

2019 PROGRESS REPORT





LETTER FROM JIM HARTNETT, GENERAL MANAGER/CEO



The San Mateo County Transportation Authority is managed by the San Mateo County Transit District, and is responsible for administering the proceeds of Measures A and W to fund a broad spectrum of transportation-related projects and programs. The TA is advancing through a period of extraordinary change with the addition of Measure W funds that expand its ability to fund mobility and congestion relief measures

throughout San Mateo County. This 2019 Progress Report will walk you through some of the projects and programs managed by the TA, showing how it's working behind the scenes to improve our infrastructure to meet modern needs, redesign Highway 101 to move more people with fewer cars, and accomplish our mission of getting people where they need to go. This report captures the hard work and dedication of everyone who works at the District. I am proud of both that commitment and the results that come from it. Because as Andy Warhol said, the work that needs to be done will not do itself; rather, it falls to us to get it done, and to lay the foundation of a better future.

This report looks at the Transportation Authority's efforts to get a transit friendly express lane on Highway 101. Additionally, it covers the Strategic Plan that will help guide how the agency makes investments and make it easier to walk, bike, drive and take transit throughout San Mateo County and beyond. This is a record of achievement that we should all be proud of and it would not be possible without the vision and guidance of our Board of Directors. I look forward to building upon these successes with you in 2020.

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"They always say time changes things, but you actually have to change them yourself."

-Andy Warhol

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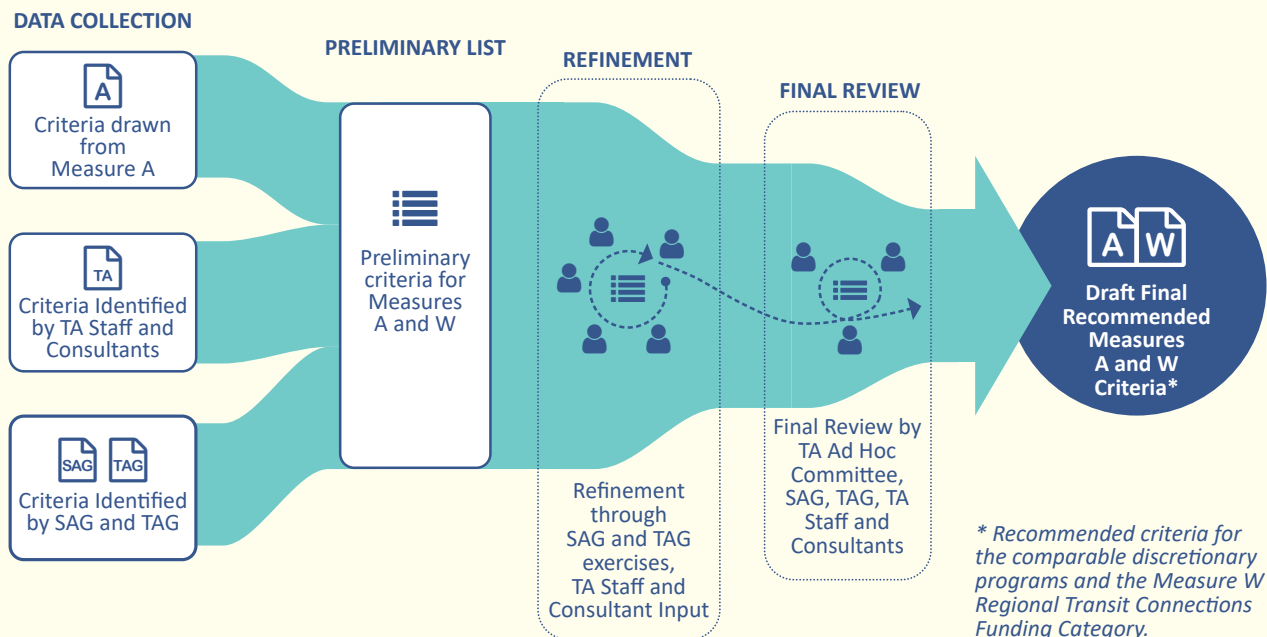
San Mateo County Transportation Authority Strategic Plan

The San Mateo County Transportation Authority (TA) recently adopted its Strategic Plan for 2020-2024. The Strategic Plan, which the agency is required to develop every five years, provides a framework and guidelines on how to administer funds collected through Measure A and now Measure W to fund transportation and traffic improvement projects in San Mateo County. The TA is estimated to collect \$135 million annually in Measure A and Measure W funds.

