



agenda

Subject: **Marin Transit Ad Hoc Committee on School Transportation**

Location: **Marin County Civic Center, Rug Room - 324A
3501 Civic Center Drive, San Rafael**

Date: **October 29, 2018**

Time: **3:00 pm**

Desired Meeting Outcome

➤ **To reach decisions on:**

- Amount of local sales tax funding (Measure A) to be allocated to school transportation services near term (1 – 6 years)
- Criteria for receiving school transportation funding from this source
- Time frame for applying criteria and allocation formula

Topics

1. Introductions
2. Funding Available Near Term (Attachment 1)
3. Criteria, Guidelines and Rules for Allocation (Attachment 1)
4. Allocation Time Frame (Attachment 1)
5. Parking Needs
6. Next Steps





Background Materials

- a. Process and timeline for funding decisions (Attachment 2)
- b. Rationalized approach to funding (sources, framework, and SB1 impacts) (Attachment 3)
- c. Coordinated Countywide Student Transportation Study, December 2015
https://marintransit.org/sites/default/files/projects/2018/CCSTS_FINAL_123115.pdf
- d. Coordinated Countywide Student Transportation Study, Existing Conditions Assessment
https://marintransit.org/sites/default/files/projects/2018/050115_FINAL_MarinTransit_SchoolStudy_Task2_0.pdf





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- Funding Available
- Criteria for Allocation
- Time Frame for Allocation

Near Term Funding Allocation to Existing YSB Programs



If Measure AA passes and if Prop 6 is defeated on November 6, 2018

Ongoing Funding Available	(annually)
Existing Measure A for YSB	\$175,000
Net new Measure AA required	\$325,000
TOTAL	\$500,000



Operating \$ for Existing YSB Programs*

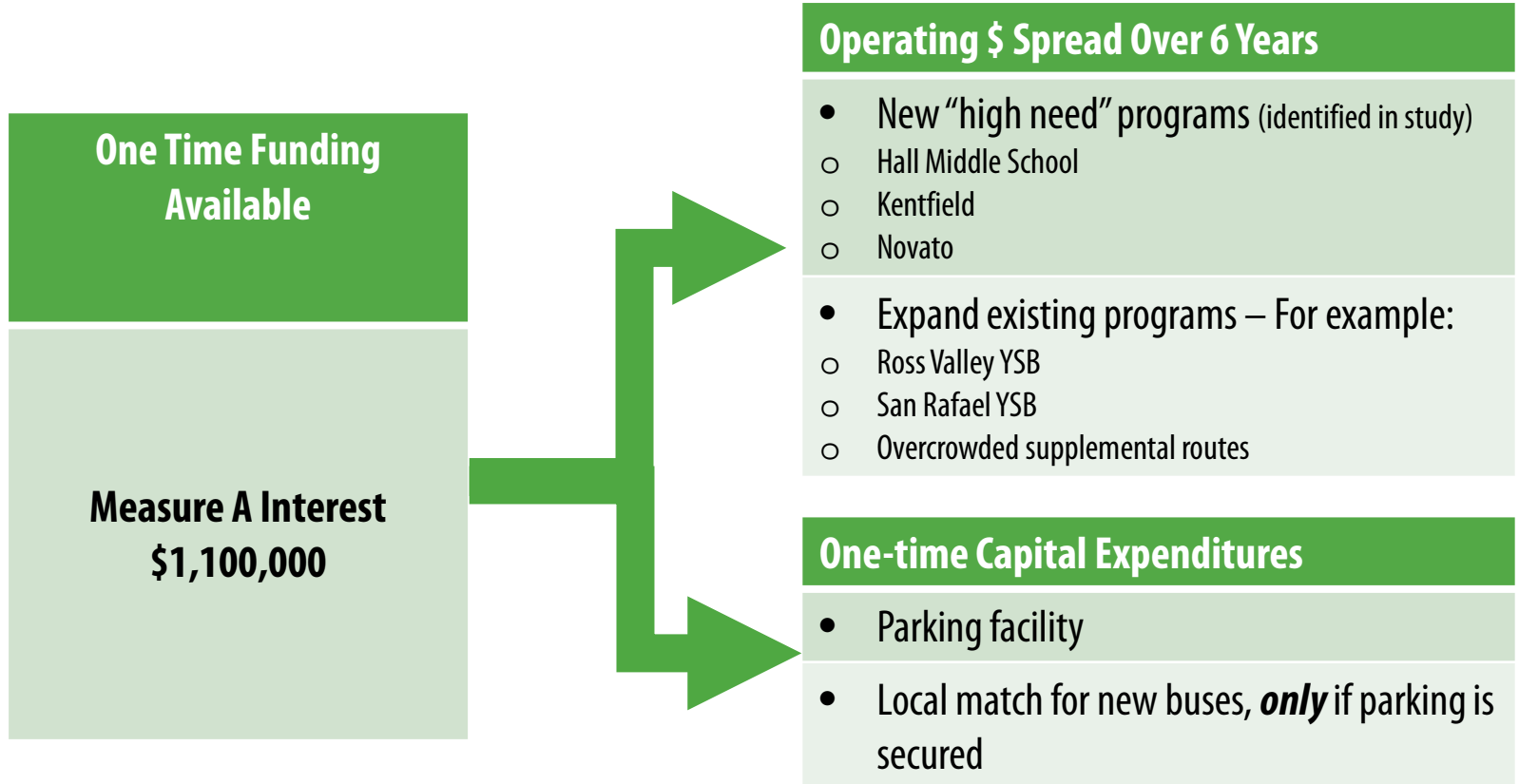
- Ross Valley School District
- Reed Union School District/Tiburon JPA
- Mill Valley School District
- San Rafael City Schools
- Dixie School District

