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Memorandum

TO: Commission

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FR: Executive Director

RE: Recommendations to the Commission - SMART Public Hearing and Allocations

The following is a summary of the recommendations on the various funding actions for the Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART) project by the Programming and Allocations Committee.

Public Hearing

The Committee held a public hearing on July 13th to receive comments on the proposed funding changes to the Regional Measure 2 Program, which were released for public review on June 15, 2011. The 30-day Public Comment period started on June 15th and closed at 4 pm on July 15th.

The proposed amendments to the RM2 program include:

RM2 Project #10: Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART) project

Proposed Action: Modify project description/scope so that the Initial Operating Segment from downtown San Rafael to downtown Santa Rosa is eligible to use RM2 funds.

RM2 Project #11 and RM2 Project #10: Greenbrae Interchange/ Larkspur Ferry Access Improvements, and SMART

Proposed Action: Reassign \$1.5 million in funding from Project #11 to Project #10

No comments were received at the public hearing; staff did receive two comments in the form of letters during the public comment period. The comments have been summarized for the Commission under Attachment 2.

Committee's Recommendations to the Commission

The Committee referred to the Commission the approval of the proposed program amendments and allocations under the following conditions:

1. If a forthcoming SMART staff report is received prior to the Commission meeting on July 27th and indicates that the project information including costs are consistent with the information presented by MTC staff on July 13th, and the SMART Board confirms this by Resolution at their August meeting, then the Commission's approval of the RM2 program amendment and funding allocation approvals (Commission Action) would go into effect following the SMART Board approval on August 17th.

2. If a SMART staff report is received prior to the Commission meeting, but the SMART Board at its August 17th meeting approves a Resolution that includes a higher project cost than what was presented to the Committee on July 13th, Commission Action would be deferred and revisited.
3. The Commission Action would be deferred and revisited if the SMART staff report is not received prior to the Commission meeting, or if it indicates that the project cost has increased above what was presented to the Committee on July 13th.

If Commission Action is deferred, a new public hearing would be scheduled before the Programming & Allocations Committee. This hearing would be held in order to present and take comments on any new information submitted to, and approved by, the SMART Board. The Commission would then reconsider the RM2 program amendments and the funding allocations following Committee action.

Staff will provide an update regarding receipt of the SMART staff report at the Commission meeting.

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