The Strategic Plan lays out how the TA will administer and allocate Measure A and W funds under one combined plan. The Strategic Plan provides details on the project selection process, sponsorship eligibility, matching fund requirements, detailed evaluation criteria, and more. The Strategic Plan reflects both the 11 Core Principles contained in Measure W, as well as the Measure A Vision and Goals.

Significant input went into the development of the Strategic Plan. The TA met regularly with its Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG), made up of representatives from non-profits, large employers and business groups, and transit and constituent advocacy groups, as well as its Technical Advisory Group (TAG) made up of staff from cities and public agencies throughout San Mateo County. The TA conducted extensive public outreach around the Peninsula, ranging from Half Moon Bay to Menlo Park, as well as significant online outreach, including an online survey with over 2,500 responses. The TA Board of Directors Ad Hoc Committee, the TA Citizens Advisory Committee, executive staff and consultants also provided input into the plan development process.

The recommended draft criteria for evaluating projects for Measures A and W funding applications were developed and refined through an iterative process with a Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG), a Technical Advisory Group (TAG), input from Transportation Authority (TA) Board Ad Hoc members, consultants, and TA staff.



San Mateo 101 Express Lanes Project

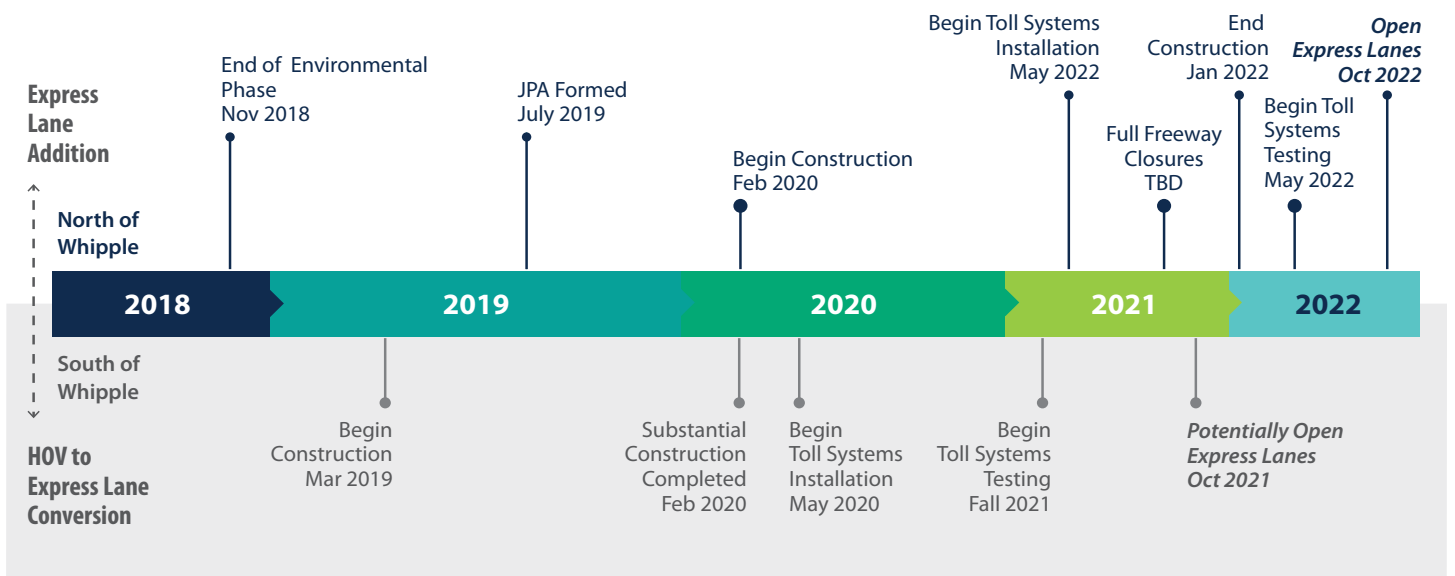
In March 2019, the TA and its project partners broke ground on the San Mateo 101 Express Lanes Project, setting the stage for a more efficient and transit-friendly U.S. 101 Corridor.

