marin County to be used for local street and road projects, local transit projects, and bicycle and pedestrian improvements.



Novato Boulevard Revitalization Project

STRATEGY 4: REDUCE SCHOOL RELATED CONGESTION AND PROVIDE SAFER ACCESS TO SCHOOLS



White Hill Middle School GreenWays to School for Earth Day 2009

Marin's Safe Routes to School Program has achieved award-winning respect in California and nationwide through the dedication of administrators, neighborhood advocates, and parental involvement. Eight regions have formed community task forces, meeting on a periodic basis to discuss how to make it safer and more attractive for children to walk and bike to school. The TAM Crossing Guard Program, which is in its third year, deploys trained school crossing guards at over 60 locations throughout Marin County. By making school trips safer, a key barrier to promoting walking and biking is eliminated, lessening the need for students to be driven to school. The program increased summer school service in 2008 to over 15 locations.

The Safe Pathways Program is the capital improvement element of the Safe Routes to School Program. It provides transportation sales tax funds for engineering, environmental clearance, and construction of projects identified in Safe Routes Plans developed by local technical support teams and the myriad of school task force volunteers. Efforts are underway to finish implementation of these projects funded in 2007 with allocation of \$1.7 million made to various jurisdictions. The second round of funding will become available in early 2010.