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**Transportation Sales Tax**  
**Expenditure Plan (TEP)**  
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# Preface

This Sales Tax Augmentation promotes a healthy environment and strong economy that will benefit all Contra Costa residents through: 1) enhancing a balanced, safe and efficient transportation network; 2) facilitating cooperative planning among the regions of Contra Costa County and with surrounding counties, and 3) managing growth and sustaining the environment. The Sales Tax Augmentation helps to build and operate a transportation network that includes all transportation modes used by Contra Costa residents.

To achieve this vision, the Sales Tax Augmentation enhances our ability to achieve six goals that are embodied in the current work of the Contra Costa Transportation Authority.

1. Support the efficient, safe, and reliable movement of people and goods using all available transportation modes
2. Maintain the current transportation system
3. Influence how growth occurs to build Contra Costa's economy, preserve our environment, and support local communities;
4. Expand safe, convenient and affordable alternatives to the single occupant vehicle;
5. Promote environmental sustainability;
6. Invest wisely to maximize the benefits of available funding.

# TABLE OF EXPENDITURE PLAN ALLOCATIONS

No.	Funding Category	\$ millions	%	Distribution of Funding By Subregion			
				Central (a)	Southwest (b)	West (c)	East (d)
1	Local Streets Maintenance and Improvements	540.0	23.1%	156.1	120.0	119.0	144.9
1a	Add'l Local Streets Maintenance and Improvements	17.0	0.7%	17.0			
2	Major Streets and Complete Streets Project Grants	200.0	8.6%	108.3	29.3	19.4	42.9
3	BART Capacity, Access and Parking Improvements	300.0	12.8%	88.1	57.4	69.8	84.7
4	East Contra Costa Transit Extension	70.0	3.0%				70.0
5	High Capacity Transit Improvements along the I-80 Corridor in West County	20.0	0.9%			20.0	
6	I-80 Interchange Improvements at San Pablo Dam Road and Central Avenue	60.0	2.6%			60.0	
7	Improve traffic flow & implement high capacity transit in the I-680 corridor & SR 24	140.0	6.0%	40.0	100.0		
8	Improve traffic flow along the SR 242 & SR 4 Corridors in Central and Eastern County	70.0	3.0%	40.0			30.0
9	Interstate 680 and State Route 4 Interchange Improvements	60.0	2.6%	60.0			
10	East County Corridor (Vasco Rd and/or Byron Highway Corridors)	117.0	5.0%				117.0
11	Bus and Non-Rail Transit Enhancements	240.0	10.3%	50.0	50.0	90.0	50.0
12	Transportation for Seniors and People with Disabilities	77.6	3.3%	20.1	4.7	22.9	29.9
13	Safe Transportation for Children	52.0	2.2%	7.0	16.3	21.3	7.4
14	Intercity Rail and Ferry Service	50.0	2.1%	8.0		35.0	7.0
15	Pedestrian, Bicycle and Trail Facilities	66.7	2.9%	12.4	24.7	21.5	8.1
16	Community Development Transportation Program	140.0	6.0%	41.1	26.8	32.6	39.5
17	Innovative Transportation Technology / Connected Communities Grant Program	53.2	2.3%	20.0	5.5	16.7	11.0
18	Transportation Planning, Facilities & Services	23.4	1.0%	6.9	4.5	5.4	6.6
19	Regional Transportation Priorities	18.7	0.8%	5.0	3.7	5.0	5.0
20	Administration	23.4	1.0%	6.9	4.5	5.4	6.6
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2339.0</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>686.9</b>	<b>447.4</b>	<b>544.0</b>	<b>660.7</b>

Population Based Share	<b>686.9</b>	<b>447.4</b>	<b>544.0</b>	<b>660.7</b>
Population Share (2030 Estimate) of Total	<b>29.37%</b>	<b>19.13%</b>	<b>23.26%</b>	<b>28.25%</b>

## Notes

- Draft TEP does not reallocate funding between Funding Category 1 and Funding Category 2, pending reconsideration by WCCTAC
- Community Development Transportation Program is a new category. It is intended for transportation projects or programs that promote economic development, job creation and housing (see details on following pages).
- There are four subregions within Contra Costa: Central, West, Southwest and East County each represented by a Regional Transportation Planning Commission (RTPC). Central County (TRANSPAC subregion) includes Clayton, Concord, Martinez, Pleasant Hill, Walnut Creek and the unincorporated portions of Central County. West County (WCCTAC subregion) includes El Cerrito, Hercules, Pinole, Richmond, San Pablo and the unincorporated portions of West County. Southwest County (SWAT subregion) includes Danville, Lafayette, Moraga, Orinda, San Ramon and the unincorporated portions of Southwest County. East County (TRANSPAC subregion) includes Antioch, Brentwood, Oakley, Pittsburg and the unincorporated portions of East County. The above projects and programs are necessary to address current and future transportation needs in Contra Costa. The proposed funding allocation represents “fair share” distribution based on proportional share of population in year 2030 by subregion.

# Detailed Descriptions of Funding Categories

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The Contra Costa Transportation Authority (Authority) is responsible for maintaining and improving the county's transportation system by planning, funding, and delivering critical transportation infrastructure projects and programs. The funding categories detailed below will provide needed improvements to connect our communities, foster a strong economy, increase sustainability, and safely and efficiently get people where they need to go.

## Funding Categories

### 1. **Local Streets Maintenance & Improvements ----- 23.1% (\$540m)**

Funds from this category will fund maintenance and improvement projects on local streets and roads and may be used for any eligible transportation purposes as defined under the Act. The Authority will distribute 23.1 percent of the annual sales tax revenues to all local jurisdictions with a base allocation of \$100,000 for each jurisdiction, the balance will be distributed based 50 percent on relative population and 50 percent on road miles for each jurisdiction, subject to compliance with the Authority's reporting, audit and GMP requirements. Population figures used shall be the most current available from the State Department of Finance. Road mileage shall be from the most current information included in the Highway Performance Monitoring System (HPMS)

Funds shall be used by each jurisdiction to maintain and enhance existing roadway and other transportation facilities. Jurisdictions shall comply with the Authority's Maintenance of Effort (MOE) policy as well as Implementation Guidelines of this TEP. Local agencies will report on the use of these funds, such as the amount spent on roadway maintenance, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, transit facilities, and other roadway improvements.

#### **1.a – Additional Local Streets Maintenance & Improvements ---- \$17m**

An additional \$17m will be allocated to Central Contra Costa County jurisdictions based on the formula of 50 percent on relative population and 50 percent on road miles for each jurisdiction and subject to program requirements detailed above.

