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ARTICLE I

TITLE AND AUTHORITY

101.1 Title and Authority. This ordinance is enacted pursuant to the provisions of California Public Utilities Code Section 180105(b) and may be referred to as the "Transportation Authority of Marin Administrative Code". This ordinance prescribes the powers and duties of the Authority Chair and Vice Chair, the method of appointing Authority employees, and methods, procedures and systems of operation and management of the Authority.

ARTICLE II
DEFINITIONS

102.1 Definitions.

(a) For purposes hereof, the following words shall have the following meanings:

(1) "Act" means the Local Transportation Authority and Improvement Act, California Public Utilities Code Sections 180000 et seq., added Statutes 1987, Chapter 786, as amended from time to time.

(2) "Administrative Expenses" means the expenses of administration of the Authority including salary and benefits of staff, consultants' fees, legal fees, accounting fees, and expenses of planners, engineers, financial consultants, and others not chargeable directly to a Program and pertaining to the administration of the Authority.

(3) "Annual Budget" means the budget for the Authority as required by Section 180105 of the Act.

(4) "Authority" means the Transportation Authority of Marin.

(5) "Board" means the governing body of the Authority. The Board is the legislative body of the Authority as defined under provisions of Section 54952 of the Brown Act.

(6) "Board of Supervisors" means the Board of Supervisors of the County.

(7) "Bonds" mean indebtedness and securities of any kind or class, including but not limited to bonds, refunding bonds, or revenue anticipation notes.

(8) "Brown Act" means the Ralph M. Brown Act, Government Code Sections 54950 et seq., as it may be amended from time to time.

(9) "Caltrans" means the California Department of Transportation.

(10) "Chair" means the person designated to preside at meetings of the Authority pursuant to Section 104.1(a) of this Code.

(11) "City" means any incorporated city or town within the County.

(12) "Code" means the Transportation Authority of Marin Administrative Code.

(13) "Commissioner" means a person serving as a Commissioner of the Board or their alternate.

(14) "Congestion Management Agency" means the County's Congestion Management Program Agency designated pursuant to Government Code Section 65089(a).

(15) "Congestion Management Program" means the program developed and administered by the Congestion Management Agency in accordance with the provision of Government Code Section 65089.

(16) "County" means the County of Marin.

(17) "Elected Official" means a duly elected and serving official of the legislative body, as defined in Government Code Section 34000, of any City and any duly elected and serving Commissioner of the Board of Supervisors.

(18) "Executive Director" means the employee selected to manage the day-to-day activities of the Authority.

(19) "Ex Officio Member" means a person that has the right to attend and participate in Board discussions but shall not have the right to vote on any Board matter, as provided in Section 104.6.

(20) "Expenditure Plan" means a Marin County Transportation Sales Tax Expenditure Plan adopted by the Board pursuant to Section 180206 of the Act and submitted to and adopted by the voters.

(21) "Fiscal Year" means July 1 to and including the following June 30.

(22) "General Counsel" means the attorney(s) acting as general counsel to the Authority.

(23) "Holiday" means any day observed by the Authority as a holiday, other than a Saturday or Sunday.

(24) "Local Jurisdiction" means any local agency as defined in Government Code Section 15501, the boundaries of which are entirely within the County and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission.

(25) "Metropolitan Transportation Commission" means the regional transportation planning agency authorized by Government Code Sections 66500 et seq.

(26) "Official Acts" means all substantive actions taken by the Board, excluding matters that are procedural in nature.

(27) "Ordinance" means a Transportation Improvement Ordinance No. 2004-02 of the Authority submitted to and adopted by the voters on the November 2, 2004 Ballot.

(28) "Program" means a project and/or a program described in the Expenditure Plan.

(29) "Staff" means employees of the Authority or contracted employees of any public agency acting as employees of the Authority.

(30) "Working Day" means any day other than a Saturday, Sunday, or Holiday observed by the Authority.

