



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
County Manager



Date: March 3, 2016
Board Meeting Date: March 8, 2016
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: John L. Maltbie, County Manager

Subject: County Manager's Report #5

RECOMMENDATION:

Accept this informational report.

BACKGROUND:

This report will provide you with updates on a variety of County initiatives focusing on Public Safety, Health and Human Services, Community Services and Performance, in addition to reports on legislation and issues that require your action. We also will keep you and the public informed about new services, upcoming events and general updates.

DISCUSSION:

Public Safety

Daly City to study County's offer for dispatch services

The Daly City Council voted 4-1 to consider at a future study session the County's five-year proposal to provide police 911 dispatch services. The Council majority wants to analyze the proposal when a more financially detailed agreement is in hand to consider. Daly City is looking at the option of contracting out these services to reduce ongoing cost, enhance service levels and benefit from future technology purchases that may be cost prohibitive over the five-year period. Contracting with the County for police dispatch services will also enhance the emergency medical call process by having all calls originate at the County center rather than being transferred from Daly City.

The County of San Mateo Public Safety Communications (PSC) already dispatches emergency medical and fire services in Daly City and provides police 911 dispatch in the cities of East Palo Alto, Half Moon Bay, Woodside, Portola Valley, San Carlos, Millbrae and Broadmoor Village. PSC also dispatches for the Sheriff's Office, serving the unincorporated areas of the County, the Transit Police and the countywide Gang Task Force.

Coastside bluff stabilization work finished

Public Works continue to address the erosion issues in Pacifica that led to emergency boulder placement last month. Bluff stabilization work is complete and DPW is consulting with engineering firms and contractors regarding stabilization of Mirada Road. The appropriate solution is a "soil nailing wall" in which holes are drilled into the slope and nails or steel bars inserted then covered in concrete. DPW prepared conceptual drawings and are actively discussing with both the Coastal Commission and the Army Corps of Engineers whether that stabilization work can be permitted as emergency repairs. If the necessary approvals occur, DPW hopes to be making the improvements in April.

Health and Human Services

Unincorporated County, cities improve tobacco score

Unincorporated San Mateo County and several of its cities improved their tobacco control policies this year, according to the American Lung Association. The unincorporated County jumped from a C grade in 2014 to a B in 2015, thanks to the Tobacco Education Coalition's efforts to ban smoking in apartments, condos and townhomes and expand the definition of tobacco to include e-cigarettes. The coalition, which is supported by the Health System, also helped Daly City earn an A grade by removing tobacco products from pharmacies and banning smoking on sidewalks near public spaces. Both of these policies also apply to e-cigarettes. The coalition also saw successes in Burlingame and Brisbane.

Community Services

County may pilot employee commuter bus program

The County of San Mateo is considering an employee commuter bus pilot program to help its staff travel to and from work without the challenges of traffic and parking. Employees are currently being surveyed to evaluate the need and desire along with preferred times and locations. Currently, County Center in Redwood City and the Health System campus on 37th Avenue in San Mateo are being looked at as possible destinations with origination in Daly City, South San Francisco, Redwood City, Hayward or possibly a South Bay site. A request for proposal was released Feb. 3 with the goal of establishing the pilot by July 2016.

Upcoming

Outdoor advertising program being considered

In coming months, Real Property will bring to the Board a proposal initiating an Outdoor Advertising Program. The proposed agreement between the County and Allvision/Outfront Media will provide a minimum of \$7.875 million in non-tax revenue per billboard over the next 30 years. The first step in the process is an assessment by Allvision/Outfront Media of County-owned land along the Highway 101 and Interstate 280 corridors to determine the most profitable locations for billboards.

Housing committee to finalize \$4.9M in federal grant funding recommendations

The Housing & Community Development Committee will hold a public hearing March 16 to finalize funding recommendations for \$4.9 million in available federal Community

Development Block Grants, the HOME investment Partnership Program and the Emergency Solutions Grant. The Board will consider the final list at its meeting in late April or May.

The San Mateo County Department of Housing received 44 proposals totaling more than \$13 million. The total dropped to \$10.5 million when the HIP Housing purchase of the Cypress apartment building in San Mateo was funded from other sources. The proposals include development of new affordable units, rehabilitation of existing homes and aid to public facilities such as a nonprofit that wants a new roof for its building and a city that aims to remodel a child development center. Two projects focus on micro-enterprise and economic development — an incubator for small companies and training for child care centers. Other requests include funding for emergency shelter, core services for the homeless and a home ownership project by Habitat for Humanity.