### 2. **Major Streets/ Complete Streets/ Traffic Signal Synchronization Grant Program ----- \$200m**

Funds from this category shall be used to fund improvements to major thoroughfares throughout Contra Costa to improve the safe, efficient and reliable movement of buses, vehicles, bicyclists and pedestrians along said corridors (i.e. traffic smoothing). Eligible projects shall include a variety of components that meet the needs of all users and respond to the context of the facility. Projects may include but are not limited to installation of bike and pedestrian facilities, installation of "smart" parking management programs, separated bike lanes, synchronization of traffic signals and other technology solutions to manage traffic, traffic calming and pedestrian safety improvements, shoulders, sidewalks, curbs and gutters, streetscapes

and bus transit facility enhancements such as bus turnouts and passenger amenities. As an element of this program, the Authority will adopt a ‘traffic signal synchronization’ program and award grants for installation of ‘state of the art’ technology oriented at smoothing the flow of traffic along major arterial roadways throughout the county. Funding from this program will be prioritized to projects that improve access for all modes to job, commercial and transit, and whose design process included opportunity for public input from existing and potential users of the facility. Priority will be given to projects that can show a high percentage of “other funding” allocated to the project (i.e. – leverage). All projects funded through this program must comply with the Authority’s Complete Streets Policy and include complete street elements whenever possible. 20% of the program funding will be allocated to four Complete Streets demonstration projects within five years of the Measure’s passage, one in each subregion, recommended by the relevant RTPC and approved by Authority, to demonstrate the successful implementation of Complete Streets projects. Demonstration projects will be required to strongly pursue the use of separated bike lane facilities in demonstration project program. The purpose of these demonstration projects is to create examples of successful complete street projects in multiple situations throughout the county. Advanced Mitigation Program eligible project.

**3. BART Capacity, Access and Parking Improvements ---- \$300m**

This category is intended to provide funding to increase the capacity and ridership of public transit on the BART corridors and for BART station, access and parking improvements. Funds in this category may be allocated by the Authority for the acquisition of new BART cars and associated advanced train control systems that can be shown to increase capacity and ridership on BART lines serving Contra Costa, provided that 1) BART agrees to fund a minimum of \$100 million in BART station, access and parking improvements in Contra Costa County from other BART revenues, and 2) a regional approach, that includes commitments of equal funding shares from both Alameda and San Francisco counties and additional regional funding from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, is developed no later than December 31, 2026. BART station, access and parking improvements may include station capacity, safety and operational improvements; infrastructure improvements that facilitate Transit Oriented Development at or near BART stations; additional on or off site parking; last mile shuttle or shared vehicles that provide alternatives to driving single-occupant vehicles to BART stations; and bicycle/ pedestrian facilities that provide access to BART stations. Funds not used for BART cars or associated advance train controls, or for BART station, access and parking improvements may be used for alternate public transit services that that operate along the BART corridors.

**4. East Contra Costa Transit Extension (BART or alternative) ---- \$70m**

Funding from this category shall be used to extend high capacity transit service easterly from the Hillcrest BART Station in Antioch through Oakley to a new transit station in Brentwood. To the greatest degree possible, local funds generated by this measure shall be used to leverage additional regional, state and/or federal funds for this

project. Funds from this category may be used to complete an interim transit station in Brentwood. Advance Mitigation Program eligible project.

**5. High Capacity Transit Improvements along the I-80 Corridor in West Contra Costa County ---- \$20m**

Funding from this category shall be allocated by the Authority to projects / programs for high capacity transit improvements along the I-80 corridor. Final determination on the scope of the improvements to be constructed will be based on the final recommendations in the West County High Capacity Transit Study and in consultation with the subregion. To the greatest degree possible, local funds generated by this measure shall be used to leverage additional regional, state and/or federal funds for this project. Advance Mitigation Program eligible project.

**6. Interstate 80 Interchange Improvements at San Pablo Dam Road and Central Avenue ---- \$60m**

Funding allocations from this category shall be approved by the Authority to improve the I-80 interchanges at San Pablo Dam Road, Central Avenue, and other locations along I-80 in consultation with the subregion. Advance Mitigation Program eligible project.

**7. Improve traffic flow and implement high capacity transit along the Interstate 680 and State Route 24 corridors in Central and Southwest Contra Costa County ---- \$140m**

Funding from this category shall be used to implement the I-680 corridor express lane and operational improvement project to facilitate carpools and increase transit use in the corridors as an alternative to single occupant vehicle travel. Funding may also be used to implement high capacity transit improvements in the corridor (including those identified in the I-680 Transit Investment and Congestion Relief Options and other relevant studies). Funding may also be used to complete improvements to the mainline freeway and/or local interchanges along I-680 and SR 24 as may be required to implement express lane and/or transit projects as well as advanced traffic management programs and/or other projects or programs that encourage the use of connected vehicle and/or autonomous vehicles in the corridor provided that the project sponsor can show that they reduce congestion, increase mobility and provide alternatives to single occupant vehicle travel. Selection of final projects to be based on a performance analysis of project alternatives consistent with Authority requirements. Projects funded from this category must be physically on or near the I-680 or the SR 24 corridors. Of the funds assigned to this category in Southwest County, \$20 million will be eligible for interchange improvements on the SR 24. To the greatest degree possible, local funds generated by this measure shall be used to leverage additional regional, state and/or federal funds for this project. Advance Mitigation Program eligible project.

**8. Improve traffic flow along the SR 242 and SR 4 Corridors in Central and Eastern Contra Costa County ----- \$70m**

Funding from this category shall be used to improve traffic flow and reduce congestion between Concord and Brentwood along State Route 242 and State Route 4 to reduce congestion, increase mobility and provide alternatives to single occupant vehicle travel. To the greatest degree possible, local funds generated by this measure shall be used to leverage additional regional, state and/or federal funds for this project. Advanced traffic management programs and/or other projects or programs that encourage the use of connected vehicle and/or autonomous vehicles in the corridor are eligible for funding from this category provided that the project sponsor can demonstrate that they reduce congestion, increase mobility and provide alternatives to single occupant vehicle travel. Projects funded from this category must be physically on or near the SR 242 or SR 4 corridors. Selection of final project to be based on a performance analysis of project alternatives consistent with Authority requirements. Advance Mitigation Program eligible project.

**9. Interstate 680 / State Route 4 Interchange ----- \$60m**

Funding from this category shall be used to implement the Interstate 680/ State Route 4 interchange improvement project as necessary to improve traffic flow and enhance traffic safety along both the I-680 and SR 4 corridors. To the greatest degree possible, local funds generated by this measure shall be used to leverage additional regional, state and/or federal funds for this project. Authority shall prioritize local funding commitments to this project in such a way as to encourage carpools and vanpools, public transit usage and other alternatives to the single occupant vehicle. Advance Mitigation Program eligible project.

**10. East County Corridor (Vasco Rd and/or Byron Highway Corridors) ----- \$117m**

Funding from this category shall be used to complete safety improvements to Vasco Road and safety and / or capacity improvements to the Byron Highway (Tri-Link) Corridors oriented at providing better connectivity between eastern Contra Costa and the Interstate 205/580 corridors in Alameda and San Joaquin counties. For the Byron Highway (TriLink) corridor, the Authority shall prioritize funding for the design and construction of a new 2-lane limited access Byron Highway / Vasco Road connector south of Camino Diablo Road improving access to the Bryon Airport, and other improvements to the Byron Highway that increase safety and facilitate an improved goods movement network for East Contra Costa County. For the Vasco Road corridor, the Authority shall prioritize funding for safety improvements and other improvements oriented at high-capacity transit or high occupancy carpools. To the greatest degree possible, local funds generated by this measure shall be used to leverage additional regional, state and/or federal funds for these projects.

Prior to the use of any local sales tax funds to implement capacity improvements to either or both of these corridors, the Authority must find that the project includes measures to prevent growth outside of the Urban Limit Lines (ULL). Such measures might include, but are not necessarily be limited to, limits on roadway access in areas outside the ULL, purchase of abutters' rights of access, preservation of critical



habitat and/or the permanent protection / acquisition of agricultural and open space. With the exception of the new connection between Vasco Road, the Byron Airport and the Byron Highway, funding from this category is not intended to be used for the construction of new roadways on new alignments. The Authority will work with Alameda and/or San Joaquin Counties to address project impacts in those jurisdictions. Advance Mitigation Program eligible project.