**must meet threshold criteria*

Near Term Funding Allocation to Other Needs

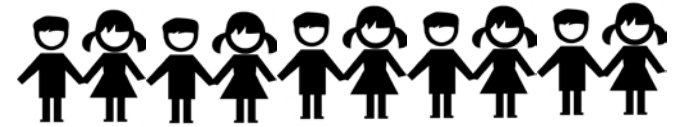


If Measure AA passes and if Prop 6 is defeated on November 6, 2018



Funding Allocation Methods Considered

- Multiple Factors, weighted
 - Pass sales or riders
 - Proximity to congested corridor
 - Students on free and reduced lunch
 - Local funding support
- Single factor
 - Pass sales or riders



• Entry threshold criteria + factors

** Recommended **

Programs must have:

- An existing FY 17/18 yellow school bus program serving students in the urbanized area of Marin (UZA 13)
- A reduced pass program that provides at least a 50% pass price discount to income eligible students
- A local funding or other discretionary funds contribution of at least 20% of program costs
 - excludes pass sales revenue
 - excludes dedicated state funds that are directly linked to school bus operation

Recommended Guidelines/Rules for Formula Allocation



- 1) Allocation share to each program is set for three years starting in FY19/20
 - *Purpose: reliability, consistency, stability*

- 2) If a program/service is reduced by more than 20%, that program's funding may be reduced in second and third allocation year
 - *Purpose: subsidy should correlate to service levels*

- 3) Any withheld funds due to service reduction will be available in year four for existing programs or earlier for expansion programs
 - *Purpose: funds should be put to best use as soon as possible*

- 4) Formula factor shall be one-way pass sales
 - *Purpose: proxy for usage and mobility, data is readily available, easy to collect*

- 5) Programs that receive legacy State funds exclusively available for yellow bus will have any local allocation reduced proportionately to funding level
 - *Purpose: create a level playing field*

Summary of Recommended Funding Cycles



Fiscal Year	Program Year	Allocation Cycle	Other Milestones
2017/18			Data year for FY 20 to FY 22 allocations
2018/19		Current year	
2019/20	1	Round 1 Op \$ allocations	
2020/21	2		Data year for FY 23 to FY 25 allocations
2021/22	3		
2022/23	4	Round 2 Op \$ allocations	Provide input on Expenditure Plan Re-evaluation
2023/24	5		
2024/25	6		Final year of One-time Measure A funds

