



STAFF REPORT

City Council Meeting Date: 12/5/2017
Staff Report Number: 17-303-CC

Regular Business: Authorize the City Manager to submit a list of transportation projects to be considered for inclusion in the *Get Us Moving San Mateo County Expenditure Plan*

Recommendation

Authorize the City Manager to submit a list of transportation projects to be considered for inclusion in the *Get Us Moving San Mateo County Expenditure Plan*.

Policy Issues

The 2016 General Plan Circulation Element includes policies that seek to maintain a circulation system that will provide and maintain a safe, efficient, attractive, user-friendly circulation system that promotes a healthy, safe and active community and quality of life throughout Menlo Park and increases accessibility for and use of streets by pedestrians, bicyclists and transit riders.

Background

Several statewide and regional efforts are underway to explore increased revenue sources for transportation needs. On February 28, 2017, the City Council authorized support for SB1 (Beall)/AB1 (Frazier), which increased state gas taxes as a source of funds for regional and local multimodal transportation projects. This legislation was signed by Governor Brown and went into effect November 1, 2017. On July 18, 2017, the City Council authorized support for SB 595 (Beall), also known as Regional Measure 3 (RM3). RM3 is a potential bridge toll measure that would generate revenue for transportation improvements to improve bridge crossings.

A candidate project list is being developed, and the City and San Mateo County advocacy efforts have requested that funds be allocated for improvements in the Dumbarton Corridor. Voter approval of the measure is necessary before the measure could be implemented. On October 10, 2017, Governor Brown signed SB 797 (Hill) which authorized the Caltrain Board of Directors to place a measure before voters seeking a potential sales tax of no more than one-eighth cent before San Francisco, San Mateo and Santa Clara counties to support Caltrain's operations. On September 19, 2017, Governor Brown signed AB 1613 (Mullin) authorizing the San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans) the authority to seek voter approval of a sales tax measure of no more than one-half percent to fund specific transportation projects as laid out in an expenditure plan within San Mateo County. The ballot measure would require acceptance from the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors and approval from two-thirds of the County voters. This measure is the subject of the effort, *Get Us Moving San Mateo County*, described below.

Analysis

SamTrans and stakeholders have launched a call for candidate projects, which will close December 20, 2017. Candidate projects that are submitted will determine what transportation needs there are in the County and how funding should best be allocated. Submissions will endure review using Board-approved expenditure plan goals and criteria by a panel that will include SamTrans, the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (SMCTA), the City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County (C/CAG), County and city representatives.

All eligible project and programs need to fall within one or more of the project types and categories listed:

Type of Project

- State of Good Repair Expansion
- System Management
- Preservation
- Operations

Category

- Local streets and roads
- Highway
- Transit
- Bike/Ped Improvements

Candidate projects or programs submitted should:

- Result from a plan or study and public review, or if not in a current plan or study, the project should have had public and/or governing board input. The San Mateo Countywide Transportation Plan (SMCTP) 2040 could be one of the plans that candidate projects are derived from.
- Be sufficiently defined to have project descriptions and reasonable cost estimates.
- Be sponsored by a jurisdiction or public agency.

Submittals should include:

- Project description.
- Estimated capital cost.
- Estimated operating and maintenance cost.
- Identified or prospective funding sources (local, state or federal).
- Project timeline; start and completion date or planning/construction phases.
- Description of how the project aligns with the *Get Us Moving* framework.

The primary method of scoring proposals will be how closely the project aligns to the *Get Us Moving* framework:

1. Invest Local Revenues to Leverage other Public and Private Sector Funding.
2. Expand Transportation Choices and Improve Travel Experience.
3. Expedite Project/Program Delivery.
4. Provide Congestion Relief.
5. Maximize Environmental Sustainability.
6. Promote Economic Vitality and Economic Development.
7. Enhance Safety and Reduce Overall Collisions, Injuries and Fatalities.
8. Fix it First – Improve System Financial Sustainability and Maintenance.
9. Expand Transit Ridership and Promote Quality Transit for Everyone.