**11. Bus Transit and Other Non-Rail Transit Enhancements ---- 10.3% (\$240m)**

This category is intended to provide funding to existing bus transit operators and for future non-rail transit service alternatives. Funding will be provided for bus transit operations to increase or maintain ridership, including incentivizing transit use by offsetting fares; and improve the frequency and capacity of high demand routes connecting housing with job, commercial, transit, and medical centers. In addition, funding can be used to support other non-rail transit services/projects that can demonstrate innovative approaches to maximizing the movement of people efficiently and in a manner that reduces VMT and GHG.

Funding will be allocated by the Authority throughout the County based on input from each Regional Transportation Planning Committee and on performance criteria established by the Authority in consultation with local and regional bus transit operators, providers of alternate non-rail transportation, and stakeholders. Funding allocations will be reviewed on a regular basis. Said performance criteria shall require a finding that any proposed new or enhanced services demonstrate the ability to improve regional and/or local mobility for Contra Costa residents. Funds may be used for transit capital projects or to operate service improvements identified in the adopted plans of an operator or of the Authority.

Guidelines will be established so that revenues will fund service enhancements in Contra Costa. The guidelines may require provisions, such as: operational efficiencies requiring greater coordination, promoting and developing a seamless service; increasing service frequencies on appropriate routes; and specified performance criteria and reporting requirements. Services funded in this program will be reviewed in accordance with implementing guidelines described in this expenditure plan.

**12. Transportation for Seniors & People With Disabilities ----- 3.3% (\$78m)**

Funding in this category is to support mobility opportunities for seniors and people with disabilities who, due to age or disability, cannot drive or take other transit options.

To ensure services are delivered in a coordinated system that maximizes both service delivery and efficiency an Accessible Transportation Service (ATS) Strategic Plan will be developed and periodically updated during the term of the measure. No funding under this category will be allocated until the ATS Strategic Plan has been developed and adopted. An overarching component in the development and delivery of the ATS Strategic Plan is using mobility management to ensure coordination and

efficiencies in accessible service delivery. The plan will evaluate the appropriate model for our local structure including how accessible services are delivered by all agencies and where appropriate coordination can improve transportation services, eliminate gaps in service and find efficiencies in the service delivered. The ATS Strategic Plan would also determine the investments and oversight of the program funding and identify timing, projects, service delivery options, administrative structure, and fund leverage opportunities.

The ATS Strategic Plan will be developed by the Authority with participation from publicly operated transit and paratransit providers and selected non-profit and citizen stakeholders representing seniors and people with disabilities. Public transit operators in Contra Costa must participate in the ATS planning process to be eligible to receive funding in this category. The ATS Strategic Plan must be adopted within 12 months of the passage of this Measure.

**13. Safe Transportation for Children ----- 2.2% (\$52m)**

Programs and projects which promote safe transportation options for children to access schools or after school programs. Eligible projects include but are not limited to reduced fare transit passes and transit incentive programs, school bus programs, and projects for pedestrian and bicycle safety that provide school-related access.

Authority will allocate funds and will establish guidelines (in cooperation with project sponsors) to define priorities and maximize effectiveness. The guidelines may require provisions such as parent contributions; operational efficiencies; specific performance criteria and reporting requirements.

**14. Intercity Rail/ Ferries ---- \$50m**

Funds from this category shall be used to construct station and/or track improvements to the Capitol Corridor and/or the San Joaquin corridors as well as to implement new or improved ferry services (including both capital and operations) in Richmond, Hercules, Martinez and/or Antioch. Projects that increase ridership using existing capacity by incentives including offsetting fares or other methodologies may also be considered. To the greatest degree possible, local funds generated by this measure shall be used to leverage additional regional, state and/or federal funds for this project. Any projects funded in this category will be evaluated by the Authority and demonstrate progress toward the Authority's goals of reducing VMT and greenhouse gas reductions. Selection of final projects to be based on a performance analysis of project alternatives consistent with Authority requirements. Sponsors of projects requesting funding from this category will be required to demonstrate to the Authority that sufficient funding is available to operate the proposed project and/or service over a long period of time.

**15. Pedestrian, Bicycle and Trail Facilities ---- 2.9% (\$67m)**

Two-thirds of the funds from this program will be used implement projects in the Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, consistent with the current Measure J program. These funds will be allocated competitively to projects that improve safety for

pedestrians and bicyclists, serve the greatest number of users and significant destinations, and remove missing segments and existing barriers to walking and bicycling. The review process shall also consider project feasibility and readiness and the differing needs of the sub-regions when identifying projects for funding. Funding available through this program shall be primarily used for the construction, maintenance, and safety or other improvements of bicycle, pedestrian and trail projects. Design, project approval, right-of-way purchase and environmental clearance may not be funded as part of a construction project. Planning to identify a preferred alignment for major new bicycle, pedestrian or trail connections may also be funded through this program.

One third of the funds are to be allocated to the East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) for the development and rehabilitation of paved regional trails. EBRPD is to spend its allocation proportionally in each sub-region, subject to the review and approval of the applicable sub-regional committee, prior to funding allocation by the Authority. The Authority in conjunction with EBRPD will develop a maintenance-of-effort requirement for funds under this component of the funding category.

Consistent with the Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan and the complete streets policy established in this expenditure plan, project sponsors receiving funding through other funding categories in this Plan shall incorporate, whenever possible, pedestrian, bicycle, and trail facilities into their projects.

**16. Community Development Transportation Program----- 6.0% (\$140m)**

Funds from this category will be used implement this new Community Development Transportation Program, administered by the Authority's Regional Transportation Planning Committees (RTPC's). Funds will be allocated on a competitive basis to transportation projects or programs that promote economic development, job creation and/or housing within established (or planned) transit supportive community centers. Project sponsors must demonstrate that at least 20% of the project is funded from other than local transportation sales tax revenue and the Authority will prioritize funding to projects that demonstrate over 50% funding from other sources. Additional priority will be given to projects where the sponsor can demonstrate that the project supports and facilitates development of housing for all income levels. Working with the RTPCs, the Authority will prepare guidelines and establish overall criteria for the program.

**17. Innovative Transportation Technology / Connected Communities Program ----- 2.3% (\$53m)**

Funding from this category will be allocated for the planning and development of projects and programs that include innovative solutions intended to (a) develop and demonstrate transportation innovation through real-world applications, (b) reduce GHG emissions, and (c) implement connected transportation solutions and integrate this approach with other community services such as public safety, public services, water, communications and energy to promote economic development and jobs opportunities by increasing government efficiency and reducing consumption. Examples of eligible

projects include but are not limited to expanding opportunities for zero emission vehicle charging; smart rideshare, carshare and bikeshare services; on-demand and personal transit services that compliment traditional fixed-route transit; smart and automated parking; intelligent, sensor-based infrastructure; smart payment systems; and data sharing to improve mobility choices for all users. Projects are intended to promote connectivity between all users of the transportation network (cars, pedestrians, bikes, buses, trucks, etc.) and automation technologies that collectively facilitate the transformation toward connected communities. Funding is intended to match State, federal, or regional grants and private-sector investment to achieve maximum benefits. By investing in these solutions Contra Costa County can become a national model in sustainable, technology-enabled transportation.