Desired Meeting Outcomes -- Recap



- Amount of local sales tax funding (Measure A) to be allocated to school transportation services near term (1 – 6 years)
 - *\$500,000 annually for operating subsidy to existing programs*
 - *\$1.1 million one-time funds spread over 6 years for capital or operating subsidies to new/expanded/other programs*
- Criteria for receiving school transportation funding from this source
 - *Threshold criteria (slide #4) plus formula based on one-way pass sales*
- Time frame for applying criteria and allocation formula
 - *Formula applied to one year's data for three subsequent annual allocation amounts*

Proposed Process and Timeline for Funding Decisions Regarding Yellow Bus and Transit

Timeframe	Activity
May 9, 2018	FY 18-19 Tiburon/Reed yellow bus passes go on sale
May 24, 2018	FY 18-19 Ross Valley yellow bus passes go on sale
June 4, 2018	Marin Transit FY 18-19 budget adopted
June 2018	Marin County FY 18-19 budget adopted Tiburon JPA FY 18-19 budget adopted
September 24, 2018	Marin Transit Ad Hoc Committee on School Transportation meets to discuss issues and conceptual approach to funding school bus service
October 29, 2018	Marin Transit Ad Hoc Committee on School Transportation meets to discuss rationalized formula approach to funding school bus service
November 6, 2018	Ballot measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sales Tax Renewal (Measure AA) • Repeal of SB1, gas tax funding for roads and transit (Prop. 6)
November/ December 2018	Marin Transit staff assesses impacts of ballot results on FY 18-19 budget and longer range financial plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If SB1 is repealed • If Sales Tax Renewal is passed • Combinations of the results of the two ballot initiatives
November/ December 2018	Marin Transit Ad Hoc Committee on School Transportation meets to discuss detailed approach to funding yellow bus programs, including eligibility, formula, and implementation guidelines
January 2019	Marin Transit Board approves school bus funding program
January 2019	Marin Transit notifies eligible entities of funding available for FY 19-20
April 1, 2019	Parking for yellow buses secured
April 2019	Marin Transit, local jurisdictions and school districts begin drafting FY 19-20 annual budgets
May 2019	Yellow bus pass sales begin
June 2019	Marin Transit, local jurisdictions and school districts adopt FY 19-20 annual budgets
June 30, 2019	Yellow bus parking lease at Los Gamos expires

Potential Funding Sources for Yellow Bus Programs



Attachment 3

Near Term: 1 – 6 Years

Source	Amount	Decision
Current Measure A	\$175 K annually	Marin Transit
Renewal Measure – School Transit	\$325 K annually	Marin Transit
Measure A Interest	\$1.1 M one-time	TAM
Renewal Measure – Local Streets	TBD	County, cities, towns
Cities and County Contributions	TBD	Cities and County
School Districts/ Parcel Taxes	TBD	School Districts
Fares and Pass Pricing	TBD	Marin Transit, School Districts, JPAs

Longer Term: 5+ Years

- New sales tax measure
- New parcel tax (countywide or by district)
- TAM revisits renewed sales tax expenditure plan; revised amount to school transportation
- New State funding

Potential Funding Sources Near Term (FY 2019-20):

- Existing Measure A to RVSD - \$175K (Marin Transit decision)
- ❖ Measure A Renewal - \$350K (Marin Transit decision)
- ❖ Measure A Interest - \$1.1 M one-time (TAM decision)
- ❖ Measure A from reducing other transit service or increasing regular fares (Marin Transit decision)
- County funding (County decision)
- Youth pass policy & pricing (Marin Transit decision)

Potential Eligible Yellow Bus Programs:

- Existing programs managed by Marin Transit
 - Ross Valley
 - Reed/Tiburon
 - Mill Valley
- Existing programs managed by others
 - Dixie
 - San Rafael
- New programs
 - Hall Middle
 - Kentfield
 - Novato

Allocation Method:

- Multiple Factors, weighted
 - Pass sales or riders
 - Proximity to congested corridor
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- Entry threshold criteria + factors

- Local Streets and Roads funding increases
 - Formula from State
 - Not eligible for yellow bus service; sales tax renewal will allow for Local Streets and Roads to be used more flexibly, including for school transportation
- Marin Transit STA revenues will increase
 - Revenue share on formula from State
 - Population share?
 - STA revenues are not eligible for yellow bus service; increase will make it possible for more Measure A to be used on yellow bus without other service cuts