

## Technical Advisory Committee ADDENDUM TO THE AGENDA

*April 24, 2008 - 1:30 P.M.*

Sonoma County Transportation Authority, SCTA Large Conference Room  
490 Mendocino Avenue, Suite 206, Santa Rosa, California 95401

### ADD ITEM

V.1 Measure M Reimbursements – **ACTION**

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## Staff Report

**To:** Sonoma County Transportation Authority – Technical Advisory  
Committee

**From:** Seana L. S. Gause, Program/Project Analyst

**Re:** Measure M reimbursements

**Date:** April 24, 2008

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### **Issue:**

Shall the Technical Advisory committee consider recommending a change in Policy regarding Measure M reimbursement?

### **Background:**

The Measure M Local Streets Projects Program (LSP) requires a 50% match of funds from sources other than Measure M to be contributed to deliver projects listed in the Expenditure Plan. Such a match was approved as part of the measure by the voters.

The county Transportation and Public Works Department (LSP project sponsor), has requested that Measure M funds be made available for 100% reimbursement of Project Development activities (Scoping, Environmental, Design and Right-of-Way), resulting in a higher than 50% match of construction reimbursements with measure funds.

TPW has indicated that they would reexamine their total project list and prioritize the projects that would provide the most value to the public.

### **Policy Impacts:**

This change in Policy would be amended into the 2007 Strategic Plan and applied to all Measure M project sponsors who request this ability.

Changing the priorities of the TPW projects listed in Measure M would require an amendment to the Strategic Plan programming of Local Street Projects.

### **Fiscal Impacts:**

This policy would allow project sponsors to advance project development making projects construction ready, which in turn, would allow grant funding to be used to deliver the project. The policy could create a significant draw down effect on the available Measure M funds in a given fiscal year which would reduce funds available to some project sponsors until future years.

### **Staff Recommendation:**

Staff recommends that the TAC consider a change to the Measure M policy to allow 100% reimbursement for project development and a proportional reduction in the reimbursement percentage for construction and directing staff to take the appropriate actions to affect the change in policy if approved.