A minimum of twenty-five percent shall be allocated to each sub-program (a, b and c above) over the life of the measure. The Authority will prepare guidelines and establish overall criteria for the Innovative Transportation Technology / Connected Communities Program and provide technical resources to project sponsors. The RTPC's will submit programs/projects for the Authority to consider allocating funds to on a competitive basis for each of the sub-programs. Project sponsors must demonstrate that the programs provide highly efficient services that are cost effective, integrated and responsive to the needs of the community.

- 18. Transportation Planning, Facilities and Services ---- 1.0% (\$23m)**  
Implement the countywide GMP, prepare the countywide transportation plan; and support the programming and monitoring of federal and state funds, as well as the Authority's Congestion Management Agency functions.
- 19. Regional Transportation Priorities ---- \$19m**  
Funding from this category shall be used for any project or program identified in the Expenditure Plan or eligible under the provisions of the Act, including activities that promote alternatives to commuting in single occupant vehicles. Program and project recommendations shall be made by each subregion for consideration and funding by the Authority.
- 20. Administration ---- 1.0% (\$23m)**  
Funds administration of new measure.

# The Growth Management Program

## Goals and Objectives

The overall goal of the Growth Management Program is to preserve and enhance the quality of life and promote a healthy, strong economy to benefit the people and areas of Contra Costa through a cooperative, multi-jurisdictional process for managing growth, while maintaining local authority over land use decisions.<sup>1</sup>

The objectives of the Growth Management Program are to:

- Assure that new residential, business and commercial growth pays for the facilities required to meet the demands resulting from that growth.
- Require cooperative transportation and land use planning among Contra Costa County, cities, towns, and transportation agencies.
- Support land use patterns within Contra Costa that make more efficient use of the transportation system, consistent with the General Plans of local jurisdictions.
- Support infill and redevelopment in existing urban and brownfield areas.

## Components

To receive its share of Local Transportation Maintenance and Improvement funds and to be eligible for Contra Costa Transportation for Livable Communities funds, each jurisdiction must:

### 1. **Adopt a Growth Management Element**

Each jurisdiction must adopt, or maintain in place, a Growth Management Element as part of its General Plan that outlines the jurisdiction's goals and policies for managing growth and requirements for achieving those goals. The Growth Management Element must show how the jurisdiction will comply with sections 2–7 below. The Authority will refine its model Growth Management Element and administrative procedures in consultation with the Regional Transportation Planning Committees to reflect the revised Growth Management Program.

Each jurisdiction is encouraged to incorporate other standards and procedures into its Growth Management Element to support the objectives and required components of this Growth Management Program.

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<sup>1</sup> The Authority will, to the extent possible, attempt to harmonize the Growth Management and the State-mandated Congestion Management Programs. To the extent they conflict, Congestion Management Program Activities shall take precedence over Growth Management activities.

## **2. Adopt a Development Mitigation Program**

Each jurisdiction must adopt, or maintain in place, a development mitigation program to ensure that new growth is paying its share of the costs associated with that growth. This program shall consist of both a local program to mitigate impacts on local streets and other facilities and a regional program to fund regional and subregional transportation projects, consistent with the Countywide Comprehensive Transportation Plan.

The jurisdiction's local development mitigation program shall ensure that revenue provided from this measure shall not be used to replace private developer funding that has or would have been committed to any project.

The regional development mitigation program shall establish fees, exactions, assessments or other mitigation measures to fund regional or subregional transportation improvements needed to mitigate the impacts of planned or forecast development. Regional mitigation programs may adjust such fees, exactions, assessments or other mitigation measures when developments are within walking distance of frequent transit service or are part of a mixed-use development of sufficient density and with necessary facilities to support greater levels of walking and bicycling. Each Regional Transportation Planning Committee shall develop the regional development mitigation program for its region, taking account of planned and forecast growth and the Multimodal Transportation Service Objectives and actions to achieve them established in the Action Plans for Routes of Regional Significance. Regional Transportation Planning Committees may use existing regional mitigation programs, if consistent with this section, to comply with the Growth Management Program.

## **3. Address Housing Options**

Each jurisdiction shall demonstrate reasonable progress in providing housing opportunities for all income levels as part of a report on the implementation of the actions outlined in its adopted Housing Element. The report will demonstrate progress by:

- a. Comparing the number of housing units approved, constructed or occupied within the jurisdiction over the preceding five years with the number of units needed on average each year to meet the housing objectives established in the jurisdiction's Housing Element; or
- b. Illustrating how the jurisdiction has adequately planned to meet the existing and projected housing needs through the adoption of land use plans and regulatory systems which provide opportunities for, and do not unduly constrain, housing development; or
- c. Illustrating how a jurisdiction's General Plan and zoning regulations facilitate the improvement and development of sufficient housing to meet those objectives.

In addition, each jurisdiction shall consider the impacts that its land use and development policies have on the local, regional and countywide transportation system, including the level of transportation capacity that can reasonably be provided, and shall incorporate policies and standards into its development approval process that support transit, bicycle

and pedestrian access in new developments.

#### **4. Participate in an Ongoing Cooperative, Multi-Jurisdictional Planning Process.**

Each jurisdiction shall participate in an ongoing process with other jurisdictions and agencies, the Regional Transportation Planning Committees and the Authority to create a balanced, safe and efficient transportation system and to manage the impacts of growth. Jurisdictions shall work with the Regional Transportation Planning Committees to:

- a. Identify Routes of Regional Significance, and establish Multimodal Transportation Service Objectives for those routes and actions for achieving those objectives.
- b. Apply the Authority's travel demand model and technical procedures to the analysis of General Plan Amendments (GPAs) and developments exceeding specified thresholds for their effect on the regional transportation system, including on Action Plan objectives.
- c. Create the development mitigation programs outlined in section 2 above.
- d. Help develop other plans, programs and studies to address other transportation and growth management issues.

In consultation with the Regional Transportation Planning Committees, each jurisdiction will use the travel demand model to evaluate changes to local General Plans and the impacts of major development projects for their effects on the local and regional transportation system and the ability to achieve the Multimodal Transportation Service Objectives established in the Action Plans.

Jurisdictions shall also participate in the Authority's ongoing countywide comprehensive transportation planning process. As part of this process, the Authority shall support countywide and subregional planning efforts, including the Action Plans for Routes of Regional Significance, and shall maintain a travel demand model. Jurisdictions shall help maintain the Authority's travel demand modeling system by providing information on proposed improvements to the transportation system and planned and approved development within the jurisdiction.

#### **5. Continuously Comply with an Urban Limit Line (ULL)**

In order to be found in compliance with this element of the Authority's Growth Management Program, all jurisdictions must continually comply with an applicable voter approved Urban Limit Line (ULL). Said ULL may either be the Contra Costa County voter approved ULL (County ULL) or a locally initiated, voter approved ULL (LV-ULL).

Additional information and detailed compliance requirements for the ULL are fully defined in the ULL Compliance Requirements, which are incorporated herein as Attachment A.

Any of the following actions by a local jurisdiction will constitute non-compliance with the Growth Management Program:

1. The submittal of an annexation request to LAFCO for lands outside of a jurisdiction's applicable ULL.
2. Failure to conform to the Authority's ULL Compliance Requirements (Attachment A).