Both the Technical Advisory Group and Stakeholder Advisory Group will be integral in developing the final expenditure plan and base much of their discussion on the submitted projects. The expenditure plan will be proposed to the SamTrans Board and the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors to decide whether to put a ballot measure before voters to fund the expenditure plan.

As previously mentioned, SamTrans will be accepting project information through December 20, 2017. Given the short turnaround, staff is recommending the attached list of projects to be submitted to the *Get Us Moving* San Mateo County.

Impact on City Resources

This staff report has no impact on the City resources, but ongoing advocacy efforts and active participation in the *Get Us Moving* San Mateo County initiative will require possible City Council and staff time support. The proposed ballot measure has the potential to increase funding for transportation projects that could impact the City of Menlo Park.

Environmental Review

Environmental review is not required for this agenda item. Individual projects would require environmental review before construction.

Public Notice

Public notification was achieved by posting the agenda, with the agenda items being listed, at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.

Attachments

- A. Draft Project List, *Get Us Moving* San Mateo County

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City of Menlo Park Draft Project List, *Get Us Moving San Mateo County*

Draft Get Us Moving San Mateo County Project List		
Project Name	Brief Description	Source(s)
Re-activate Dumbarton Rail	Short-term between Redwood City and East Palo Alto; long-term across the San Francisco Bay	City General Plan <i>Connect Menlo</i> Dumbarton Transportation Corridor Study
Roadway Grade Separations	Willow Road/Bayfront Expressway University Avenue/Bayfront Expressway	City General Plan <i>Connect Menlo</i> Dumbarton Transportation Corridor Study
Railroad Grade Separations	<u>Dumbarton Corridor</u> University Avenue Willow Road Marsh Road <u>Caltrain Corridor</u> Middle Avenue (bike/ped only) Ravenswood Avenue Oak Grove Avenue Glenwood Avenue Encinal Avenue	City General Plan <i>Connect Menlo</i> Ravenswood Avenue Caltrain Crossing Study Dumbarton Transportation Corridor Study
Railroad Crossing Improvements	Chilco Street with Dumbarton Rail Service	Staff Dumbarton Transportation Corridor Study
Bayfront Expressway Express Lanes	Provision of Express Lanes for High Occupancy Vehicles and Buses on Bayfront Expressway including direct connection at US 101/Marsh Road	Dumbarton Transportation Corridor Study
Bicycle/Pedestrian Multi-use Trail	On the Dumbarton Corridor between the Dumbarton Bridge (State Route 84), East Palo Alto and Redwood City	City General Plan <i>Connect Menlo</i> Dumbarton Transportation Corridor Study
El Camino Real Pedestrian Crossing & Streetscape Improvements	Add missing crosswalks and enhance existing crossings at 8 signalized intersections on El Camino Real Widen El Camino Real sidewalks, add street trees, median improvements, furnishings	El Camino Real Corridor Study El Camino Real/Downtown Specific Plan
Build out City Bicycle Network	Complete projects as identified in the City's Bicycle Plan	2005 Comprehensive Bicycle Development Plan (update underway as part of Transportation Master Plan)
Enhance Dumbarton Express Bus Service	Add route and enhance bus service connections to Menlo Park and Redwood City Transit Signal Priority on Bayfront Expressway, Willow Road, Marsh Road	Dumbarton Transportation Corridor Study Staff
Pedestrian Crossing Improvements	Enhance existing and future crosswalks per City Crosswalk Policy (e.g., Santa Cruz Avenue/Sharon Drive, Middlefield Road/Linfield Drive-Santa Monica Avenue)	Staff
<i>These projects represent those that the City has identified as having most benefit to local residents and the regional transportation network that would compete well for funding if the Get Us Moving San Mateo County Ballot measure is approved by the voters.</i>		

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