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TO: Transportation Authority of Marin Board of Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Executive Director's Report – Agenda Item 6 (Discussion)

LOCAL

Tam Junction Bicycle Project

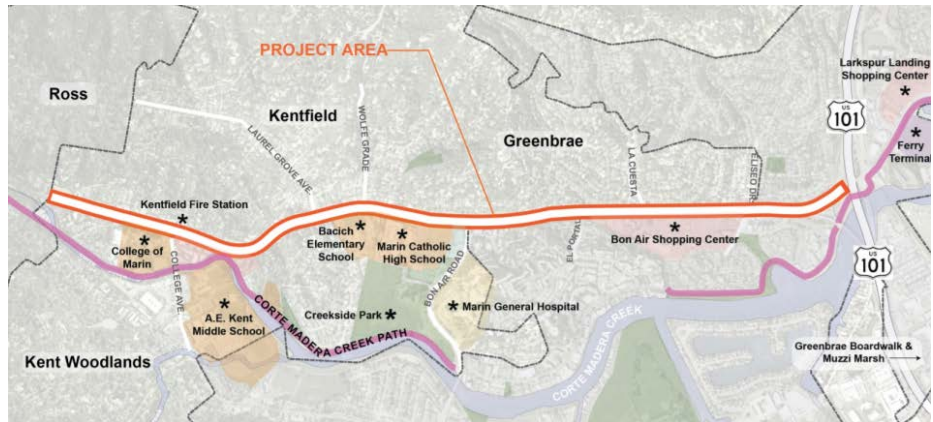
Work is progressing around the Almonte / Shoreline intersection in the Tam Junction area. This TAM sponsored and administered Project will add Class II Bicycle lanes along Shoreline Blvd from Flamingo Avenue to Coyote Creek and along Almonte Blvd to join the existing Bicycle lanes. Tight working conditions have forced a majority of the work to take place at night. TAM staff have been working with the contractor to minimize the noise impacts. Work has been delayed for two weeks awaiting parts for the fire hydrant relocation near the ARCO Gas Station. Completion is now expected in mid-November.

The majority of the grinding and paving to widen the highway has been accomplished. The storm drain improvements have been completed including adding additional catch basins along the east side of the roadway. Remaining work includes the fire hydrant relocation, modifying the southwest corner of the Almonte/Shoreline intersection, additional grinding/paving and the actual stripping to the bicycle lanes.



Draft EIR Released for Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (Highway 101 to Ross)

The County of Marin has released the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Sir Francis Drake Boulevard Project from Highway 101 to the Ross town limits. The project is the top priority Major Roads Project for the Ross Valley Planning Area.



Public review of the Draft environmental document will continue until December 6 and the Marin County Board of Supervisors will take verbal public comment at their meeting on November 7 and written comments can be submitted to sfdimprovements@marincounty.org.

The objectives of this project are to repair the roadway and improve traffic flow, bus operations and pedestrian and bicycle safety on this 2.5-mile section of Sir Francis Drake Boulevard.

Expenditure Plan Advisory Committee Meetings

The Expenditure Plan Advisory Committee met on October 23 for their seventh meeting to develop a draft Expenditure Plan. The committee includes 24 residents representing an array of interests in Marin County.

The committee has received education about Measure A and has heard from a variety of agencies about current programs and unmet transportation needs, including Marin Transit, Golden Gate Transit, Public Works Directors regarding local road and major roads, TAM staff regarding highway and interchange projects, Safe Routes to School program managers and County of Marin staff representing Bay Wave and C-Smart Vulnerability Assessments. The committee has review poll results, revenue projections and key principles including the three E's, Economy, Environment and Equity. The committee is beginning to develop a draft expenditure plan and will meet on November 7 and 15 to refine plans for a sales tax renewal and potential expansion. A report on the draft expenditure committee process and outcome is expected to be brought to the Board in December.



TAM Outreach

Date	Meeting Title	Organization/Agency
10/3/2017	Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee	Transportation Authority of Marin
10/3/2017	Drawdown Marin	County of Marin: Carbon Free Community
10/4/2017	International Walk to School Day	Safe Routes to School
10/4/2017	Marin Conservation League	TAM Presentation focusing on SR 37
10/10/2017	Expenditure Plan Advisory Committee	Transportation Authority of Marin
10/11/2017	N-S Greenway Gap Closure Project	County of Marin
10/18/2017	San Rafael Climate Action Plan Update Working Group	City of San Rafael
10/19/2017	Clean Transportation Technology Working Group	Transportation Authority of Marin
10/19/2017	San Rafael Climate Action Plan Implementation Committee.	City of San Rafael
10/20/2017	Marin Conservation League	Climate Action Committee
10/21/2017	Highway 37 Update	League of Women Voters
10/23/2017	Expenditure Plan Advisory Committee	Transportation Authority of Marin
10/24/2017	Forecasting the Future Marin Economic Forum	San Rafael Chamber of Commerce
10/24/2017	Marin City Flood Study Public Meeting	County of Marin
10/25/2017	Marin Senior Fair	Marin Senior Fair
10/26/2017	Sustainable Enterprise Conference	Marin Green Biz
10/27/2017	Dominican University Policy Presentation	
Upcoming		
10/31 - 11/2/2017	Focus on the Future	Self-Help Counties Coalition
11/4/2017	Miller Fest	City of Mill Valley