## **6. Develop a Five-Year Capital Improvement Program**

Each jurisdiction shall prepare and maintain a capital improvement program that outlines the capital projects needed to implement the goals and policies of the jurisdiction's General Plan for at least the following five-year period. The Capital Improvement Program shall include approved projects and an analysis of the costs of the proposed projects as well as a financial plan for providing the improvements. The jurisdiction shall forward the transportation component of its capital improvement program to the Authority for incorporation into the Authority's database of transportation projects.

## **7. Adopt a Transportation Systems Management (TSM) Ordinance or Resolution**

To promote carpools, vanpools and park and ride lots, each jurisdiction shall adopt a local ordinance or resolution that conforms to the model Transportation Systems Management Ordinance that the Transportation Authority has drafted and adopted. Upon approval of the Authority, cities with a small employment base may adopt alternative mitigation measures in lieu of a TSM ordinance or resolution.

## **Allocation of Funds**

Portions of the monies received from the retail transaction and use tax will be returned to the local jurisdictions (the cities and the county) for use on local, subregional and/or regional transportation improvements and maintenance projects. Receipt of all such funds requires compliance with the Growth Management Program as described below. The funds are to be distributed on a formula based on population and road miles.

Each jurisdiction shall demonstrate its compliance with all of the components of the Growth Management Program in a completed compliance checklist. The jurisdiction shall submit, and the Authority shall review and make findings regarding the jurisdiction's compliance with the requirements of the Growth Management Program, consistent with the Authority's adopted policies and procedures.

If the Authority determines that the jurisdiction complies with the requirements of the Growth Management Program, it shall allocate to the jurisdiction its share of Local Street Maintenance and Improvement funding (No. 1). Jurisdictions may use funds allocated under this provision to comply with these administrative requirements.

If the Authority determines that the jurisdiction does not comply with the requirements of the Growth Management Program, the Authority shall withhold those funds and also



make a finding that the jurisdiction shall not be eligible to receive Community Development Transportation Program funds (No. 16) until the Authority determines the jurisdiction has achieved compliance. The Authority's findings of noncompliance may set deadlines and conditions for achieving compliance.

Withholding of funds, reinstatement of compliance, reallocation of funds and treatment of unallocated funds shall be as established in adopted Authority's policies and procedures.

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# Attachment A

## Urban Limit Line (ULL) Definitions and Compliance Requirements

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Definitions - the following definitions apply to the GMP ULL requirement:

1. **Urban Limit Line (ULL):** An urban limit line, urban growth boundary, or other equivalent physical boundary judged by the Authority to clearly identify the physical limits of the local jurisdiction's future urban development
2. **Local Jurisdictions:** Includes Contra Costa County, the 19 cities and towns within Contra Costa, plus any newly incorporated cities or towns established after April 1, 2017.
3. **County ULL:** A ULL placed on the ballot by the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors, approved by voters at a countywide election, and in effect through the applicable GMP compliance period. The current County ULL was established by Measure L approved by voters in 2006.

The following local jurisdictions have adopted the County ULL as its applicable ULL:

City of Brentwood  
City of Clayton  
City of Concord  
Town of Danville  
City of El Cerrito  
City of Hercules  
City of Lafayette  
City of Martinez

Town of Moraga  
City of Oakley  
City of Orinda  
City of Pinole  
City of Pleasant Hill  
City of Richmond  
City of San Pablo  
City of Walnut Creek

4. **Local Voter ULL (LV-ULL):** A ULL or equivalent measure placed on the local jurisdiction ballot, approved by the jurisdiction's voters, and recognized by action of the local jurisdiction's legislative body as its applicable, voter-approved ULL. The LV-ULL will be used as of its effective date to meet the Authority's GMP ULL requirement and must be in effect through the applicable GMP compliance period.

The following local jurisdictions have adopted a LV-ULL:

City of Antioch  
City of Pittsburg

City of San Ramon

5. **Minor Adjustments:** An adjustment to the ULL of 30 acres or less.
6. **Other Adjustments:** Other adjustments that address issues of unconstitutional takings, and conformance to state and federal law.

### Revisions to the ULL

1. A local jurisdiction which has adopted the County ULL as its applicable ULL may revise its ULL with local voter approval at any time during the term of the Authority's GMP by adopting a LV-ULL in accordance with the requirements outlined for a LV-ULL contained in the definitions section.
2. A local jurisdiction may revise its LV-ULL with local voter approval at any time during the term of the Authority's GMP if the resultant ULL meets the requirements outlined for a LV-ULL contained in the definitions section.
3. If voters, through a countywide ballot measure, approve a revision to the County ULL, the legislative body of each local jurisdiction relying on the County ULL shall:
  - a. Accept and approve its existing ULL to continue as its applicable ULL, or
  - b. Accept and approve the revised County ULL as its applicable ULL, or
  - c. Adopt a LV-ULL in accordance with the requirements outlined for a LV-ULL contained in the definitions section.
4. Local jurisdictions may, without voter approval, enact a Minor Adjustments to their applicable ULL subject to a vote of at least 4/5 of the jurisdiction's legislative body and the following requirements:
  - a. Minor adjustment may include one or several parts that in total shall not exceed 30 acres;
  - b. Adoption of at least one of the findings listed in the County's Measure L (§82-1.018 of County Ordinances 2006-06 § 3, 91-1 § 2, 90-66 § 4);
  - c. The Minor Adjustment is not contiguous to one or more non-voter approved Minor Adjustments that in total exceed 30 acres;
  - d. The Minor Adjustment does not create a pocket of land outside the existing urban limit line, specifically to avoid the possibility of a jurisdiction wanting to fill in those subsequently through separate adjustments;
  - e. If the local jurisdiction is a City or a Town, then that City or Town shall not have approved another Minor Adjustment without voter approval in the previous 5 years. If the local jurisdiction is the County, then the County shall not approve more than 3 Minor Adjustments in any 5 year period and no more than 1 per subregion of the County.
5. A local jurisdiction may revise its LV-ULL, and the County may revise the County ULL, to address issues of unconstitutional takings or conformance to State or federal law, if the revision does not exceed 30 acres and the revision is approved by at least 4/5 of the members of the legislative body.

## Conditions of Compliance

1. Submittal of an annexation request of greater than 30 acres by a local jurisdiction to LAFCO outside of a voter-approved ULL will constitute non-compliance with the GMP.
2. For each jurisdiction, an applicable ULL shall be in place through each GMP compliance reporting period in order for the local jurisdiction to be found in compliance with the GMP requirements.
3. These conditions shall replace the conditions regarding the ULL outlined in Measure J.

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# Complete Streets Policy

## Vision

This Plan envisions a transportation system in which each component provides safe, comfortable and convenient access for every user allowed to use it. These users include pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, automobile drivers and their passengers, and truckers, and people of varying abilities, including children, seniors, people with disabilities and able-bodied adults. The goal of every transportation project is to provide safer, more accessible facilities for all users and shall be planned, designed, constructed and operated to take advantage of that opportunity.

By making streets more efficient and safe for all users, a complete streets approach will expand capacity and improve mobility for all users, giving commuters convenient options for travel and minimizing need to widen roadways.

## Policy

To achieve this vision, all recipients of funding through this Plan shall consider and accommodate, wherever possible, the needs of all users in the planning, design, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation and maintenance of the transportation system. This determination shall be consistent with the exceptions listed below. Achieving this vision will require balancing the needs of different users, and may require reallocating existing right of way for different uses.