ARTICLE III

POWERS, AUTHORITY, AND DUTIES OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

103.1 Powers. The Board shall exercise all of the powers and authority of the Authority in furtherance of the purposes of the Authority as defined in the Ordinance and the Act. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Board shall have the power to do any of the following on behalf of the Authority:

- (a) To administer the Expenditure Plan, to provide for the design, financing, constructing, and implementation of the Programs, and to determine the use of sales tax revenues in conformance with the parameters established in the Expenditure Plan;
- (b) To prepare, adopt, implement, and administer the Countywide Transportation Plan as the designated Congestion Management Agency for the County;
- (c) To make and enter into contracts;
- (d) To contract for the services of auditors, appraisers, engineers, attorneys, planners, financial consultants, and such other persons as it deems necessary;
- (e) To appoint agents;
- (f) To lease, acquire, construct, manage, maintain, and operate any buildings, works, or improvements;
- (g) To acquire, hold, or dispose of property by any lawful means, including without limitation, gift, purchase, lease, lease purchase, or sale, expressly excluding the power of eminent domain;
- (h) To incur debts, liabilities, or obligations subject to limitations herein set forth, including without limitation the issuance of bonds;
- (i) To receive gifts, contributions, and donations of property, funds, services, and other forms of financial assistance from persons, firms, corporations, and any governmental entity, subject to applicable reporting and other limitations as set forth in Article VII;
- (j) To sue and be sued on behalf of the Authority;
- (k) To apply for and appropriate grant or grants under any federal, state, or local programs for assistance in developing any of its programs;
- (l) To adopt a seal and alter it;

(m) To elect a Chair and Vice Chair;

(n) To hire an independent staff of its own or contract with any public agency to manage and staff the day-to-day activities of the Authority. To the extent possible, the Authority shall rely on existing state, regional, and local transportation planning and programming data and expertise, rather than on a large duplicative staff;

(o) To exercise those powers authorized in Division 19 (commencing with Section 180000) of the Public Utilities Code; and

(p) To administer the Authority in furtherance of all the above.

103.2 Organization.

(a) The Board shall consist of the following:

(1) One Commissioner from each Marin City and Town Council appointed by their respective Councils (11 Commissioners total), each of whom is an Elected Official;

(2) Five Commissioners from the Board of Supervisors, each of whom is an Elected Official.

(b) Each Commissioner from a City or Town Council also shall have a designated alternate appointed by their respective Councils, each of whom is an Elected Official who shall attend meetings of the Board in the event that the Commissioner is unable to attend. It shall be the responsibility of the Commissioner to inform such Commissioner's designated alternate when such Commissioner is unable to attend a meeting of the Board. The name of each designated alternate shall be on file with the Board. An alternate Commissioner shall assume all rights and duties of the absent Commissioner, except will not serve as Chair or Vice-Chair.

(c) Each Commissioner shall be appointed for a term of four years; however, in order to provide for staggered terms for Commissioners, at the first meeting of the Authority the Commissioners shall be selected by lot to serve staggered terms, as follows: 8 Commissioners would be selected for 4-year terms and 8 Commissioners would be selected for initial 2-year terms. The initial selection shall involve separate drawings by Commissioners from the Board of Supervisors and by Commissioners from the City and Town Councils to determine three Commissioners from the Board of Supervisors and five Commissioners from the City and Town Councils that would serve the initial 4-year terms. The remaining Commissioners not selected in the drawing would serve initial 2-year terms.

All initial terms shall commence as of May 6, 2004 and, subject to earlier removal or termination as provided herein, shall expire on April 30, 2006, as to two-year terms and April 30, 2008, as to four-year terms. Thereafter, terms of office shall commence on January 1 and shall terminate on the fourth anniversary date of such commencement date. Except Commissioners appointed April 2018 whose terms shall terminate December 31, 2021 and Commissioners appointed April 2020 whose terms shall terminate December 31, 2023. Commissioners shall be appointed for their full terms, subject only to the requirement that they continue to be Elected Officials.

(d) If either the term of the Commissioner or alternate has expired but his or her respective Council or Board has not appointed a new TAM representative, the Commissioner or alternate will continue as the TAM representative until his or her Council or Board appoints a new TAM representative, provided that the incumbent is still an Elected Official. If for any reason a Commissioner is no longer an Elected Official, his or her position shall remain vacant until a successor is named and qualified.

103.3 Principal Office. The principal office of the Authority shall be at 900 Fifth Avenue, Suite 100, San Rafael, California, 94901. The Authority may change said principal office from one location to another within the County.

103.4 Meetings.

(a) The Board shall meet at the principal office of the Authority or at such other place as may be designated by motion of the Board.

