

March 2025 Recommended RM3 Allocation – Project Summary

RM3 Project #26 - North Bay Transit Improvements

RM3 provides \$100 million in toll funds to RM3 Project 26, North Bay Transit Access Improvements. This RM3 programmatic category funds transit improvements in the Counties of Marin, Sonoma, Napa, Solano, and Contra Costa. The project sponsor is the Metropolitan Transportation Commission. In June 2021, MTC programmed the RM3 North Bay Transit Access Improvements program to the five County Transportation Agencies (CTAs) by splitting the funding equally. Each county was programmed \$20 million and MTC delegated project selection to each CTA for their county's share of the funds. One allocation under this category is proposed for this month:

RM3 Project #26.8 – San Rafael Transit Center Replacement Project (\$500,000)

The San Rafael Transit Center (SRTC) Replacement Project replaces the existing transit center located in downtown San Rafael 350 feet north of the existing location. The SRTC is the 2nd busiest regional transit hub in the Bay Area, providing access to the regional transportation network for area residents and a key transfer point in San Rafael and the greater North Bay region. The construction of the SRTC Replacement Project will include 17 bus bays to better accommodate transit, airport shuttles, and Greyhound services. Five platforms with a minimum width of 9 feet will be provided adjacent to the bus bays, and curbside bays will be located on both sides of Tamalpais Avenue between 3rd and 4th Streets. Platforms will incorporate passenger amenities like seating and shelters or canopies. The transit center will also include provisions for paratransit, pick-up/drop-off, maintenance vehicles, and shuttle curb space, as well as bicycle parking with racks and lockers. Other features of the transit center will include public art, security, and wayfinding signage. The SRTC is the largest regional transit hub in Marin County, providing access to the regional transportation network for area residents and a key transfer point for employees, visitors, and students in San Rafael and the greater North Bay region.

Final CEQA clearance for the project was achieved in Fall 2022. This RM3 allocation will fund environmental work necessary to obtain NEPA clearance by July 2025, via categorical exclusion. This clearance is required due to the use of federal funds on the project. The total project cost is estimated at \$67.6 million, with completion expected in 2028. The project expects to make another RM3 allocation request this calendar year for final design.

This represents Marin County's first RM3 allocation under this specific category. The Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM) Board established a competitive process to distribute RM3 North Bay Transit Access Improvement funds. This process involves soliciting applications through a Call for Projects from the three eligible transit operators in Marin: Golden Gate Bridge Highway and Transportation District (GGBHTD), Marin Transit, and Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit (SMART). The initial TAM Call for Projects programmed \$2 million for this project. Furthermore, an additional \$30 million in RM3 funding is programmed for this project under RM3 project #24, the San Rafael Transit Center, within the RM3 Capital Expenditure Plan.