



BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

MEETING DATE: JULY 16, 2024 **AGENDA ITEM #: 8**

TYPE: ACTION ITEM

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SUBJECT: UPDATED FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH SBCAG FOR SERVICE VIA HIGHWAY 101 HOV PROJECT TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN FUNDS

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Directors authorize an agreement with SBCAG to update and continue bus service with Traffic Management Plan funds for Phase 4 of the U.S. Highway 101 HOV Project.

DISCUSSION:

In March of 2020, the MTD Board of Directors authorized an agreement with SBCAG for the funding of new transit service in the corridor of the Highway 101 HOV Project using Phase 4 Traffic Management funds. Though the COVID-19 pandemic delayed the start of service, this agreement funded the creation and operation of Line 19x (Carpinteria/SBCC Express) which launched in August 2023.

This funding source is always a component of major freeway construction projects, designed to mitigate congestion impacts caused by construction activities. The 101 HOV Project is expected to continue through its final phase of construction into 2028.

The existing agreement with SBCAG is set to expire on August 18, 2024, which necessitates an updated agreement. SBCAG and MTD staff have proposed minor updates to the agreement and the new term is proposed to last 4 years with an option for a 2-year extension. This should cover the remainder of the construction project window.

Attachment: Funding Agreement between SBCAG and Santa Barbara MTD for Traffic Management Plan Bus Service for Phase 4 of the U.S. Highway 101 Project