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AGENDA ITEM # **13**

## **RE-CONFIRM DEFINITIONS OF ELIGIBLE MEASURE A EXPENDITURES**

**Action Requested:** Approval

**Key Staff:** Brian Williams, Executive Director

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### **Recommendation**

Re-confirm the definitions used to determine eligible expenditures within each of the project and program categories of the Measure A Expenditure Plan.

### **Discussion**

The 30-year term of the **New** Measure A transportation sales tax program commenced on April 1, 2009. In anticipation, the STA Board adopted a variety of financial and performance measures to promote effective and prudent program management. One of the performance measures calls for the Board to define the activities eligible for reimbursement within each of the Measure A expenditure plan categories.

The Board adopted the attached "Definitions of Eligible Expenditures" document in March 2007. It provides descriptive definitions for each of the project and program categories in the Measure A expenditure plan. The definitions were drafted to promote a clear understanding among the STA, implementing public agencies, and the general public as to the types of expenditures permitted under each of the project and program categories. The document was reviewed by senior management and legal counsel at each of the affected local entities. It was also reviewed by STA legal counsel. The objective was to draft definitions that are sufficiently broad to provide local entities some flexibility in delivering Measure A projects and services, while respecting the Board's intent when it approved the **New** Measure A Ordinance and that of the voting public when it subsequently authorized its implementation.

The applicable Measure A performance measure requires that your Board review the definitions document every 5 years "to ensure continued applicability to current circumstances." To date, your Board has conducted a couple of discussions regarding eligible activities within the *Safety, Streetscaping, Pedestrian, and Bicycle Facilities* expenditure category, particularly the *American River Parkway* component. In general, however, the effected transportation agency managers indicate that the current definitions provide sufficient management flexibility to deliver the projects and services as set forth in the Measure A expenditure plan and Ordinance. Staff recommends that your Board re-confirm the Measure A "Definitions of Eligible Expenditures."

Please note that while the Measure A performance standards require that your Board review the expenditure definitions every five years, the Board is not precluded from reviewing them at any time deemed necessary.

*Attachment*