(b) Matters to be placed on the agenda for any regular meeting may be filed with the Executive Director, or his or her designee, by any Commissioner no later than ten (10) Working Days prior to the date of the meeting. The notice of an agenda for each regular meeting of the Board and any Standing Board Committee shall be prepared by, or under the direction of, the Executive Director, who shall cause copies to be posted, mailed, and/or delivered to Commissioners, and posted on the Authority web site. Each agenda shall provide a public comment period during which members of the public shall be afforded an opportunity to address the Board on items of interest to the public (other than agenda items) that are within the Authority's jurisdiction.

(c) Regular meetings of the Board shall be held on such day and time of each month as shall be specified by motion of the Board, unless such day is a holiday, in which case the meeting shall be held on an alternate working day approved by the Board. To ensure maximum public participation, all regular Board meetings should be held during evenings on working days and Standing Board Committee meetings should be held during late afternoons or evenings on working days.

(d) Regular, adjourned, and special meetings of the Board, and any Standing Board Committee meeting at which it is anticipated that a majority of the Board will be present, shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Brown Act.

(e) Unless otherwise specified herein, Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the Conduct of Authority meetings and the Chair's decision on any procedural question shall be final. No person shall address the Board at any meeting until he or she has first been recognized by the Chair.

(f) During any public meetings of the Authority's Board or Committees, public comment shall be addressed to the Board or Committee, not to individual Board or Committee members, staff, or other member of the audience. The following actions are prohibited during public meetings: 1) obscene, vulgar or abusive language; 2) shouting or yelling; and/or 3) use of electronic devices, unless they are in silent mode.

The presiding officer shall order removed from the meeting room any person who commits the following acts in respect to a Board meeting: 1) disorderly, contemptuous or insolent behavior toward the Board, Committee, or staff or any member thereof, tending to interrupt the due and

orderly course of said meeting; 2) a breach of the peace, boisterous conduct or violent disturbance, tending to interrupt the due and orderly course of said meeting; 3) disobedience of any lawful order of the presiding officer, which shall include an order to be seated or to refrain from addressing the Board, Committee, or staff; and/or 4) any other interference with the due and orderly course of said meeting.

Any person removed from a meeting shall be excluded from further attendance at the meeting, unless permission to attend is granted upon motion adopted by a majority vote of the Board or Committee. Such exclusion shall be performed by any law enforcement officers or security officers upon being so directed by the presiding officer. Any law enforcement officers or security officers at the meeting, or whose services are commanded by the presiding officer, shall carry out all orders and instructions given by the presiding officer for the purpose of maintaining order and decorum at a public meeting.

In addition to performing the removal of any person who, in the opinion of the presiding officer, has violated the order and decorum of any meeting, the presiding officer may direct any law enforcement officer or officers to place such person under arrest for violation of Section 403 or Section 415 of the California Penal Code, or any other applicable law, and shall cause such person to be prosecuted. The complaint shall be signed by the presiding officer, the Executive Director, or the clerk of the meeting.

(g) At any regular meeting where there is less than a quorum of the Board, the Commissioners present may constitute themselves a "Committee of the Whole," for the purposes of discussing agenda matters or any other matter of interest to the Commissioners present. All items appearing on the agenda may be subject to action by the Committee of the Whole; however, a vote of the Committee of the Whole does not constitute final Board action. All Committee of the Whole actions must be ratified by a quorum of the Board.

103.5 Quorum and Voting Requirements for Action by the Board. A majority of the Commissioners shall constitute a quorum for the purposes of the transaction of business relating to the Authority, and, except as otherwise provided herein, all Official Acts of the Authority shall require the affirmative vote of a majority of the Commissioners of the Authority. In the event that a quorum is initially present at a duly held meeting, but a quorum is not present throughout the meeting, the Commissioners remaining may continue to discuss information on agenda items and receive public testimony but cannot take action.

103.6 Amendments to the Ordinance. An amendment, which proposes to affect the rate or period of the retail transactions and use tax imposed by this Ordinance, submitted to, and adopted by the voters of Marin, shall be effective only as follows:

(a) Adoption of the proposed amendment shall require the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Commissioners following a noticed public hearing and a 45-day public comment period.

(b) The proposed amendment adopted by the Board shall require the approval of the Board of Supervisors and the majority of the City and Town Councils representing a majority of the population in the incorporated areas of the County.

(c) If the Board of Supervisors and the majority of the City and Town Councils representing a majority of the population in the incorporated areas of the County approve the proposed amendment, then the Authority shall request the Board of Supervisors

to call for a special election and submit the matter to the Marin electorate, which shall require a two-thirds vote of the electorate to enact the amendment.