The Authority shall revise its project development guidelines to require the consideration and accommodation of all users in the design and construction of projects funded with Measure funds and shall adopt peer review and design standards to implement that approach. The guidelines will allow flexibility in responding to the context of each project and the needs of users specific to the project's context, and will build on accepted best practices for complete streets and context-sensitive design.

To ensure that this policy is carried out, the Authority shall prepare a checklist that sponsors of projects using Measure funds must submit that documents how the needs of all users were considered and how they were accommodated in the design and construction of the project. In the checklist, the sponsor will outline how they provided opportunity for public input, in a public forum, from all users early in the project development and design process. If the proposed project or program will not provide context appropriate conditions for all users, the sponsor shall document the reasons why in the checklist, consistent with the following section on "exceptions" below. The completed checklist shall be made part of the approval of programming of funding for the project or the funding allocation resolution.

Recipients of Local Street Maintenance and Improvement funds shall adopt procedures that ensure that all agency departments consider and accommodate the needs of all users for projects or programs affecting public rights of way for which the agency is responsible. These procedures shall:

- 1) be consistent with and be designed to implement each agency's general plan policies once that plan has been updated to comply with the Complete Streets Act of 2008,
- 2) involve and coordinate the work of all agency departments and staff whose projects will

- affect the public right of way,
- 3) consider the complete street design standards adopted by the Authority, and
  - 4) provide opportunity for public review by all potential users early in the project development and design phase so that options can be fully considered. This review could be done through an advisory committee such as a Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee or as part of the review of the agency's capital improvement program.

As part of their biennial Growth Management Program checklist, agencies shall list projects funded by the Measure and detail how those projects accommodated users of all modes.

As part of the multi-jurisdictional planning required by the Growth Management Program, agencies shall work with the Authority and the Regional Transportation Planning Committees to harmonize the planning, design and construction of transportation facilities for all modes within their jurisdiction with the plans of adjoining and connecting jurisdictions.

## Exceptions

Project sponsors may provide a lesser accommodation or forgo complete street accommodation components when the public works director or equivalent agency official finds that:

1. Pedestrians, bicyclists, or other users are prohibited by law from using the transportation facility,
2. The cost of new accommodation would be excessively disproportionate to the need or probable use, or
3. The sponsor demonstrates that, such accommodation is not needed, based on objective factors including:
  - a. current and projected user demand for all modes based on current and future land use, and
  - b. lack of identified conflicts, both existing and potential, between modes of travel.

Project sponsors shall explicitly approve exceptions findings as part of the approval of any project using measure funds to improve streets classified as a major collector or above.<sup>1</sup> Prior to this project sponsors must provide an opportunity for public input at an approval body (that regularly considers design issues) and/or the governing board of the project sponsor.

<sup>1</sup> Major Collectors and above, as defined by the California Department of Transportation California Road System (CRS maps);

## Advance Mitigation Program

The Authority is committed to participate in the creation and funding of an Advance Mitigation Program as an innovative way to advance needed infrastructure projects more efficiently and provide more effective conservation of our natural resources. As a global biodiversity hot spot, the Bay Area and Contra Costa County hosts an extraordinarily rich array of valuable natural communities and ecosystems that provide habitat for rare plants and wildlife, and support residents' health and quality of life by providing clean drinking water, clean air, opportunities for outdoor recreation, protection from disasters like flooding, landslides, and adaptation to climate change. The Advance Mitigation Program aims to integrate conservation into infrastructure agencies' plans and project development well in advance and on a regional scale to reduce potential impacts of transportation projects, as well as to drive mitigation dollars to protect regional conservation priorities and protect important ecological functions that are at threat of loss. The Advance Mitigation Program will be focused on environmental mitigation activities required under CEQA, NEPA and applicable regulations in the implementation of the major highway, transit and regional arterial and local streets and roads projects identified in the Plan.

The Authority's participation in an Advance Mitigation Program is subject to the following conditions:

1. Development of a Regional Conservation Assessment / Framework for Contra Costa County that identifies conservation priorities and mitigation opportunities. The Regional Conservation Framework will include opportunities and strategies that are consistent with the East Contra Costa Habitat Conservation Program. The Authority will review and approve the Regional Conservation Assessment / Framework prior to the allocation of funds for Advance Mitigation Program.
2. Development of a Project Impacts Assessment that identifies the portfolio of projects to be included in the Advance Mitigation Program and the estimated costs for mitigation of the environmental impacts of the projects. The Authority will review and approve the Project Impacts Assessment prior to the allocation of funds for Advance Mitigation Program
3. Development of the legislative and regulatory framework necessary to implement an Advance Mitigation Program in Contra Costa County.
4. The identification of the Implementing Agency to administer the Advance Mitigation Program for Contra Costa County or portions of the Bay Area Including Contra Costa County.

The Authority will determine the amount of funds to be dedicated to this Program following the satisfaction of the above conditions. Funds from the Plan will be allocated consistent with the Regional Conservation Framework to fund environmental mitigation activities required in the implementation of the major highway, transit and regional arterial and local streets and roads projects identified in the Plan. The intent is to establish a program to provide for large-scale acquisition and management of critical habitat areas and to create a reliable approach for funding required mitigation for future transportation improvements thereby reducing future costs and accelerating project delivery. If this approach cannot be fully implemented, these funds shall be used for environmental mitigation purposes on a project by project basis.

# Governing Structure

## Governing Body and Administration

Authority is governed by a Board composed of 11 members, all elected officials, with the following representation:

- Two members from the Central County Regional Transportation Planning Commission (RTPC) also referred to as TRANSPAC
- Two members from the East County RTPC, also referred to as TRANSPLAN
- Two members from the Southwest County RTPC, also referred to as SWAT
- Two members from the West County RTPC, also referred to as WCCTAC
- One member from the Conference of Mayors
- Two members from the Board of Supervisors

The Authority Board also includes three (3) ex-officio, non-voting members, appointed by the MTC, BART and the Public Transit Operators in Contra Costa County.

## Public Oversight Committee

The Public Oversight Committee (Committee) shall provide diligent, independent and public oversight of all expenditures of Measure funds by Authority or recipient agencies (County, cities and towns, transit operators, etc). The Committee will report to the public and focus its oversight on the:

- Review of allocation and expenditure of Measure funds to ensure that all funds are used consistent with the Measure.
- Review of fiscal audits of Measure expenditures.
- Review of performance audits of projects and programs relative to performance criteria established by the Authority, and if performance of any project or program does not meet its established performance criteria, identify reasons why and make recommendations for corrective actions that can be taken by the Authority Board for changes to project or program guidelines.
- Review of the maintenance of effort compliance requirements of local jurisdictions for local streets, roads and bridges funding.
- Review of each jurisdiction's Growth Management Checklist and compliance with the Growth Management Plan policies.

The Committee shall prepare an annual report including an account of the Committee's activities during the previous year, its review and recommendations relative to fiscal or performance audits, and any recommendations made to the Authority Board for implementing the expenditure plan. The report will be noticed in local media outlets throughout Contra Costa County, posted to the Authority Website and continuously available for public inspection at Authority offices. The report shall be composed of easy to understand language not in an overly technical format. The Committee shall make an annual presentation to the Authority Board summarizing the annual report subsequent to its release.



