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

SUBJECT: Review of Fiscal Year 2020-21 Capital Improvement Program

Dear Board Members:

Each year, your Board receives a presentation of the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) from the County Administrator’s Office and the Department of Public Works. Due to time constraints in June, the presentation of the CIP was delayed but the full plan can be reviewed on the County Administrator’s website. Today’s presentation will provide an overview of the various projects within that plan. There are no appropriations requests as part of today’s review; project appropriations were included with approval of the County’s budget in June.

The COVID-19 pandemic and potential Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS) this Fall have informed our workplan for the FY 2020-21 Capital Improvement Program. It is with these two significant events as context that the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-21 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) was submitted. The CIP is a multi-year planning tool used to identify and implement the County’s short-term and long-term capital needs.

The CIP is submitted pursuant to the Marin County Code requirement that a long-term plan of capital improvements is recommended to your Board. This plan is the result of significant collaboration between Capital Projects staff in the Department of Public Works (DPW) and the County Administrator’s Office, and reflects input from County departments as well as special districts and enterprise funds outside of the County General Fund.

Conclusion
In FY 2019-20, major new initiatives related to the continued risk of PSPS and COVID-19 pandemic have taken priority, while we continue to move forward with other important Board-directed priorities and planning for emerging issues. Given the significant fiscal uncertainty due to the COVID-19 emergency, some project funds are being reserved pending information concerning state and federal funding for our COVID-19 response beyond December, 2020. Existing project balances are sufficient to proceed with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) projects this year; however, we can return to your Board to release additional funds, if needed, for specific projects.

The projects included herein represent the County’s continuing commitment to invest in our facilities for the benefit of the public and employees. County staff remains committed to the search for outside grant funding from federal, state, and regional sources to supplement the County’s budget and to further enhance our facilities and
infrastructure. Inter-department collaboration will continue to be a priority to ensure that capital funding is allocated appropriately and toward projects that will provide the greatest benefit to the County. Your Board’s commitment to the long-term maintenance of the historic Civic Center campus and other capital infrastructure is providing a strong and effective service to our public.

Respectfully submitted,

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