103.7 Amendments to the Measure A and Measure AA Expenditure Plans. The Board may annually review and propose amendments to the Measure A and Measure AA Expenditure Plans to provide for the use of additional Federal, State, and local funds; to account for unexpected revenues; or to take into consideration unforeseen circumstances. The Measure A and Measure AA Expenditure Plans may be amended as follows:

(a) Adoption of the proposed amendment shall require the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Commissioners following a noticed public hearing and a 45-day public comment period.

(b) The proposed amendment adopted by the Board shall require the approval of the Board of Supervisors and the majority of the City and Town Councils representing a majority of the population in the incorporated areas of the County before it shall become effective.

103.8 Minutes. The designee of the Executive Director shall cause to be kept minutes of regular, adjourned regular and special meetings of the Board and any Standing Board Committee, and shall cause a copy of the minutes to be forwarded to each Commissioner for approval by the Board or Standing Board Committee, where appropriate. All minutes shall be archived in the Principal Office of the Authority and shall be posted on the Authority website.

103.9 Ethics Training. Each Commissioner, except a Commissioner whose term of office ends before January 1, 2007, shall receive training in ethics pursuant to Section 53234 of the Government Code et seq. and every two years thereafter. The Authority shall maintain records for each Commissioner indicating date of training and entity that provided the training for at least five years from the date of receiving training. These records are public records subject to disclosure under the California Public Records Act.

ARTICLE IV
ADMINISTRATION

104.1 In General.

(a) Selection of Chair and Vice Chair. The Board at its first meeting and annually thereafter at its regular January meeting, and at such other time as there may be a vacancy, shall elect a Chair who shall preside at all meetings and a Vice Chair who shall preside in his or her absence. At no time should two Commissioners from the Board of Supervisors or two Commissioners from City or Town Councils hold both the Chair and Vice Chair positions.

(b) Removal of Chair and Vice Chair. The Chair and/or Vice Chair may be removed by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Commissioners.

(c) Duties of Chair and Vice Chair.

(1) Duties of Chair. The Chair shall, if present, preside at all meetings of the Board and shall exercise and perform such other powers and duties as may from time to time be assigned to him by the Board or prescribed herein.

(2) Duties of the Vice Chair. The Vice Chair shall perform the duties of the Chair in his or her absence and, when so acting, shall have all the powers of, and be subject to, all the restrictions upon the Chair, and shall exercise and perform such other powers and duties as may from time to time have assigned him or her by the Board.

(d) Duties of Executive Director. The powers and duties of the Executive Director are:

(1) To have full charge of the administration of the day-to-day business affairs of the Authority;

(2) Subject to any limitation and to the terms and conditions set forth in Article V, to act as the purchasing agent for the Authority with powers to be exercised in the manner governing the exercise of the powers of the purchasing agent of the Authority;

(3) To keep the Board advised as to the needs and the status of operations of the Authority;

(4) To see that all rules, regulations, ordinances, policies, procedures, and resolutions of the Authority are enforced;

(5) To execute and deliver contracts and agreements on behalf of the Authority following such approvals as may be required hereunder and to administer Authority contracts in accordance with and subject to the limitations set forth in Article V;

(6) To authorize, approve and make expenditures in accordance with and subject to the limitations set forth in Article VI;

(7) To cause to be prepared and distributed the agenda for all Board meetings;

(8) To undertake such other duties, powers, and responsibilities as may from time to time be assigned to him/her by the Board;

(9) To accept and consent to deeds or grants conveying any interest in or easement upon real estate to the Authority pursuant to Government Code Section 27281 and to prepare and execute certificates of acceptances therefore from time to time as the Executive Director determines to be in furtherance of the purposes of the Authority. Such authority shall be limited to actions of a ministerial nature necessary to carry out conveyances authorized by the Board; and

(10) To serve as the Clerk/Secretary or designate a member of staff as the Clerk/Secretary.

104.2 Standing Board Committees. The Board may, as it deems appropriate, appoint Standing Board Committees consisting of three or more Commissioners, to accomplish the purposes set forth herein.

(a) Organization of Standing Board Committees. To the extent possible, Standing Board Committee assignments shall reflect geographical balance. Each such Standing Board Committee shall by majority vote elect a chair at its first meeting who shall serve at the pleasure of the Standing Board Committee. Except with respect to the Executive Committee, the Standing Board Committees shall establish a schedule of monthly regular meetings; special meetings of Standing Board Committees may be scheduled by the Executive Director or by the Committee Chair as needed.