Committee members shall be selected to reflect community, business organizations and other interests within the County. The goal of the membership makeup of the Public Oversight Committee is to provide a balance of viewpoints including but not limited to geography, age, gender, ethnicity and income status to represent the different perspectives of the residents of Contra Costa County. One member will be chosen at-large from each of the four subregions with the RTPC representing each subregion nominating the members. The Board of Supervisors will nominate four members, with each of these four members representing one of the county's four subregions. Seven members will be nominated by each respective organization detailed here, with each having one representative: League of Women's Voters, Contra Costa Taxpayers Association, East Bay Leadership Council, Contra Costa Building and Construction Trades Council, Paratransit Coordinating Council, Bike East Bay, and Save Mount Diablo. About one half of the initial member appointments will be for two years and the remaining appointments will be for three year terms. Thereafter, members will be appointed to two year terms. Any individual member can serve on the Committee for no more than 6 consecutive years.

Committee members will be private residents who are not elected officials at any level of local government, nor public employees from agencies that either oversee or benefit from the proceeds of the Measure. Membership is limited to individuals who live in Contra Costa County. Membership is restricted to individuals with no economic interest in any of Authority's projects or programs. If a member's status changes so that he/she no longer meet these requirements, or if a member resigns his/her position on the Committee, the Authority Board will issue a new statement of interest from the same stakeholder category to fill the vacant position.

The Committee shall meet up to once a month to carry out its responsibility, and shall meet at least once every 3 months. Meetings shall be held at the same location as the Authority Board meetings are usually held, shall be open to the public and must be held in compliance with California's open meeting law (Brown Act). Meetings shall be recorded and the recordings shall be posted for the public.

Members are expected to attend all meetings. If a member, without good reason acceptable to the Chair of the Committee, fails to attend either (a) two or more consecutive meetings or (b) more than 3 meetings a year, the Authority Board will request a replacement from the stakeholder categories listed above.

Authority commits to support the oversight process through cooperation with the Committee by providing access to project and program information, audits, and other information available to the Authority, and with logistical support so that the Committee may effectively perform its oversight function. The Committee will have full access to Authority's independent auditors, and may request Authority staff briefings for any information that is relevant to the Measure. The Committee Chair shall inform the Authority Board Chair and Executive Director of any concern regarding Authority staff's commitment to open communication, the timely sharing of information, and teamwork.

The Committee shall not have the authority to set policy or appropriate or withhold funds, nor shall it participate in or interfere with the selection process of any consultant or contractor hired to implement the expenditure plan.

The Committee shall not receive monetary compensation except for the reimbursement of travel or other incidental expenses, in a manner consistent with other Authority advisory committees

In order to ensure that the oversight by the Committee continues to be as effective as possible, the efficacy of the Committee's Charter (ie this document) will be evaluated on a periodic basis and a formal review will be conducted by the Authority Board, Executive Director and the Committee a minimum of every five years to determine if any amendments to this Charter should be made. The formal review will include a benchmarking of the Committee's activities and charter with other best-in-class oversight committees. Amendments to this Charter shall be proposed by the Committee and adopted or rejected by the Authority Board.

The Committee replaces the Authority's existing Citizens Advisory Committee.

### **Advisory Committees**

The Authority will continue the committees that were established as part of the Transportation Partnership Commission organization as well as other committees that have been utilized by the Authority to advise and assist in policy development and implementation. The committees include:

- The Regional Transportation Planning Committees that were established to develop transportation plans on a geographic basis for sub-areas of the County, and
- The Technical Coordinating Committee that will serve as the Authority's technical advisory committee.
- The Paratransit Coordinating Council
- The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
- The Transit Committee

# Implementing Guidelines

This Transportation Expenditure Plan (Plan) is guided by principles that ensure the revenue generated by the sales tax is spent only for the purposes outlined in this Plan in the most efficient and effective manner possible, consistent with serving the transportation needs of Contra Costa County. The following Implementing Guidelines shall govern the administration of sale tax revenues by the Authority. Additional detail for certain Implementing Guidelines is found elsewhere in this Plan.

## Duration of the Plan

The duration of the Plan shall be for 25 years from April 1, 2017 through March 31, 2042.

## Administration of the Plan

- 1. Funds only Projects and Programs in the Plan:** Funds collected under this Measure may only be spent for purposes identified in the Plan, as it may be amended by the Authority governing body.
- 2. All Decisions Made in Public Process:** The Authority is given the fiduciary duty of administering the transportation sales tax proceeds in accordance with all applicable laws and with the Plan. Activities of the Authority will be conducted in public according to state law, through publically noticed meetings. The annual budgets of Authority, strategic plans and annual reports will all be prepared for public review. The interest of the public will be further protected by a Public Oversight Committee, described previously in the Plan.
- 3. Salary and Administration Cost Caps:** Revenues may be expended by the Authority for salaries, wages, benefits, overhead and those services including contractual services necessary to administer the Measure; however, in no case shall the expenditures for the salaries and benefits of the staff necessary to perform administrative functions for the Authority exceed one percent (1%) of revenues. The allocated costs of Authority staff who directly implement specific projects or programs are not included in the administrative costs.
- 4. Expenditure Plan Amendments Require Majority Support:** The Authority may review and propose amendments to the Expenditure Plan and the Growth Management Program to provide for the use of additional federal, state and local funds, to account for unexpected revenues, or to take into consideration unforeseen circumstances. Affected Regional Transportation Planning Committee(s) will participate in the development of the proposed amendment(s). A majority of the Authority Board is required to approve an amendment and all jurisdictions within the county will be given a 45 day period to comment on any proposed Expenditure Plan amendment.
- 5. Augment Transportation Funds:** Funds generated pursuant to the Measure are to be used to supplement and not replace existing local revenues used for transportation purposes. Any funds already allocated, committed or otherwise included in the financial plan for any project in the Plan shall be made available for project development and implementation as required in the project's financial and implementation program.