This project will create 22 miles of uninterrupted Express Lanes from the I-380 in San Bruno to the San Mateo - Santa Clara County line. For the southern section of the project, Caltrans is converting an existing HOV lane from the Santa Clara County border to Whipple Avenue in Redwood City. For the northern section from Whipple Avenue to I-380, Caltrans will build a new express lane from Whipple to I-380 while leaving the existing general-purpose lanes in place. The express lanes are slated to open in late 2022.

In June 2019, the TA and the City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County (C/CAG) formed the San Mateo County Express Lanes Joint Powers Authority (SMCEL-JPA) to oversee the ownership and management of the express lanes once construction is complete. The SMCEL-JPA consists of three members from the TA Board, as well as three Board members from C/CAG.



As part of the environmental review process, Caltrans found that the construction of express lanes along the San Mateo U.S.101 Corridor is the most effective way in reducing congestion and improving travel time reliability. Express Lanes allow for buses and three-plus carpools to travel in them free of charge, encouraging passengers to utilize more sustainable forms of transportation and enabling SamTrans' Express Buses to get to their destinations faster.



In addition, the express lanes will provide the SMCEL-JPA with a revenue stream by allowing solo drivers to pay a fee to use the excess capacity in the lanes. Two-plus carpools as well as eligible clean air vehicles may also travel in the express lanes at a discounted toll. Whenever speed within the express lanes drops below 45 miles per hour, then only transit vehicles and three-plus carpools may continue to use the express lanes.

The San Mateo 101 Express Lanes will connect with VTA's Express Lane, so travelers can travel between the two counties seamlessly from I-380 down to southern Sunnyvale. The San Mateo County project is funded with a mixture of state, federal, bridge tolls, and TA Measure A funds, as well as private sector contributions.

The TA and its project partners, including Caltrans, are also looking at possibly extending the express lanes north of I-380, and connecting to San Francisco County. The environmental review process for this project segment will begin in early 2020. To learn more, visit www.101express.com.

Willow Road

The TA completed the US 101-Willow Road Interchange Project in September 2019. The reconfigured interchange improves the traffic conditions on US 101 and Willow Road by eliminating traffic weaves. The new interchange has eight lanes of traffic, widened ramps, new sidewalks and dedicated on-street and off-street bicycle lanes on the overcrossing.



