

CITY OF SEBASTOPOL
CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM

Meeting Date: June 16, 2020
To: Honorable Mayor and City Council
From: City Administration
Councilmember Gurney (SCTA Representative)
Subject: GoSonoma Act Expenditure Plan of the Sonoma County Transportation Authority as required by Public Utilities Code section 180206(b). (Requestor: Suzanne Smith, Executive Director of SCTA/RCPA)
Recommendation : That the City Council approve by Minute Order the request to approve the Approve the GoSonoma Act Expenditure Plan of the Sonoma County Transportation Authority as required by Public Utilities Code section 180206(b)
Funding: Currently Budgeted: _____ Yes _____ No *XX_____ N/A
Net General Fund Cost: N/A
Amount: \$0

Account Code/Costs authorized in City Approved Budget (if applicable) AK (verified by Administrative Services Department)

*Per SCTA, if the measure is not successful, the SCTA will work with the cities and the county to develop a payment plan for a portion of the yet to be determined election cost, which would likely be approximately \$8,000 for Sebastopol

INTRODUCTION:

This item is to request the City Council approve the GoSonoma Act Expenditure Plan of the Sonoma County Transportation Authority as required by Public Utilities Code section 180206(b).

BACKGROUND:

SCTA's current Measure M ¼-cent transportation sales tax will expire in 2025. To maintain the County's current status as a self-help county and to deliver critical transportation projects, the SCTA is considering a sales tax ordinance and expenditure plan for the November 2020 ballot, collectively named the "GoSonoma Act." The tax imposed by the GoSonoma Act will be a 20-year ¼-cent sales tax that will not take effect until the tax imposed by Measure M terminates in 2025. The GoSonoma Act Expenditure Plan re-structures Measure M's program categories to address roadway, bus, bicycle, and pedestrian needs, and eliminates the Highway 101 and SMART programs.

DISCUSSION:

Public Utilities Code Section 180206(b) requires a majority of the cities representing a majority of the population in the incorporated area of the county and the Board of Supervisors to approve the draft expenditure plan prior to its final adoption by SCTA. The GoSonoma Act Expenditure Plan approved by the SCTA's Board of Directors on May 26, 2020 is attached with this Summary for your Council's approval. Due to the procedural requirements for measure approval and the August 6 deadline to place measures on the ballot, the GoSonoma Act must remain in this final form without changes.

Please find more information attached SCTA staff report from May 26, 2020 regarding GoSonoma and SCTA Ordinance No. 5 with GoSonoma Expenditure Plan.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comments have been received as of the writing of this staff report.

PUBLIC NOTICE:

This item was noticed in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act and was available for public viewing and review at least 72 hours prior to scheduled meeting date.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The SCTA is responsible for placing the measure on the ballot but is also reliant upon contributions from member jurisdictions to run the agency. If the GoSonoma measure is successful the election costs will be paid from the new measure. If it is not successful, the SCTA will work with the cities and the county to develop a payment plan for a portion of the yet to be determined election cost.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the GoSonoma Act Expenditure Plan of the Sonoma County Transportation Authority as required by Public Utilities Code section 180206(b).

Attachments:

1. SCTA staff report from May 26, 2020 regarding GoSonoma
2. SCTA Ordinance No. 5 with GoSonoma Expenditure Plan
3. SCTA Presentation