## **Taxpayer Safeguards, Audits and Accountability**

6. **Public Oversight Committee:** The Public Oversight Committee will provide diligent, independent and public oversight of all expenditures of Measure funds by Authority or recipient agencies (County, cities and towns, transit operators, etc). The Committee will report to the public and focus its oversight on annual audits, the review and allocation of Measure funds, the performance of projects and programs in the Plan, and compliance by local jurisdictions with the maintenance of effort and Growth Management Program described previously in the Plan
7. **Fiscal Audits:** All Funds expended by Authority directly and all funds allocated by formula or discretionary grants to other entities are subject to fiscal audit. Recipients of Local Streets Maintenance & Improvements (No. 1) or transit (Bus Transit and Other Non-Rail Transit Enhancements (No. 11), Transportation for Seniors & People With Disabilities (No. 12) programs) funding (County, cities and towns and transit operators) will be audited at least once every five (5) years, conducted by an independent CPA. Any agency found to be in non-compliance shall have its formula sales tax funds withheld, until such time as the agency is found to be in compliance.
8. **Performance Audits:** The following funding categories shall be subject to performance audits by the Authority: Local Streets Maintenance and Improvements (No. 1), Major Streets/Complete Streets/Traffic Signal Synchronization Program (No. 2), Bus Transit and Other Non-Rail Transit Enhancements (No. 12), Transportation for Seniors and People with Disabilities (No. 12), Safe Transportation for Children (No. 13), Intercity Rail and Ferry Service (No. 14), Pedestrian and Bicycle, and Trail Facilities (No. 15), Community Development Transportation Program (No. 16), and Innovative Transportation Technology / Connected Communities Program (No. 17). Each year, the Authority shall select and perform a focused performance audit on two or three of the funding categories listed above, so that at the end of the fourth year all funding categories listed above are audited. This process shall commence two years after passage of the new sales tax measure. Additional Performance Audits shall continue on a similar cycle for the duration of the Plan. The performance audits shall provide an accurate quantitative and qualitative evaluation of the funding categories to determine the effectiveness in meeting the performance criteria established by the Authority. In the event that any performance audit determines that a funding category is not meeting the performance requirements established by the Authority, the audit shall include recommendations for corrective action including but not limited to revisions to Authority policies or program guidelines that govern the expenditure of funds.
9. **Maintenance of Effort (MOE):** Funds generated by the new sales tax Measure are to be used to supplement and not replace existing local revenues used for streets and highways purposes. The basis of the MOE requirement will be the average of expenditures of annual discretionary funds on streets and highways, as reported to the Controller pursuant to Streets and Highways Code Section 2151 for the three most recent fiscal years before the passage of the Measure where data is available. The average dollar amount will then be increased once every three years by the construction cost index of that third year. Penalty for non-compliance of meeting the minimum MOE is immediate loss of all Local Streets Maintenance and Improvements funds (No. 1 and 1a) until MOE

compliance is achieved. The audit of the MOE contribution shall be at least once every five years. Any agency found to be in non-compliance shall be subject to annual audit for three years after they come back into compliance.

Any local jurisdiction wishing to adjust its maintenance of effort requirement shall submit to the Authority a request for adjustment and the necessary documentation to justify the adjustment. The Authority staff shall review the request and shall make a recommendation to the Authority. Taking into consideration the recommendation, the Authority may adjust the annual average of expenditures reported pursuant to Streets and Highways Code Section 2151. The Authority shall make an adjustment if one or more of the following conditions exists:

1. The local jurisdiction has undertaken one or more major capital projects during those fiscal years, that required accumulating unrestricted revenues (i.e. revenues that are not restricted for use on streets and highways such as general funds) to support the project during one or more fiscal years.
  2. A source of unrestricted revenue used to support the major capital project or projects is no longer available to the local jurisdiction and the local jurisdiction lacks authority to continue the unrestricted funding source.
  3. One or more sources of unrestricted revenues that were available to the local jurisdiction is producing less than 95 percent of the amount produced in those fiscal years, and the reduction is not caused by any discretionary action of the local jurisdiction.
- 10. Annual Budget and Strategic Plan:** Each year, the Authority will adopt an annual budget that estimates expected sales tax receipts, other anticipated revenue and planned expenditures for the year. On a periodic basis, the Authority will also prepare a Strategic Plan which will identify the priority for projects; the date for project implementation based on project readiness and availability of project funding; the state, federal and other local funding committed for project implementation, and other relevant criteria. The annual budget and Strategic Plan will be adopted by the Authority Board at a public meeting.
- 11. Requirements for Fund Recipients:** All recipients of funds allocated in this expenditure plan will be required to sign a Master Cooperative Agreement that defines reporting and accountability elements and as well as other applicable policy requirements. All funds will be appropriated through an open and transparent public process.
- 12. Geographic Equity:** The proposed projects and programs to be funded through the Plan constitute a “balanced” distribution of funding allocations to each subregion in Contra Costa County. However, through the course of the Measure, if any of the projects prove to be infeasible or cannot be implemented, the affected subregion may request that the Authority reassign funds to another project in the same subregion, as detailed in an Authority Fund Allocations policy, and to maintain a “balanced” distribution of funding allocations to each subregion.

## Restrictions On Funds

- 13. Expenditure Shall Benefit Contra Costa County:** Under no circumstance may the proceeds of this transportation sales tax be applied for any purpose other than for transportation improvements benefitting residents of Contra Costa County. Under no circumstance may these funds be appropriated by the State of California or any other local government agency as defined in the implementing guidelines.
- 14. Environmental Review:** All projects funded by sales tax proceeds are subject to laws and regulations of federal, state, and local government, including the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
- 15. Performance based review:** Before the allocation of any measure funds for the actual construction of capital projects with an estimated capital construction cost in excess of \$25 million, the Authority will verify that the project was selected using a performance based review of project alternatives.
- 16. Complete Streets:** The Authority has adopted a policy requiring all recipients of funding through this Plan to consider and accommodate, wherever possible, the needs of all users in the planning, design, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, maintenance, and operation of the transportation system. Achieving this vision will require balancing the needs of different users, and may require reallocating existing right of way for different uses.
- 17. Compliance with the Growth Management Program:** If the Authority determines that a jurisdiction does not comply with the requirements of the Growth Management Program, the Authority shall withhold funds and also make a finding that the jurisdiction shall not be eligible to receive Local Streets Maintenance & Improvements (No. 1) or Community Development Transportation Program (CDTP)(No. 16) funding until the Authority determines the jurisdiction has achieved compliance, as detailed in the Growth Management Program section of the Plan.
- 18. Local Contracting and Good Jobs:** Authority will develop a policy supporting the hiring of local contractors and businesses, apprenticeship programs for Contra Costa residents, and good jobs.
- 19. New Agencies:** New cities or new entities (such as new transit agencies) that come into existence in Contra Costa County during the life of the Plan may be considered as eligible recipients of funds through a Plan amendment.

## Project Financing Guidelines and Managing Revenue

- 20. Fiduciary Duty:** Funds may be accumulated for larger or longer term projects. Interest income generated will be used for the purposes outlined in the Plan and will be subject to audits.
- 21. Project and Program Financing:** The Authority has the authority to bond for the purposes of expediting the delivery of transportation projects and programs. Authority will develop a policy to identify financing procedures for the entire plan of projects and programs.

- 22. Programming of Variations from the Expected Revenue:** Actual revenues may, at times be higher or lower than expected in this Plan due to changes in receipts. Additional funds may become available due to the increased opportunities for leveraging or project costs less than expected. Revenue may be lower than expected as the economy fluctuates. Determination of when the contingency funds become excess will be established by a policy defined by the Authority. Funds considered excess will be prioritized first to expenditure plan projects and programs, and second to other projects of regional significance that are consistent with the expenditure plan. The new project or program will be required to be amended into the expenditure plan.
- 23. Fund Allocations:** Through the course of the Measure, if any of the projects do not require all funds programmed for that project or have excess funding, or should a planned project become undeliverable, infeasible or unfundable due to circumstances unforeseen at the item the expenditure plan was created, funding for that project will be reallocated to another project or program. The subregion where the project or program is located may request that the Authority reassign funds to another project in the same subregion. In the allocation of the released funds, the Authority will in priority order consider: 1) a project or program of the same travel mode (i.e. transit, bicycle/pedestrian, or road) in the same subregion, 2) a project or program for other modes of travel in the same subregion, 3) other expenditure plan projects or programs, and 4) other projects or programs of regional significance. The new project or program or funding level may be required to be amended into the expenditure plan.
- 24. Leveraging Funds:** Leveraging or matching of outside funding sources is strongly encouraged. Any additional transportation sales tax revenues made available through their replacement by matching funds will be spent based on the principles outlined for fund allocations describe above.