

Metropolitan Transportation Commission
MTC Legislation Committee

February 14, 2020

Agenda Item 7b

Measure J: Contra Costa Transportation Authority

- Subject:** Proposed support for Measure J, a new Contra Costa County ½-cent sales tax.
- Background:** In 2004, Contra Costa County voters approved Measure J, providing an extension of an existing ½-cent sales tax for 25 more years (2009-2034) beyond the original measure's (Measure C) expiration date. The Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) estimates that the Measure J and its predecessor have raised a total of \$1.4 billion to date, leveraging other regional, state and federal funds by about 3:1 for a total of more than \$5.5 billion. Major projects funded by the sales tax that have been delivered to date include the fourth bore of the Caldecott Tunnel, Highway 4 widening, eBART, and I-680 and I-80 corridor improvements. Because CCTA issued bonds in order to provide the improvements sooner, as of 2018, the vast majority of funds have been committed, leaving little available for new improvements. The new Measure J on the March 2 ballot would add a new ½-cent sales tax for 35 years, generating an additional \$3.6 billion over that timeframe. The current measure would sunset in 2034 unless further extended.
- Discussion:** Measure J includes a number of countywide programs as well as projects focused on specific travel corridors. Countywide programs receive about \$1.98 billion, or 55 percent of the measure and include local road repairs, transit enhancements and bicycle/pedestrian improvements as shown in Attachment A. The measure provides approximately \$1.5 billion for congestion relief and transit enhancements along three major corridors: 1) State Route 242, Highway 4, Transit and eBART; 2) I-680, Highway 24, Transit and BART; and 3) I-80 and I-580 (Richmond-San Rafael Bridge), Transit and BART. These include both roadway capacity and transit enhancements, including BART access improvements, additional eBART rail cars, and enhanced ferry service.
- The expenditure plan takes a corridor approach to funding projects to provide flexibility as the scope of each focus area is further defined. The plan includes some unusual and innovative categories such as a Reduce and Reverse Commutes category aimed at spurring economic development within the county to reduce commutes in the primary commute direction and generally reduce vehicle-miles traveled (VMT). In addition, the Measure includes various policy provisions to further leverage the benefits of the funding, including a requirement that jurisdictions demonstrate reasonable progress on providing housing for all income levels as a condition of receiving local road funds from the measure and a Complete Streets Policy and Vision Zero Policy, consistent with a model policy developed by CCTA.
- Because Measure J is a balanced, multimodal plan with strategic policy levers aimed at reducing VMT, increasing housing production at all income levels, and improving safety, staff recommends a support position.
- Recommendation:** Support/MTC Commission approval
- Bill Positions:** See attached
- Attachments:** Attachment A: Transportation Expenditure Plan Funding Summary
Attachment B: Measure J Positions


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TRANSPORTATION EXPENDITURE PLAN FUNDING SUMMARY

FUNDING CATEGORIES	SUBTOTALS	
	\$ (millions)*	%
RELIEVING CONGESTION ON HIGHWAYS, INTERCHANGES, AND MAJOR ROADS	\$1,484	41.1
Improve State Route 242 (SR-242), Highway 4, Transit, and eBART Corridor	705	19.5
Relieve Congestion and Improve Access to Jobs Along Highway 4 and SR-242	200	5.5
Improve Local Access to Highway 4 and Byron Airport	150	4.2
East County Transit Extension to Brentwood and Connectivity to Transit, Rail, and Parking	100	2.8
Improve Traffic Flow on Major Roads in East County	107	3.0
Enhance Ferry Service and Commuter Rail in East and Central County	50	1.4
Improve Transit Reliability Along SR-242, Highway 4, and Vasco Road	50	1.4
Additional eBART Train Cars	28	0.8
Seamless Connected Transportation Options	20	0.6
Modernize I-680, Highway 24, Transit, and BART Corridor	536	14.9
Relieve Congestion, Ease Bottlenecks, and Improve Local Access Along the I-680 Corridor	200	5.5
Improve Traffic Flow on Major Roads in the Central County and Lamorinda	145	4.0
Improve Transit Reliability along the I-680 and Highway 24 Corridors	50	1.4
Provide Greater Access to BART Stations Along I-680 and Highway 24	49	1.4
Improve Traffic Flow on Highway 24 and Modernize the Old Bores of Caldecott Tunnel	35	1.0
Improve Traffic Flow on Major Roads in San Ramon Valley	32	0.9
Seamless Connected Transportation Options	25	0.7
Enhance I-80, I-580 (Richmond-San Rafael Bridge), Transit, and BART Corridor	243	6.7
Improve Transit Reliability Along the I-80 Corridor	90	2.5
Relieve Congestion and Improve Local Access Along the I-80 Corridor	57	1.6
Improve Traffic Flow on Major Roads in West County	38	1.1
Enhance Ferry Service and Commuter Rail in West County	34	0.9
Improve Traffic Flow and Local Access to Richmond-San Rafael Bridge Along I-580 and Richmond Parkway	19	0.5
Seamless Connected Transportation Options	5	0.1
IMPROVING TRANSIT AND TRANSPORTATION COUNTYWIDE IN ALL OUR COMMUNITIES	\$1,980	54.9
Modernize Local Roads and Improve Access to Job Centers and Housing	628	17.4
Provide Convenient and Reliable Transit Services in Central, East, and Southwest Contra Costa	392	10.9
Increase Bus Services and Reliability in West Contra Costa	250	6.9
Improve Walking and Biking on Streets and Trails	215	6.0
Accessible Transportation for Seniors, Veterans, and People with Disabilities	180	5.0
Cleaner, Safer BART	120	3.3
Safe Transportation for Youth and Students	104	2.9
Reduce and Reverse Commutes	54	1.5
Reduce Emissions and Improve Air Quality	37	1.0
SUBTOTAL	\$3,464	96%
Transportation Planning, Facilities & Services	\$108	3.0
Administration	\$36	1.0
TOTAL	\$3,608	100%

*Funding amounts are rounded

Measure J Known Positions

SUPPORT

Community Organizations

Save Mount Diablo

Save The Bay

Bike East Bay

Contra Costa Young
Democrats

TransForm

SPUR

Monument Impact

350 East Bay

Contra Costa Citizens' Climate
Lobby

Sunflower Alliance

Sustainable Rossmoor

Contra Costa MoveOn

Indivisible ReSisters

Orinda Progressive Action
Alliance

Greenbelt Alliance

El Cerrito Democratic Club

League of Women Voters of
West Contra Costa County

Business & Labor

East Bay Leadership Council

Carpet, Linoleum, Soft Tile
Workers Local Union #12

Contra Costa Building and
Construction Trades Council

East Bay Economic
Development Alliance

Glaziers, Architectural Metal
and Glassworkers Local Union
169

International Brotherhood of
Electrical Workers Local 302

Iron Workers Union Local 378

Operating Engineers Local 3

United Association of
Journeymen and Apprentices
of the Plumbing and Pipe
Fitting Industry Local 355

AFSCME Local 3916

Public Agencies

City of Antioch

City of Brentwood

City of Clayton

City of Concord

Town of Danville

City of El Cerrito

City of Hercules

City of Lafayette

City of Martinez

Town of Moraga

City of Oakley

City of Orinda

City of Pinole

City of Pittsburg

City of Pleasant Hill

City of Richmond

City of San Pablo

City of San Ramon

City of Walnut Creek

OPPOSE

Alliance of Contra Costa
Taxpayers