



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Board of Supervisors



DATE: June 15, 2012
BOARD MEETING DATE: June 26, 2012
SPECIAL NOTICE/HEARING: None
VOTE REQUIRED: Majority

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors
FROM: Supervisor Don Horsley
SUBJECT: Submittal of Application for Measure A Funding

RECOMMENDATION:

Resolution in support of the submittal of a grant application for \$5,000,000 to the San Mateo County Transportation Authority for projects on Highway 1 in the Midcoast.

BACKGROUND:

In 2010, the county received funding from the State Department of Transportation to study safety and mobility improvements on Highway 1 in the Midcoast area. These funds helped the County conduct an extensive public outreach process that advised development of conceptual safety and traffic-relief improvements.

DISCUSSION:

If approved, the grant will be used to develop designs and then construction of raised medians, left-turn lanes and safe crossings throughout Highway 1 on the Midcoast. Raised medians will limit where cars can and cannot enter and exit the highway, encourage drivers to reduce speed and provide pedestrians a safe place to wait while crossing the highway. As Highway 1 is primarily a two-lane highway, designated left-turn lanes will improve safety and reduce congestion as vehicles will no longer back up behind other vehicles turning left. The benefits also include safe pedestrian crossings that will reduce the amount of sporadic crossings and increase predictability for drivers. These projects will require collaboration between the county, Caltrans and the Transportation Authority.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The grant is being written by DJT consulting. The cost, which is already in the budget, will be \$3,000.