(b) Standing Board Committees of the Authority. The following Standing Board Committees are hereby created:

(1) Administration/Projects/Planning and Funding/Programs/Legislation Executive Committees. The Administration, Projects & Planning and Funding, Programs & Legislation Executive Committees shall consist of five Commissioners each. The combined membership shall represent a geographic balance, including at least one representative each from the five planning areas of the County: Northern Marin, Central Marin, Ross Valley, Southern Marin, and West Marin. Membership to each Committee shall be as recommended by the TAM Board Chair and approved by a majority of the full TAM Board. The TAM Board Chair shall serve as chair over one committee and the TAM Board Vice-Chair shall serve as chair over the other. Each committee shall nominate a Vice-Chair of the Committee. The purpose of each Committee is to advise the Board and plan Board activities. A quorum of each Committee shall consist of three Commissioners. In the event that a quorum of the Committee members cannot be obtained, any TAM Commissioner present can serve as an alternate member on either Committee for the purpose of obtaining a quorum. Alternate members of Committees may be appointed by the remaining Commissioners to attend a Committee meeting in the absence of the principal appointees to the Committee. To the fullest extent possible, appointments of alternates shall be made so as to maintain geographical balance on such Committee. Any TAM members appointed to serve on a Committee for the purpose of obtaining a quorum are only temporary Committee members for one meeting and do not constitute as regular Committee members for future meetings.

(2) Other Committees. The Board may establish such other Standing or other Board Committees, as deemed necessary or advisable from time to time. The Chair, with the concurrence of the Board, may establish such other special, ad hoc, or other Board Committees, as he or she deems necessary or advisable from time to time.

104.3 Advisory Committees.

(a) Organization of Advisory Committees. Each such Advisory Committee shall by majority vote elect a chair at its first meeting who shall serve at the pleasure of the Advisory Committee. Advisory Committees shall establish meetings as needed; special meetings of Advisory Committees may be scheduled by the Executive Director or by the Committee Chair as needed.

(b) Community Oversight Committee (also known as the Citizens' Oversight Committee). The Board will create a Community Oversight Committee (COC) with the assistance of the League of Women Voters. The COC will report directly to the public and is charged with reviewing all Measure A, Measure AA, and Measure B expenditures of the Authority on an annual basis to inform Marin County residents how funds are being spent. COC members will be private community members who are neither elected officials of any government nor current public employees from any agency that either oversees or benefits from the proceeds of the transportation sales tax. Membership will be restricted to individuals who live in the County. Each committee member also shall have a designated alternate appointed, subject to eligibility provisions contained in Section 104.3, who shall attend committee meetings in the event that the appointed committee member is unable to attend. Members of the COC shall consist of:

(1) One member each from the five planning areas in the County (Northern Marin, Central Marin, Ross Valley, Southern Marin, and West Marin) nominated by Commissioners representing the respective planning areas.

(2) One member from, and nominated by, a taxpayer group.

(3) One member from, and nominated by, environmental organizations of Marin County.

(4) One member from, and nominated by, major Marin employers.

(5) One member from, and nominated by, the Marin County Paratransit Coordinating Council, representing seniors and persons with disabilities.

(6) One member from, and nominated by, the League of Women Voters.

(7) One member from, and nominated by, an advocacy group representing bicyclists and pedestrians.

(8) One member from, and nominated by, a school district, including parents.

104.4 Bonding Requirement. The persons who have charge of, handle, or have access to any property of the Authority shall be so designated and empowered by the Board. Each such person may be required to file an official bond with the Board in an amount that shall be established by the Board. The premiums on any such bonds attributable to the coverage required herein shall be expenses of the Authority.

104.5 Compensation. In accordance with Section 180109 of the Act, no more than one percent of the funds generated pursuant to the retail transactions and use tax authorized by the Ordinance shall be spent on administrative staff salary and benefits. Commissioners shall not be compensated for attending meetings. Commissioners shall be compensated only for necessary travel and personal expenses incurred in the performance of such Commissioner's duties as are authorized by the Board.

104.6 Ex Officio Members.

(a) The Board shall have the authority to establish by resolution, Ex Officio Members to the Authority, representing transportation and transit agencies and other entities interested or involved in transportation issues in the County. Ex Officio Members shall have the following powers:

(1) The right to attend regular sessions of the Board and to participate in the discussion of matters brought before the Board for consideration;

(2) The right to attend regular meetings of such other Board Committees and of such Standing Board Committees as the Board may determine, and to participate in the discussion of matters brought before such committees.