North South Greenway – Southern Segment

The County of Marin hosted a public meeting on October 11, 2017 to inform stakeholders of the current status of the project's development process and to receive comment on the alternatives under consideration. The event was well attended with over 50 people participating in the discussion. The team provided a brief presentation explaining the purpose and need of the project, reviewed project constraints, right-of-way needs, and provided details of the alternative alignments to be studied in the environmental phase. The team then responded to numerous comments and questions. Overall those in attendance generally supported the use of the railroad alignment with some concern expressed to ensure the natural environment is protected.



TAM Meetings Through 2017

Staff would like to provide the Board with an updated schedule of TAM Board and Executive Committee meetings for the balance of 2017:

Executive Committee Meetings

November 13: Confirmed
December 11: Cancelled

TAM Board Meetings

November 30: Changed from November 16
December 11: Changed from December 21

Note: the December 11 Board meeting will start at 4:00 p.m. and will be held in TAM's offices rather than the BOS Chambers.

REGIONAL

Resilient By Design Competition Update

This is an update on Resilient by Design, the Bay Area sea level rise design competition. Several Marin agencies and private parties participated in this competition to have a sea level rise design project developed within their communities for a portion of the Marin shoreline. The teams and the competition represent an interest from around the world and the Rockefeller Foundation has dedicated \$4.6 million to fund this year-long effort.



Potential project sites and teams were asked to submit information in July. That process resulted in a total of 76 sites submitted around the bay area. Eleven sites were submitted in Marin County by the public and from our cities, towns, and county (including the Highway 37 corridor, which is on the Solano County list).

The Resilient by Design organization toured Marin County on Thursday, October 5th. The various tours are part of a Bay Area-wide research phase and is one of a few opportunities for the 10 selected design teams to learn about the county and see it firsthand. The community advocacy group, Shore Up Marin, led the tour and invited various stakeholders to participate. The tour focused mainly on our disadvantaged communities: San Rafael Canal and Marin City.

Since some of the sites in Marin were not be included on the tour, it was an opportunity for the agencies to talk to the teams and let them know more about the other sites. In the end, a jury will pair one team with each of the nine Bay Area counties to spend the winter and spring designing shoreline adaptations with our communities. It will leave us in May 2018 with a conceptual design that we can carry forward. For the designs that don't move ahead, a few other Bay Area agencies are interested in possibly moving those forward through other planning and grant programs.

STATE

State Legislation



Gus Khouri will not be present at the TAM Board meeting on October 26, 2017 but he has provided his monthly report (Attachment A) where he provided information on Regional Measure 3, Local Partnership Program, and Congested Corridor Program.

In addition, Mr. Khouri updated TAM Bill Matrix (Attachment B) to summarize bills that TAM has been tracking. September 15 was the last day for each house of the State Legislature to pass bills and October 15 was last day for the Governor to sign or veto bills passed by the Legislature. Bills became laws without his signature. The attached Bill Matrix reflects final status for the Legislative Session for 2017.

The Bill Matrix shows that TAM supported the following seven bills and their results:

- AB 17 on Transit Pass Program – vetoed by Governor
- AB 28 on NEPA Delegation – became law
- AB 1113 on State Transit Assistance (STA) Program – became law
- AB 1218 on CEQA exemptions for bicycle transportation plans – became law
- ACA 5 on Expenditure restrictions on motor vehicle fees and taxes – became law
- SB 1 on Transportation funding – became law
- SB 595 on Regional Measure 3 – became law

FEDERAL

Infrastructure Plan

Republicans on the Senate Commerce Committee will sit down today with a quartet of White House officials to talk infrastructure. Those are Reed Cordish, an assistant to the president in the White House Office of Innovation; Jeremy Katz, the deputy director of the National

Economic Council; DJ Gribbin, the special assistant to the president for infrastructure policy; and Joe Lai, a special assistant to the president in the Office of Legislative Affairs. A White House spokeswoman said the meeting on Capitol Hill "is a follow-up from previous discussions between the administration and Republicans on the Commerce Committee."

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REBUILD AMERICA'S
Infrastructure

Commerce Chairman John Thune (R-S.D.) told reporters Tuesday that he wants "to find out a little bit more about what their thinking is and to give them an opportunity to hear from our members about what their priorities are." The White House hasn't revealed much more about its infrastructure plan since May, when it published a set of "principles" with President Donald Trump's fiscal 2018 budget proposal.

Republicans have said that an infrastructure package will come after an attempt to overhaul the tax code. Thune on Tuesday said he hopes Congress will turn to an infrastructure bill in time for the 2018 elections. "If we can get a result on tax reform, get a budget done, confirm some judges, hopefully set up a debate about infrastructure perhaps for next year, I think we'll be in a good place," he said.

Source: POLITICO's Morning Transportation

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Khouri Consulting October Report

Attachment B: TAM Bill Matrix – October 2017