April 24, 2018

Marin County Board of Supervisors
3501 Civic Center Drive
San Rafael, CA 94903

SUBJECT: Presentation by the Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM) for the Purpose of Discussing Information Regarding the Measure A Transportation Sales Tax, and the Proposed Draft Transportation Sales Tax Renewal Expenditure Plan

Dear Board Members:

RECOMMENDATION: Provide feedback to TAM.

BACKGROUND: The Transportation Sales Tax (Measure A) was approved by Marin voters on November 2, 2004, and started collecting revenues on a half-cent sales tax on April 1, 2005. Measure A authorized the collection of sales tax revenues over a 20-year period, and currently raises over $25 million dollars each year dedicated to local transportation projects and programs. It is approaching its twelfth year of collection with a sunset date of March 31, 2025. Marin County benefits from Measure A-funded projects and programs such as regional and local roadway improvements, improvements that enable safer multi-modal access to schools, and support for County-wide transit services.

ANALYSIS: To date, Marin County has received substantial funding for road repair and transportation projects in addition to funding for pedestrian safety programs through the Transportation Sales Tax. Measure A funds a significant portion of the County’s road resurfacing program every year. The County has received funding from Measure A for major road improvement projects, including the completed resurfacing of Sir Francis Drake Blvd. in Samuel P. Taylor State Park and the upcoming resurfacing of Sir Francis Drake Blvd. in Greenbrae.

Renewal of the Sales Tax will provide funding for other much-needed Public Works projects in the County. TAM is considering putting a half-cent sales tax measure on the November ballot to renew Measure A funding and is sending representatives to TAM’s member agencies to gather additional input on the Measure. The TAM board will decide by April or May whether to go to the ballot. TAM’s presentation will provide information regarding the Measure A Transportation Sales Tax, the proposed Draft Transportation Sales Tax Renewal Expenditure Plan and recent public opinion poll results. TAM is seeking input on the Draft Plan.
Attached to this staff report is a memo describing the expenditure plan; factsheets on the four spending strategies; highway improvements, local streets and roads improvements; safe routes to school; local and special needs transit; the Expenditure Plan Advisory Committee membership; the results of polling in support of the proposal; and a process for carrying the process forward. TAM will refer to these attachments as part of their presentation. Additional information, including a PowerPoint presentation, may be provided at the Board meeting.

**FISCAL/STAFFING IMPACT:** There is no net County cost impact to the General Fund by approving this action.

**REVIEWED BY:**

- [ ] Administrator’s Office [X] N/A
- [ ] Department of Finance [X] N/A
- [ ] County Counsel [X] N/A
- [ ] Human Resources [X] N/A

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments:

1. Expenditure Plan Proposal Memo
2. Draft Expenditure Plan Advisory Committee (EPAC) Proposal Factsheets
3. EPAC Member List
4. TAM 2018 Poll Top-Line Report
5. Sales Tax Renewal Process