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Measure X Community Advisory Board  
Contra Costa County Administrator's Office  
1025 Escobar Street, 4th Floor  
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Subject: Measure X Priority Funding for Transforming Accessible Transportation in  
Contra Costa County

Dear Chair Moore:

On July 28, 2021, Contra Costa County staff will make a presentation to the Measure X Community Advisory Board (MXCAB) requesting priority funds to begin implementation of the Contra Costa Accessible Transportation Strategic Plan (ATSP) recommendations, which was a result of eighteen months of community outreach, and collaborative multi-jurisdictional planning and program development. Accessible Transportation, in this context, refers to transportation services and programs for older adults, persons with disabilities and eligible veterans.

Accessible transportation services in Contra Costa – and across the state and nation – are often made up of a patchwork of providers that can be hard to navigate, lack coordination, and result in the needs of our most vulnerable community members not being met. With our population aging at a historic rate, it is imperative that we find new funding to jumpstart transformative changes to accessible transportation. The ATSP provides recommendations that, with implementation, will have an ongoing positive effect on the lives of older and disabled Contra Costa residents and their families and caregivers. These programs will go beyond the regulatory confines of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), beyond borders of existing transportation service areas, and include all clients from all programs being offered in Contra Costa County. The goal of the ATSP is to eliminate the accessible transportation service silos that have been created over the past decades and better connect our county.

The Contra Costa Transportation Authority (Authority), through the voter approved Measure J Transportation Sales Tax Expenditure Plan, funds accessible transportation programs at 6.15 percent of the total transportation sales tax (1/2 percent) over a twenty-five year measure that expires in 2034. This equates to roughly \$123 million (2004 dollars) over the life of the measure. However, these funds are not enough to meet the needs of this vulnerable, rapidly growing population. As the older population grows, more pressure will be put on the existing transportation system. New funding is needed to support implementation of the ATSP and

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transform the accessible transportation services in Contra Costa County into a coordinated, more efficient system that serves the needs of the individuals that rely on it for mobility.

The Authority respectfully requests your support for priority Measure X funding for transformative accessible transportation services. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Peter Engel, Director of Programs, via email at [pengel@ccta.net](mailto:pengel@ccta.net) or John Cunningham, Principal Planner, Contra Costa County Department of Conservation and Development, via email at [john.cunningham@dcd.cccounty.us](mailto:john.cunningham@dcd.cccounty.us).

Sincerely,

Teresa Gerringer  
Chair

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