

# **County of San Mateo**

# Inter-Departmental Correspondence

**Department:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DISTRICT 4 File #: 16-441

Board Meeting Date: 8/8/2017

Special Notice / Hearing: None Vote Required: Majority

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

**From:** Supervisors Don Horsley and Warren Slocum

Subject: Use of District-Specific Measure K Funds - Supervisorial Districts 3 and 4

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

**Measure K:** Adopt a resolution authorizing a one-time grant of district-specific **Measure K** funds, not to exceed \$350,000, to the San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans) to conduct public outreach and receive public input regarding transportation issues, solutions, and priorities, and authorizing the County Manager, or his designee, to prepare and execute the grant agreement.

### **BACKGROUND:**

**Measure K** is the half-cent general sales tax initially approved by San Mateo County voters in November 2012 and extended in November 2016 for a total of thirty years. The Board of Supervisors ("Board") and County staff have conducted study sessions and community outreach efforts to inform priorities for **Measure K** spending for FY 2017-19.

On May 16, 2017, the Board approved the FY 2017-19 **Measure K** allocation plan in which the County anticipates **Measure K** receipts of approximately \$81.6 million annually. The plan included \$7 million in one-time loans or grants each year during FY 2017-19, divided equally among the five supervisorial districts, for district-specific needs and projects. Districts 3 and 4 have submitted a request to use a portion of their district-specific **Measure K** funds as shown below and described in the Project Summary section of this memorandum:

District/Project	Amount
Districts 3 and 4 (Supervisors Horsley and Slocum) - SamTrans: an outreach program to educate San Mateo County residents on transportation issues	\$350,000

This item is consistent with the criteria for district-specific **Measure K** funds, which were developed during the initial round of district-specific allocations and approved by the Board in April 2015.

### **PROJECT SUMMARY:**

This is a request to authorize a grant to SamTrans, and to authorize the County Manager, or his designee, to prepare and execute the resulting grant agreement, in an amount not to exceed \$350,000, shared equally between the two districts, to conduct public outreach and receive public input regarding San Mateo County transportation needs. SamTrans will administer any resulting contracts in connection with the aforementioned program.

The funds will be used to conduct public outreach and receive public input from San Mateo County residents regarding current and projected transportation conditions, needs, and potential solutions.

This is a joint project between SamTrans and the County. SamTrans staff expects that the SamTrans Board of Directors will approve up to \$350,000 in matching funds at the September 2017 meeting.

Activities will include the following:

- Increasing community awareness of current transportation conditions, including the multitude of the problems and potential solutions
- Public outreach and focus groups aimed at transportation issues, solutions and priorities

## Total Measure K Request: Not to Exceed \$350,000

The release of funds will be contingent on the execution of an agreement providing for the County's confirmation of the expenditure of funds during FY 2017-18 for the purposes stated herein. The County will disburse the funds to the following organization for the purposes described above:

SamTrans 1250 San Carlos Avenue San Carlos, CA 94070 (650) 508-6200

#### **PERFORMANCE MEASURES:**

SamTrans will report back to the County regarding the performance and metrics for the grant which will be initiated and refined as the program evolves.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the resolution as to form.

Because viable transportation and mobility options are vital for prosperity, funding to conduct public outreach and receive public input from San Mateo County residents regarding transportation issues contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Prosperous Community.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

There are sufficient **Measure K** funds for this specific FY 2017-2018 **Measure K** request. These funds are budgeted in the Non-Departmental Services FY 2017-18 Approved Recommended Budget.