## Metropolitan Transportation Commission Operations Committee

June 11, 2021 Agenda Item 4c

Funding Agreement Amendment – "Safe on 17" Program: Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (\$150,000)

**Subject:** Funding Agreement Amendment – "Safe on 17" Program: Santa Cruz County

Regional Transportation Commission (SCCRTC).

**Background:** Since 2002, MTC SAFE has provided funding to the Santa Cruz County Regional

Transportation Commission (SCCRTC) for additional California Highway Patrol (CHP) enforcement along Highway 17 in order to reduce traffic incidents, injuries and fatalities. The funding provided by MTC SAFE is used for CHP enforcement on the Santa Clara County side of Highway 17. SCCRTC pays for enforcement on the Santa Cruz County side of SR-17 and oversees the program. Since its inception, the "Safe on 17" Program has produced an almost 50 percent reduction in annual fatality and injury collisions. The current agreement with SCCRTC for "Safe on 17" service

was entered into on July 1, 2018 and expires on June 30, 2021.

Due to the proven benefits of this program, staff is requesting that the Committee authorize continued funding for the "Safe on 17" program for an additional three-year period (through June 30, 2024) in the amount of \$50,000 per fiscal year beginning

July 1, 2021, for a total of \$150,000.

**Issues:** None identified.

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends that the Operations Committee authorize the Executive Director or

designee to negotiate and enter into a funding agreement amendment with Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 to provide additional CHP enforcement hours on Highway 17 through

June 30, 2024.

**Attachments:** None

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## REQUEST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL

## Summary of Proposed Funding Agreement Amendment

Work Item No.: 6031

Agency: Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission

Santa Cruz, CA

Work Project Title: "Safe on 17" Program

Purpose of Project: Reduce accidents, injuries, and fatalities along Highway 17.

Brief Scope of Work: Provide funds for additional CHP enforcement hours on Highway 17

through June 30, 2024.

Project Cost Not to Exceed: \$150,000 this amendment

Total funding agreement before this amendment: \$925,000

Total authorized funding agreement after this amendment: \$1,075,000

Funding Source: SAFE

Fiscal Impact: \$50,000 is subject to approval of FY 2021-22 agency budget

\$50,000 is subject to approval of FY 2022-23 agency budget \$50,000 is subject to approval of FY 2023-24 agency budget

Motion by Committee: That the Executive Director or designee is authorized to negotiate and

enter into a funding agreement amendment with Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission to provide the services described above and in the Operations Committee Summary Sheet dated June 11, 2021, and that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to set aside funds for such amendment in the amount of \$50,000 for FY 2021-22; \$50,000 for FY 2022-23; and \$50,000 for FY 2023-24, subject to

annual MTC SAFE budget approval.

**Operations Committee:** 

Carol Dutra-Vernaci, Chair

Approved: Date: June 11, 2021