

**SAN MATEO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
STAFF REPORT**

TO: Transportation Authority

THROUGH: Jim Hartnett
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FROM: Derek Hansel
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SUBJECT: **ALLOCATION OF \$16,597,344 IN MEASURE A FUNDS TO THE SAN MATEO COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT FOR THE SAMTRANS PARATRANSIT PROGRAM AND CALTRAIN**

ACTION

Staff proposes the Board:

1. Allocate \$6,000,000 in Measure A funds from the Caltrain Program category to the San Mateo County Transit District (District) for San Mateo County's share of local match for the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board's (JPB) Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Capital Budget;
2. Allocate \$7,397,344 in Measure A funds from the Caltrain Program category to the District for San Mateo County's share of the JPB's FY2021 Operating Budget;
3. Allocate \$3,200,000 in Measure A funds from the Paratransit Program category to the District for its Paratransit Program in FY2021; and
4. Authorize the Executive Director or his designee to execute any necessary agreements or other documents, or take any other actions necessary, to encumber the subject funding.

SIGNIFICANCE

In accordance with the 2004 Transportation Expenditure Plan (2004 TEP), up to one-half of the available funding in the Caltrain Program category, or 8 percent of the annual sales tax revenues, may be utilized by the District to support Caltrain capital costs. The total local match required for Caltrain's Capital Program in FY2021 is \$18.0 million, of which San Mateo County's share is \$6.0 million. The \$6.0 million required can be funded from anticipated FY2021 Measure A revenues in the Caltrain Category. Responsibility for the local match needed for the JPB's FY2021 Capital Budget is equally shared by the three JPB member agencies. The proposed allocation of Measure A funds, combined with San Francisco and Santa Clara Counties' shares of local match, will be used to leverage Federal and State grants to fund capital

improvements necessary to rebuild and upgrade Caltrain, and make other system-wide infrastructure improvements.

In accordance with the 2004 TEP, up to one-half of the available funding in the Caltrain Program category, or 8 percent of the annual sales tax revenues, may be utilized by the District to support Caltrain operating costs. In FY2021, San Mateo County's share for the JPB's Operating Budget is \$8,876,887. Of this amount, \$6,400,000 can be funded from anticipated FY2021 Measure A revenues in the Caltrain Category, \$997,344 can be funded from prior years' Measure A unallocated balances reserved for the same category and the balance, \$1,479,543, can be funded by the District's sales tax.

The 2004 TEP also provides that 4 percent of sales tax revenues, or \$3,200,000 in FY2021, will be allocated to support the operating and capital needs of providing paratransit or other accessible services to eligible seniors and people with disabilities in the County. The District will be using the \$3,200,000 to provide paratransit service for eligible seniors and people with disabilities through Redi-Wheels and other accessible services.

BUDGET IMPACT

The proposed allocation of \$6,000,000 to the District for San Mateo County's share of local matching funds for the Caltrain Capital Budget is included in the TA's FY2021 Adopted Budget and previous years' budgets as the San Mateo Local Share JPB Capital Improvement Program project (TA Project #907) under the Caltrain Program category.

The proposed allocations to the District of \$7,397,344 for a major portion of San Mateo County's local share of the Caltrain Operating Budget, and \$3,200,000 for the Paratransit Program, are included in the TA's FY2021 Adopted Budget and previous years' budgets under the Expenditures category under Annual Allocations.

BACKGROUND

The TA's 2004 TEP sets the program categories and percentage splits of the sales tax revenues for each of six categories: Transit, Highways, Local Streets/Transportation, Grade Separations, Pedestrian and Bicycle, and Alternative Congestion Relief. Within the Transit Program, funding is provided for multiple modes of transit including Caltrain, Local Shuttles, Accessible Services, Ferry, the Dumbarton Corridor and Bay Area Rapid Transit. The 2004 TEP also provides for allocation of funds remaining in the Original Measure A Program for projects outlined in the 1988 Measure A Transportation Expenditure Plan, including Caltrain improvements. The TA's Strategic Plan was approved by the Board of Directors to provide a policy framework for guiding programming and allocation decisions within the structure established by the 2004 TEP. The proposed allocations are consistent with the Strategic Plan.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2020 –

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS, SAN MATEO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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ALLOCATING \$16,597,344 IN MEASURE A FUNDS TO THE SAN MATEO COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT FOR THE SAMTRANS PARATRANSIT PROGRAM AND FOR CALTRAIN

WHEREAS, on June 7, 1988, the voters of San Mateo County approved the ballot measure known as "Measure A" (Original Measure A), which increased the local sales tax in San Mateo County by one-half percent with the tax revenues to be used for highway and transit improvements pursuant to the Transportation Expenditure Plan presented to the voters; and

WHEREAS, on November 2, 2004, the voters of San Mateo County approved the continuation of the collection and distribution by the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (TA) of the Measure A (New Measure A) half-cent transactions and use tax for an additional 25 years to implement the 2004 Transportation Expenditure Plan (2004 TEP) beginning January 1, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the 2004 TEP provides for Measure A funding for various program categories and percentage splits of the sales tax revenue for these program categories; and

WHEREAS, the TA designates Measure A revenues to fund the San Mateo County Transit District's (District) share of the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board's (JPB) annual Caltrain Capital Program, which, when combined with San Francisco and Santa Clara Counties' equal shares, provides a portion of the annual Caltrain Capital Program, which funds are then leveraged to attain other Federal and State financial support; and

WHEREAS, the TA designates up to 8 percent of Measure A revenues for Caltrain to support the operating costs for which the District is responsible; and

WHEREAS, the TA designates 4 percent of Measure A revenues to support the operating and capital needs of providing paratransit or other accessible services to eligible seniors and people with disabilities in San Mateo County; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director proposes that the TA allocate a total of \$16,597,344 in Measure A funds, as follows:

1. \$6,000,000 from the Caltrain Program category to the District for San Mateo County's share of local match for the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board's Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Capital Budget;
2. \$7,397,344 from the Caltrain Program category to the District to fund a portion of San Mateo County's share of the JPB's FY 2021 Operating Budget;
3. \$3,200,000 from the Paratransit Program category to the District for its Paratransit Program in FY 2021; and

WHEREAS, the proposed allocations are consistent with amounts approved in current and prior year budgets and meet the intent of the 2004 TEP.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the San Mateo County Transportation Authority hereby allocates a total of \$16,597,344 in Measure A funds to the San Mateo County Transit District as detailed above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director or his designee is authorized to execute any necessary agreements or other documents, and take any other actions necessary, to encumber the subject funding.

Regularly passed and adopted this 1st day of October, 2020 by the following
vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

Chair, San Mateo County Transportation Authority

ATTEST:

Authority Secretary