



**COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**  
**Inter-Departmental Correspondence**

Board of Supervisors

**DATE:** July 16, 2004

**BOARD MEETING DATE:** July 27, 2004

**TO:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Supervisor Mark Church *mc*  
Supervisor Rich Gordon *R*

**SUBJECT:** Approval of the 2004 Transportation Expenditure Plan and adoption of an Ordinance and a Resolution Calling an Election for Continuation of the One-Half of One Percent Transactions and Use Tax Therefore

**Recommendation**

1. Adopt a resolution approving the 2004 Transportation Expenditure Plan of the San Mateo County Transportation Authority;
2. Adopt an Ordinance Providing for the Continuation of the San Mateo County Transportation Authority and the one-half of one percent retail transactions and use tax and the issuance of limited tax bonds and for other purposes; and
3. Adopt a resolution calling for an election for voter approval of the Sales Tax.

**Background**

On June 7, 1988, the voters of San Mateo County approved a ballot measure known as "Measure A," which increased the local sales tax in San Mateo County by one-half of one percent with the tax revenues to be used for highway and transit improvements pursuant to the Transportation Expenditure Plan that included a provision for the creation of the San Mateo County Transportation Authority. In order to continue the local sales tax, a new plan must be developed and a new ordinance passed calling for an election to approve the continuation of the tax. The San Mateo County Transportation Authority has prepared a new Transportation Expenditure Plan. This plan reflects a year-long process that sought input from the public, elected officials and technical committees and was presented at a public hearing on February 28, 2004. The City and County Association of Governments unanimously supported the continuation of Measure A and approved an initial draft plan at their March 11, 2004 meeting. As a result of comments received during both the public comment period and the formal public hearing, two substantive amendments were made to

the plan, 1) changing the term of the continuation from 20 to 25 years and 2) increasing the percentage distribution to the Local Streets and Transportation Program Category from 20% to 22.5 %. The Transportation Authority Board adopted the amended plan on March 18, 2004. On April 28, 2004, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission unanimously approved the plan. This Plan provides for a balanced program of transportation projects and includes implementation guidelines to ensure flexibility to meet the current and future transportation needs of San Mateo County.

Upon approval by MTC and in accordance with state law, the 2004 Transportation Expenditure Plan was submitted to the cities for approval. All of the cities have approved the Plan.

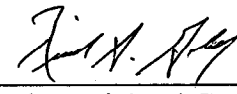
**Discussion**

State law requires that the Plan also be approved by a majority vote of this Board of Supervisors. Continuation of the sales tax requires a two-thirds vote of the electorate. An ordinance providing for continuation of the Authority, continuation of the one-half of one percent retail transactions and use tax and the issuance of bonds by the Authority and a resolution calling for the required election is submitted for your approval.

**Vision Alignment**

This ordinance and resolution serves the County's vision to provide responsive, effective and collaborative government and that leaders work together across boundaries to preserve and enhance the quality of life, including regional solutions in transportation.

  
Supervisor Mark Church

  
Supervisor Richard Gordon