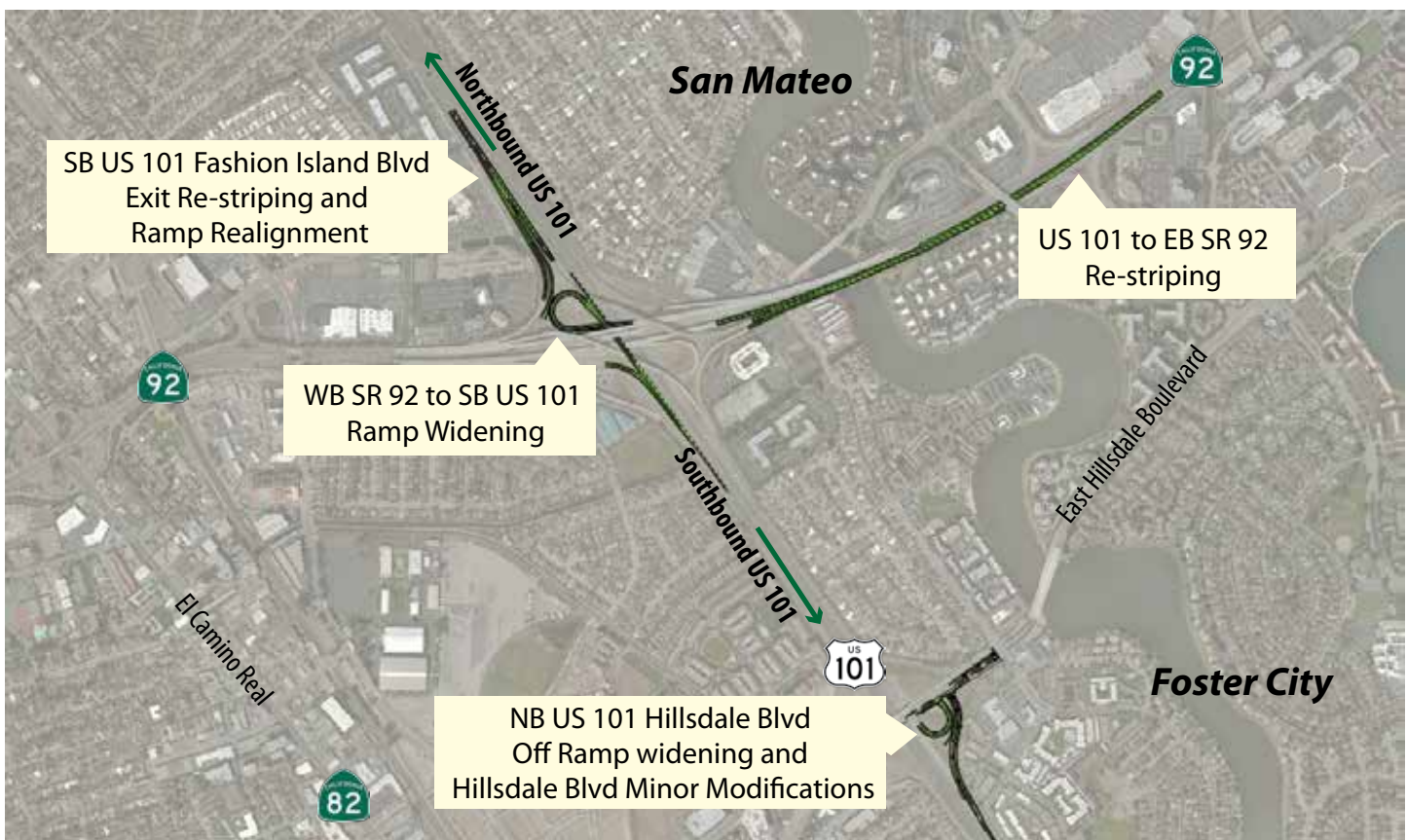
Financial contribution to Caltrain and SamTrans

The TA allocated close to \$19 million in Measure A funds to support Caltrain's operating and capital funding needs, and SamTrans' Rediwheels paratransit program in Fiscal Year 2020. The financial contributions are consistent with the voters' intent for Measure A, to support transit operations and accessible services in San Mateo County.

92/101 Interchange

The TA, in collaboration with the cities of Foster City and San Mateo, funded and led the process to analyze both short-term and longer-term improvement alternatives for the 92/101 interchange area. Traffic congestion in and around this project area has grown over the years, and due to the complexity of the location of the project, the project team is working closely with the neighboring cities and Caltrans to determine the best alternatives.

Project Study Reports for these short-term and longer-term improvement alternatives have been completed in the last year, and the project team will now be advancing the project to the next phase of environmental review.



Proposed improvements to the 92/101 Interchange will improve traffic flow and prevent spillover onto local streets.

OUR COMMITMENT

In 2018, the voters of San Mateo County put their trust in us to deliver solutions for the problems and challenges of congestion and mobility. We are already seeing those solutions, as our bus ridership is growing for the first time in years and new construction projects are modernizing & improving our transportation infrastructure.

But our work is not done. As this region continues to grow and evolve, so will its transportation needs, and rather than sit back and watch as change happens to us, we will be an active part of it in order to make transportation easier and more accessible to everyone.

San Mateo County is one of the most dynamic communities in the country with multi-faceted ever-evolving needs. As we anticipate these needs and plan for our future, we always keep the people and communities we serve central in our minds. While we are proud of what we have accomplished, we will not rest on our laurels, but instead continue to explore better ways of serving the people we work for.





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