



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: 4/5ths

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Michael P. Callagy, County Executive
Jonathan Cox, Deputy Fire Chief, San Mateo County Fire / CAL FIRE

Subject: **Measure K** Funds ATR for Fire Engine Replacement Fund

RECOMMENDATION:

Measure K: Approve an Appropriation Transfer Request (ATR) transferring **Measure K** funding from **Measure K** Reserves in the amount of \$750,000 to Fire Protection Services for the Fire Engine Replacement Fund to support purchasing of new fire apparatus.

BACKGROUND:

Measure K is the half-cent sales tax initially approved by San Mateo County voters in November 2012 and extended in November 2016 for a total of thirty years.

On March 9, 2021, and March 23, 2021, the Board of Supervisors (Board) held study sessions on **Measure K** expenditures and anticipated revenue for fiscal years (FY) 2021-23. The Board-appointed **Measure K** sub-committee, consisting of Supervisor Pine and Supervisor Canepa, convened the study sessions to, among other things, work with staff to facilitate the Board's development of **Measure K** priorities and continuing initiatives for FYs 2021-23. The Board approved an allocation of \$750,000 in FY 2021-22 and \$1,500,000 in FY 2022-23 to the Fire Engine Replacement Fund.

DISCUSSION:

The \$750,000 allocation in FY 2021-22 represented a \$750,000 reduction in light of a worsened economic outlook due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Given improved economic conditions and **Measure K** revenue collections since the height of the pandemic, staff is requesting that the Board approve this ATR of \$750,000 to make up for the reduced funding in FY 2021-22.

County Fire requires this appropriation transfer as soon as possible because the lead time for fire apparatus purchase orders is currently over three years.

The County Attorney's Office has reviewed and approved the ATR as to form.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There are sufficient **Measure K** funds in the FY 2022-23 Adopted Budget for this specific request.