



DATE: February 27, 2020

TO: Transportation Authority of Marin Board of Commissioners

FROM: Anne Richman, Executive Director *Anne Richman*
Li Zhang, Deputy Executive Director/Chief Financial Officer

SUBJECT: Appointment to the Citizens' Oversight Committee (Action), Agenda Item No. 6c

RECOMMENDATION:

The TAM Board accepts the nomination and appoints Mr. Kingston Cole to the Alternate seat representing the Taxpayer Groups on the Citizens' Oversight Committee (COC). If appointed, Mr. Cole will complete the balance of a four-year term expiring on May 31, 2021.

BACKGROUND:

The COC oversees the ½-cent Measure A/AA 1/2-Cent Transportation Sales Tax and the Measure B \$10 Vehicle Registration Fee (VRF) revenue and expenditure activities. As an independently functioning group, the COC assures that the voter approved Measure A/AA Sales Tax and Measure B VRF Expenditure Plans are carried out accordingly. The COC is composed of 12 members and 12 alternates who are private citizens residing in Marin County and collectively represent the diversity of Marin County. All COC members should have no economic interest in TAM's projects. Over the years, due, in part, to the dedication and strong support of the members, the COC has become an indispensable part of TAM.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

TAM has been fortunate to have Mr. Paul Premo serving as a member of the COC representing the Taxpayers Group since 2013. However, it has been difficult finding an appropriate member of the public to serve in the alternate seat until now. Staff is happy to report that Mr. Kingston Cole has submitted his application for this position. Mr. Cole is a longstanding resident of the City of San Rafael and brings a wide range of experience to the table which will help him fulfill his responsibilities as a valuable new addition to the COC. A graduate of Georgetown University and Creighton School of Law, Mr. Cole has over 30 years of experience in the telecom industry as consultant to many major transit and transportation agencies. He is a past trustee of the National Maritime Association, current president of his neighborhood association and the Director of the Coalition of Sensible Taxpayers (CO\$T) Board. He believes that he will be able to assist the COC to continually ensure TAM meets and maintains its fiscal compliance and integrity. Mr. Cole's decades of experience working with many of the major

urban transit agencies as well as 10 plus departments of transportation and other agencies will also be of value to the COC.

Mimi Willard, President of CO\$T, confirmed the nomination of Mr. Cole by the Board of Directors of CO\$T, and believed that Mr. Cole’s appointment to the COC would ensure TAM continues to receive valuable input and support from taxpayer representatives in the County.

**TAM Citizens’ Oversight Committee Membership
(February 2020)**

Position	Candidate	Term Expiration
Northern Marin Planning Area – (1)	Member – Charley Vogt Alternate – Veda Florez	2021
Central Marin Planning Area – (1)	Member - Joy Dahlgren Alternate – Jeffrey Olson	2021
Ross Valley Planning Area – (1)	Member – Paul Roye Alternate – Vacant	2023
Southern Marin Planning Area – (1)	Member - Robert Burton Alternate – Jayni Allsep	2023
West Marin Planning Area – (1)	Member – Scott Tye Alternate – Vacant	2023
Marin County Paratransit Coordinating Council – (1)	Member - Allan Bortel Alternate – Vacant	2023
Advocacy Group Representing Bicyclists and Pedestrians – (1)	Member – Vince O’Brien Alternate – Vacant	2023
Environmental Organizations – (1)	Member – Kate Powers Alternate – Nancy Okada	2021
School Districts – (1)	Member – Zack Macdonald Alternate – Vacancy	2021
Major Marin Employers – (1)	Member – Peter Pelham Alternate – Vacant	2021
Taxpayer Group – (1)	Member – Paul Premo Alternate – Kingston Cole - NOMINATED	2021
League of Women Voters – (1)	Member – Kevin Hagerty Alternate – Kay Noguchi	2023

FISCAL CONSIDERATION:

Not Applicable.

NEXT STEPS:

Staff will continue to actively solicit nominations and applications to fill the remaining vacant positions.