(b) Each Ex Officio Member shall be designated by the entity represented from among eligible candidates. Ex Officio Members shall hold office for a term of one year.

(c) Ex Officio Members shall not be Commissioners and shall have none of the rights or powers of such Commissioners except as expressly provided herein. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, such Ex Officio Members shall not:

(1) Have the right to vote with respect to any matter brought before the Board or any Standing Board Committee;

(2) Be counted for purposes of determining the number of persons attending any meeting for quorum or voting purposes;

(3) Be eligible for election or appointment as Chair or Vice Chair of the Authority;

(4) Be entitled to attend or to otherwise participate in closed sessions of the Board or any committee thereof.

(d) The Board shall have the authority to establish such other conditions and limitations with respect to Ex Officio Members, as it deems necessary or advisable.

104.7 Working Groups.

(a) Technical Advisory Working Group. The Executive Director may create a Technical Advisory Working Group. The purpose of the Technical Advisory Working Group is to provide input and technical reviews as requested by the Executive Director or designated staff. Members of the Technical Advisory Working Group shall consist of staff from partner agencies such as:

(1) Representatives from each Marin Jurisdiction, either from Planning or Public Works, including the County of Marin;

(2) One representative from each of the three transit operators in Marin County, including Marin County Transit District, Golden Gate Bridge Highway and Transportation District, and the Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit District;

(3) One member from each of the following organizations: Caltrans, Metropolitan Transportation Commission, County of Marin Health and Human Services, County of Marin Parks, and Marin County Office of Education;

b) Equity Working Group. The Executive Director may create an Equity Working Group. The purpose of the working group is to provide input and technical review as requested by the Executive Director. Members of the Working Group shall consist of members of community service organizations or staff of relevant agencies.

ARTICLE V

CONTRACTS

105.1 Contract Bids, Rejection of Bid, and Purchase in Open Market. Pursuant to Section 180154 and subject to Section 180153 of the Act, contracts for the purchase of services, supplies, equipment, and materials in excess of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder after competitive bidding, except in an emergency declared by the Authority. If, after rejecting bids received, the Authority determines and declares that, in its opinion, and it finds that the service, supplies, equipment or materials may be purchased at a lower price in the open market, the Authority may proceed to purchase these services, supplies, equipment or materials in the open market without further observance of provisions regarding contracts, bids or advertisements consistent with the contract procedures adopted by the Authority.

105.2 Personal Property Purchases. The Executive Director may elect to use the Purchasing Agent of the County to purchase personal property for the Authority or may elect for the Authority to purchase such items directly, with the Executive Director exercising the powers of Purchasing Agent.

105.3 Agreements with Other Public Agencies and Procedures for Award of Cooperative Agreements. The Board may make and perform any agreement to join with any other agency, district, authority, city or county, in the planning, designing, financing, acquisition, and construction of projects. The Authority may agree to provide services to or obtain services from such other agencies, districts, authorities, cities, towns, or counties upon the approval of a majority of the Commissioners of the Board, pursuant to a written agreement.

ARTICLE VI

BUDGETS, REPORTS, INVESTMENTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

106.1 Annual Budget, Notice, Hearing, and Adoption. Each year no later than the Authority's June meeting, the Board shall adopt by motion the Annual Budget(s) for the ensuing fiscal year. Approval of a majority of the Commissioners shall be required for adoption of the Annual Budget thereto. In accordance with Section 180108 of the Act, notice of the time and place of a public hearing on the adoption of the Annual Budget shall be published pursuant to Section 6061 of the California Government Code not later than the 15th day prior to the date of the hearing. A preliminary proposed annual budget shall be available for public inspection at least 30 days prior to adoption.

106.2 Program Budgets. In addition to the Annual Budget, the Board may, by motion, establish Program budgets at any time for the study, implementation, or construction of any Program or any portion thereof authorized as a Program pursuant to the Expenditure Plan and Ordinance. Each Program budget shall include all Program costs specifically defined, including but not limited to the following:

- (a) Estimated administrative expenses (in excess of those budgeted in the Annual Budget) allocated to the Program during planning and construction;
- (b) Estimated costs of studies and planning for the Program;
- (c) Estimated costs of right-of-way acquisition; and
- (d) Estimated costs of the engineering and construction or implementation of the Program.

