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TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY SEEKS COMMENTS ON DRAFT PLAN

The San Mateo County Transportation Authority is looking for input on the agency's strategic plan, which will guide the evaluation and prioritization of projects that apply for Measure A funding. A draft of the plan, which will be updated at least every five years, is posted on the TA's Web site: TA Draft Strategic Plan.

The plan was developed after a series of community meetings held throughout the county and includes input from key stakeholders.

To provide county residents with a balanced transportation road map, the TA focuses on six key programs: transit; highways; local streets/transportation; railroad grade separations; pedestrians and bicycles; and alternative congestion relief programs.

The TA is an independent agency formed to administer the proceeds of a countywide half-cent sales tax to fund transportation improvements. The original Measure A, which established the program, was approved by voters in June 1988. In 2004, county voters reauthorized the sales tax and its publicly developed expenditure plan for an additional 25 years, beginning Jan. 1, 2009.

Comments on the draft plan will be accepted until 5 p.m., Monday, Nov. 3. Comments may be submitted in the following ways:

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By e-mail: tastrategicplan@smcta.com
By U.S. mail: San Mateo County Transportation Authority
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The final plan will be presented to the TA board for approval on Thursday, Dec. 4.