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## Proposition could bring big money to county

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Millions of dollars could be funneled to San Mateo County for nicer roads, less traffic and improved mass transportation if voters approve state propositions 1A and 1B next week.

Proposition 1B seeks to borrow nearly \$20 billion for highway safety, traffic reduction, air quality and port security. The majority of the money — \$11.3 billion — will go to reduce traffic congestion and make highway and local road improvements. Additional money will go toward public transportation, the creation of better roads for better air quality to and from ports and better security of all transportation systems.

Proposition 1A is also part of that package and solidifies previously passed Proposition 42 that calls for the gasoline tax to be only used for transportation improvements and ensures the \$2 billion a year collected for it not be siphoned off for other budget needs. It will ensure the Bay Area receives \$274 million annually and \$3.4 billion over 10 years, according to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission.

If passed, the propositions will guarantee millions to Bay Area transportation projects.

SamTrans is slated to earn an extra \$ 67.7 million, Caltrain will get \$60.3 million and Bay Area Rapid Transit will get \$348.8 million over the next 10 years, according to the MTC.

In that same time, the Bay Area would receive \$1.3 billion for public transportation modernization and improvements, \$365 million for local street and road repairs and \$348 million in state transportation improvement program funding. San Mateo County cities will be entitled to a total of slightly more than \$321 million from both propositions, according to the MTC.

"I think there's no doubt, as with parks, schools ...We're in a sorry state. This measure is really about catching up. We have cities with local roads decades behind in upgrades," said Randy Rentschler, legislation and public affairs director for the MTC.

Some of the money will be directly allocated to cities, counties and transportation agencies. However, most of the money will be available for in what Rentschler describes as a "sweepstakes." Money will be awarded to agencies based on the need for certain projects and a long list of certain qualifications, he said.

### What San Mateo County would receive

Local Streets and Road: \$133.1M (Prop 1A), \$40.8M (Prop 1B)

State Transportation Improvement Program: \$119.5M (Prop 1A), \$28.7M (Prop 1B)

Atherton: \$67,049 (1A), \$400,000 (1B)

Belmont: \$236,804 (1A), \$814,868 (1B)

Brisbane: \$34,568 (1A), \$400,000 (1B)

Burlingame: \$261,493 (1A), \$899,824 (1B)

Colma: \$14,542 (1A), \$400,000 (1B)

Daly City: \$967,787(1A), \$3,330,257 (1B)

East Palo Alto: \$296,218 (1A), \$1,019,315 (1B)

Foster City: \$276,062 (1A), \$949,959 (1B)

Half Moon Bay: \$117,617 (1A), \$404,733 (1B)

Hillsborough: \$101,238 (1A), \$400,000 (1B)

Menlo Park: \$283,910 (1A), \$976,964 (1B)

Millbrae: \$191,443 (1A), \$658,776 (1B)

Pacifica: \$357,671 (1A), \$1,230,784 (1B)

Portola Valley: \$42,037 (1A), \$400,000 (1B)

Redwood City: \$702,500 (1A), \$2,417,357 (1B)

San Bruno: \$383,302 (1A), \$1,318,981 (1B)

San Carlos: \$260,966 (1A), \$898,013 (1B)

San Mateo: \$870,796 (1A), \$2,996,500 (1B)

S. San Francisco: \$570,812 (1A), \$1,964,222 (1B)

Woodside: \$50,845 (1A), \$400,000 (1B)

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