106.3 Budget Amendment. In the event that total expenditure for the annual budget has to increase due to special circumstances, prior approval from the Board is required. The Executive Director shall submit a detailed request and justification to the Board. The request shall include supporting documentation and recommendations regarding the means for financing.

In the event that total expenditures within one or more category(ies) (Administration, Professional Services, etc.) are projected to be greater than the budgetary authority, a transfer of budgeted funds may be processed as long as sufficient savings can be identified for transfers to the category(ies) in need. The Executive Director shall be authorized to approve budget transfers among categories if the dollar amount is equal or less than 5% of the total budget authority of the category from which funds will be reduced. Any transfer among categories that is greater than 5% of the total budget authority of the category from which funds will be reduced must receive prior approval from the Board. The Executive Director shall be authorized to approve all budget transfers among line items within the same category. Any transfer related to Measure A, Measure AA, and Measure B funding shall be effectuated according to the Policy and Procedures specified in the Expenditure Plans and currently adopted Strategic Plans.

106.4 Purchases and Payment Procedures. Purchases and payment procedures shall be governed by Article V of this Administrative Code. A voucher system to be administered by the Authority for payment of Authority expenses shall also be established.

106.5 Books and Accounts. Full books and accounts shall be maintained by the Authority in accordance with practices established by, or consistent with, those utilized by the Controller of the State of California for like public entities.

106.6 Expenditures. The Board's approval of an Annual Budget shall be deemed approval of any expenditure made in accordance with the approved budget. All expenditures in excess of the designations and limitations of the approved Annual Budget shall be made only upon the approval of not less than a majority of the Commissioners.

106.7 Reimbursement of Expenses. Expenditures for travel, conference, staff development, and business-related activities and reimbursement of Commissioners and Authority employees for such expenditures shall be governed by applicable Authority policies.

106.8 Reports and Audits. The Executive Director or his or her designee shall cause to be prepared by an independent auditor, the annual audit report required by Section 180105 of the Act, and any other financial reports requested by the Board. The Board shall review and approve the audit and any other financial reports.

106.9 Investment of Funds. All funds of the Authority will be invested in the manner and upon the conditions set forth in Government Code Section 53601, and the receipt, transfer or disbursement of such funds during the term of the Agreement shall be accounted for in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles applicable to governmental entities. There shall be strict accountability of all funds, and all revenues and expenditures shall be reported at least quarterly to the Board.

ARTICLE VII

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

107.1 Adoption of Conflict of Interest Code. The Political Reform Act of 1974 (Government Code Sections 81000 et seq.) requires all public agencies to adopt and periodically review and update a Conflict of Interest Code. The Conflict of Interest Code contained herein is subject to periodic review and approval by the Board of Supervisors pursuant to Government Code Sections 82011 and 87306.5.

107.2 Designated Positions. The Authority shall adopt a Resolution specifying positions that are designated and deemed to make, or participate in the making of, decisions that may foreseeably have a material effect on a financial interest. The Resolution shall specify a disclosure category for each position.

107.3 Disclosure Statements.

(a) This Code does not establish any disclosure obligation for those designated positions, who are also specified in Government Code Section 87200, if they are designated in this Code in that same capacity, or if the geographical jurisdiction of this agency is the same as, or is wholly included within the jurisdiction in which those persons must report their financial interests pursuant to Article 2 of Chapter 7 of the Political Reform Act, Government Code Sections 87200 et seq. Such persons are covered by this Code for disqualification purposes only.

(b) Designated positions shall be assigned to one or more of the disclosure categories set forth in Section 107.7. With the exception of those designated positions who are exempt pursuant to subsection (a), each designated position shall file an annual statement disclosing that person's interest in investments, real property, business positions, and income, designated as reportable under the category to which the person's position is assigned.

107.4 Place and Time of Filing.

(a) All designated positions required to submit a statement of financial interests shall file the original with the Executive Director of the Transportation Authority of Marin.

(b) All designated positions on the effective date of this Code, as originally adopted, promulgated, and approved by the code reviewing body, shall file statements within thirty days after the effective date of this Code. Thereafter, each person already in a position when it is designated by an amendment to this Code shall file an initial statement within thirty days after the effective date of the amendment. Designated positions appointed, promoted, or transferred to designated positions shall file initial statements within 30 days after the date such appointment, promotion, or transfer becomes effective.

