June 19, 2018

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

SUBJECT: Proposed 2018 Marin County Transportation Sales Tax Renewal from the Transportation Authority of Marin

Dear Board Members:

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the resolution approving the Transportation Authority of Marin’s Final Half-Cent Transportation Sales Tax Renewal Expenditure Plan.

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; it 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 are 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 proposing a half-cent sales tax measure on the November 2018 ballot to renew Measure A funding. TAM staff made a presentation to your Board to solicit input on April 24, 2018.

Attached to this staff report is a June 1 letter from TAM, the Expenditure Plan, a Schedule of Likely Steps, and a Resolution approving the Expenditure Plan. 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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Chief Assistant Director

Attachments:

1. June 1 letter from TAM
2. 2018 Marin County Transportation Sales Tax Renewal Expenditure Plan
3. Schedule of Likely Steps
4. Resolution