



STAFF REPORT

Approving the Draft Transportation Expenditure Plan for the Extension of Measure A

Honorable Mayor and City Council:

Summary

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the Draft Transportation Expenditure Plan, dated March 18, 2004, to extend Measure A for a 25-year term beginning January 1, 2009, in accordance with the statutory requirements under California Public Utilities Section 131055 *et seq.*

Background and Discussion

In accordance with California Public Utilities Code Section 131000 *et seq.*, the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (TA) has prepared this Draft Transportation Expenditure Plan at least one year prior to the date of the last general election in which the current measure will be in effect (2008) and held a public hearing on February 28, 2004. The City and County Association of Governments unanimously supported the extension of Measure A and approved an initial draft plan at their March 11, 2004 meeting. As a result of comments received during both the public comment period and the formal public hearing two substantive amendments were made to the plan, 1) changing the term of the extension from 20 to 25 years and 2) increasing the percentage distribution to the Local Streets and Transportation Program Category from 20% - 22.5%. The TA Board adopted the amended plan on March 18, 2004. On April 28, 2004, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission unanimously approved the plan.

In accordance with California Public Utilities Code Section 131055, the Draft Plan will be brought before each of the cities in San Mateo County for approval. The Draft Plan must be approved by a majority of cities representing the majority of the population of the incorporated area of the County by a majority vote of their respective councils. The Board of Supervisors is currently scheduled to hear this item at their July 6, 2004 meeting and also must approve it. At that time the Board of Supervisors will recommend whether or not the approved Plan and the extension of the local sales should be placed on the ballot for voter approval in the next general election (November 2004).

Over the last year, TA staff has been soliciting input from multiple sources on the elements of the Draft Plan. Communities and agencies throughout the County were invited to identify projects and programs for inclusion in the Draft Plan. Interim progress reports were made to the Authority and C/CAG, which resulted in feedback from elected officials. The general public was also invited to provide input through a series of Authority- sponsored workshops throughout the County. Additional insight into voter perspectives has been obtained from available polls.

The enclosed Draft Transportation Expenditure Plan, dated March 18, 2004, recommends the extension of the Measure A half-cent sales tax for a 25-year term, beginning January 1, 2009, and defines the distribution of the extended tax revenues. It embodies a balanced strategy that is consistent with the Countywide Transportation Plan and will meet the transportation needs of San Mateo County, now and in the future. The Draft Plan establishes a number of objectives including reducing commute corridor congestion, making regional connections, enhancing safety, meeting local mobility needs for seniors and people with disabilities and meeting the unique transportation needs of the cities and County. It provides for funding in six program areas, including transit, highways, local streets/transportation, grade separations, pedestrian and bicycle, and alternative congestion relief projects to meet these objectives.

The TA prepared the Draft Transportation Expenditure Plan based upon a process that sought input from:

- A Countywide Technical Advisory Committee
- Public Workshops hosted by the TA
- Comments from presentations to elected officials
- Available polling information
- Comments from the February 28, 2004 Public Hearing hosted by the TA and League of Women Voters

Fiscal Impact

A 25-year extension of the half-cent sales tax is estimated to generate \$1.5 billion in current dollars, which would be distributed as described in the enclosed Draft Transportation Expenditure Plan. 22.5% or \$ 337.5 million dollars will be allocated to the cities and County to fund local transportation needs. Based on the current formula the City of Belmont is projected to receive \$11,957,625 (2004 dollars) over the life of the extended Measure.

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Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Council approve the Draft Transportation Expenditure Plan, dated March 18, 2004, to extend Measure A for a 25-year term beginning January 1, 2009, in accordance with the statutory requirements under California Public Utilities Section 131055 *et seq.*

Alternatives

1. Deny the request
2. Refer back to staff for additional information

Attachments

1. Resolution
2. Endorsement
3. Draft Transportation Expenditure Plan

Respectfully submitted,

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Public Works Director

Jere A. Kersnar
City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. _____
CITY OF BELMONT
San Mateo County, California

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BELMONT APPROVING THE DRAFT
TRANSPORTATION EXPENDITURE PLAN FOR THE EXTENSION OF MEASURE A**

WHEREAS, on June 7, 1988, the voters of San Mateo County approved a ballot measure known as “Measure A,” which increased the local sales tax in San Mateo County by 1/2 percent with the tax revenues to be used for highway and transit improvements pursuant to the Transportation Expenditure Plan that included a provision for the creation of the San Mateo County Transportation Authority; and,

WHEREAS, in order to extend the local sales tax, California Public Utilities Code Section 131000 *et seq.* requires the San Mateo County Transportation Authority to prepare a new Transportation Expenditure Plan at least one year prior to 2008, hold a public hearing on the Draft Transportation Expenditure Plan and then submit the Draft Plan to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) for review and approval; and,

WHEREAS, upon approval by MTC, the Draft Transportation Expenditure Plan must be submitted to the Cities and County of San Mateo for approval by a majority of the Board of Supervisors and by a majority vote of the respective City Councils of the majority of the Cities representing a majority of the population in the incorporated areas of the County prior to being ultimately submitted for voter approval at the next general election (November 2004); and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with the statutory requirements, San Mateo County Transportation Authority prepared a Draft Transportation Expenditure Plan, during a year long process that sought input from the public, elected officials and technical committees, that was presented at a public hearing on February 28, 2004; and,

WHEREAS, the recommended Draft Transportation Expenditure Plan, dated March 18, 2004, attached as Exhibit A, provides for a balanced program of transportation projects and includes implementation guidelines to ensure flexibility to meet the current and future transportation needs of San Mateo County; and,

WHEREAS, staff recommends that the City Council approve the Draft Transportation Expenditure Plan, dated March 18, 2004, attached as Exhibit A.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council hereby adopts the Draft Transportation Expenditure Plan, dated March 18, 2004, attached as Exhibit A, for the extension of Measure A for a twenty-five year term beginning January 1, 2009.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Belmont at a regular meeting thereof held on May 25, 2004.

AYES, COUNCILMEMBER(S): _____

NOES, COUNCILMEMBER(S): _____

ABSTAIN, COUNCILMEMBER(S): _____

ABSENT, COUNCILMEMBER(S): _____

City Clerk of the City of Belmont

APPROVED:

Mayor of the City of Belmont