(c) Annual statements shall be filed during the month of April by all designated employees. Such statements shall cover the period of the preceding calendar year. Closing statements shall be filed within 30 days of leaving a designated position. Such statements shall cover the period from the closing date of the last statement filed to the date of leaving the position.

(d) A designated position required to file a statement of financial interest under any other agency's conflict of interest code, or under Article 2 of Chapter 7 of the Political Reform Act for a jurisdiction contained within the territorial jurisdiction of this agency may comply with the provisions of this Code by filing a duplicate copy of that statement and an expanded statement which covers reportable interests in that portion of this agency's jurisdiction which differs from the jurisdiction described in the other statement.

107.5 Contents of Disclosure Statements. Disclosure statements shall be made on forms supplied by the Marin County Elections Office and shall contain information pursuant to Government Code Sections 87200 et seq.

107.6 Disqualification. Designated positions must disqualify themselves from making or participating in the making of or using their official position to influence the making of any decisions in which they have a reportable financial interest, when it is reasonably foreseeable that such interest may be materially affected by the decision. No designated position shall be required to disqualify himself/herself with respect to any matter with respect to which such designated position's participation is legally required for the action or decision to be made. The fact that a designated position's vote is needed to break a tie does not make his or her participation legally required for purposes of this section.

107.7 Disclosure Categories. An investment, interest in real property, or income is reportable if the business entity in which the investment is held, the interest in real property, or the income or source of income may foreseeably be affected materially by any decision made or participated in by the designated position by virtue of the person's position.

(a) Designated Positions in Group "1" Must Report:

All investments, interests in real property and income, and any business entity in which the person is a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee, or holds any position of management. Financial interests are reportable only if located within Marin County or if the business entity is doing business or planning to do business in the County (and such plans are known by the designated position) or has done business within the County at any time during the two years prior to the filing of the statement.

(b) Designated Positions in Group "2" Must Report:

Investments in any business entity and income from any source and status as a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee, or holder of a position of management in any business entity, which, within the last two years, has contracted, or in the future foreseeably may contract with the Transportation Authority of Marin to provide services, supplies, materials, machinery, or equipment to the Authority.

107.8 Contracts Between TAM and Former Board Members. For a one-year period after separation, a former TAM Board member may not enter into or participate as a subconsultant to a contract with TAM in a subject area in which he or she engaged in any part of the decision-making process while on the TAM Board.

ARTICLE VIII

ALLOCATION OF RELEASED FUNDS; ALLOCATION OF EXCESS FUNDS; TERMINATION AND DISPOSITION OF ASSETS

108.1 Allocation of Released and Excess Funds. Released and excess funds shall be allocated in the manner provided for in the Ordinance.

108.2 Termination. Upon expiration of the retail transaction and use tax approved by the electors, the Authority shall continue to exist for the purposes of completion of any Programs and the performance of its functions as Congestion Management Agency, the payment of debt service with respect to Bonds which have been issued and satisfaction of other covenants contained in the resolution and trust indenture relating to said Bonds, reimbursement owed to financial institutions which have secured said Bonds or other parties advancing funds to the Authority and satisfaction of other covenants contained in reimbursement agreements with such financial institutions, disposing of all claims, distribution of assets, and all other functions necessary to conclude the affairs of the Authority.

108.3 Distribution of Property and Funds. In the event of the termination of the Authority:

(a) Any property interest remaining in the Authority following the discharge of all obligations shall be disposed of as the Board shall determine.

(b) Any funds remaining following the discharge of all obligations shall be disposed of in the manner provided for allocation of excess funds set forth in Section 108.1 hereof.

ARTICLE IX
MISCELLANEOUS

109.1 Partial Invalidity. If any one or more of the terms, provisions, or sections hereof shall to any extent be adjudged invalid, unenforceable, void, or voidable for any reason whatsoever by a court of competent jurisdiction, each and all of the remaining terms, provisions, and sections shall not be affected thereby and shall be valid and enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.

109.2 Interpretation of Sections That Are Based On Provisions From Other Statutes, Applicable Ordinances, or Codes. Sections of this Code which are based upon or which paraphrase provisions of other statutes, ordinances, or codes have been included herein for reference purposes only. In the event of conflict between the provision of any such statute, ordinance, or code and this Code, the provision of the statute, ordinance, or code shall in all events control, and no section of this Code shall change or modify any such statute, ordinance, or code.