TO: Co-Chairs Alan Jones and Robin St. John and members of the Tam Valley Vision Group  
DATE: June 7, 2012  
Re: **TAM VALLEY/SHORELINE HIGHWAY UPDATE on Work with Caltrans for Improvements**

Here’s the update for the Tam Valley/Shoreline Highway area and our work with Caltrans.

First off, we (Supervisor Kate Sears and I) have not let up, neither has the Transportation Authority of Marin. We are united in our efforts.

TAM’s role on Shoreline is as a partner to Caltrans who owns the facility; the County of Marin, who monitors this unincorporated area with its adjoining County maintained roads, and is active in many of the nearby improvements (like our Tennessee Valley Multiuse Pathway); and Marin Transit, whose facilities we need to protect and/or improve. TAM is aware of and working diligently to address the concerns that have been raised in the most expeditious and cost-effective manner.

Caltrans independently has a study underway to explore ADA accessibility issues, which addresses all pedestrians through the area. Their study is from the Coyote Creek Bridge along Shoreline, past the Arco Station to Flamingo, all on the west side of Shoreline/Highway 1.

Supervisor Sears and TAM can definitely ask Caltrans to share information about that project with the community. The project is in an early planning phase, with a project scope that addresses pedestrians only.

Per TAM’s discussions with Supervisor Sears and our Tam Valley community group in February, it has been TAM’s intent for some time to combine the Caltrans intended pedestrian improvements with feasible bike and transit stop improvements. TAM is still pursuing coordination and has made no final decision on what improvements are warranted or can be built. TAM needs to find the right kind of funds to enable that planning to occur.

As you know, the planning grant brought forward previously would not have accomplished this.

**Specific Updates:**

1. **Update on expansion of Caltrans ADA access study** - Caltrans study limits have been expanded regarding Caltrans’ assessment of ADA on Shoreline (Hwy 1) from Gibson/Flamingo to the Coyote Creek Bridge – **NOTE:** the west side of Shoreline only.
2. **NOTE**: Caltrans has **not included** the Almonte/Shoreline Highway (the side along the Rug House) sidewalk and/or discontinuous bike lane request to Flamingo Rd. TAM work will include that side of the street and would also want to include bus stop improvements.

3. **Update on activity** - Caltrans and TAM are still in discussion about supplemental planning to include bike needs into the ADA assessment. TAM is still negotiating with Caltrans.

4. **Update on TAM funding of this expansion** - Funding for Caltrans to do this planning could come from the federal gas funds TAM receives from MTC under the One Bay Area Grant, OBAG. MTC only just approved the OBAG funding for each County and the guidelines for using these funds on May 17th. TAM still needs to do a lot of work before they assign the funds and they are available. The TAM Board will be considering this funding in June through September. It has not come before the TAM Board yet.

5. **Update on Pine Hill & Shoreline** - TAM’s Safe Routes to School team will evaluate the site further, with ultimate results being forwarded to Caltrans as a request. Safe Routes to School had previously requested and Caltrans installed a crosswalk at the intersection, currently in place.

TAM reports it is making progress. They must find the first level of planning funds, consider a design, seek community input, get authorizations from Caltrans ideally combining all our site needs into their ADA project, and include scope of mitigation for any impacts such as environmental and right of way. Eventually TAM may need to find funds to build our part of the improvements (bike and transit)

We have a long way to go, but we’re working on it. Thanks for your help in getting the word out to the Tam Valley Vision Group. Also, we appreciate offer to gather letters of support and other kinds of show of interest.

We intend to keep moving forward to seek all possible improvements for safer bike, pedestrian and transit user access here.

Feel free to gather questions and other input at the meeting for us.

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