

PRESENTATION UPDATED (Slides 2, 3, 5, 6, 7)

***Authorize Execution of
Amendment to Extend
Agreement for Law
Enforcement Services for
\$41,076,586 and Award of
Agreement for Dispatch
Services for \$3,007,689 with
the San Mateo County
Sheriff's Office for Five Years***

**JPB Finance Committee
April 27, 2026**



Proposed Motion

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- Recommend that the JPB authorize an amendment to extend the term of the contract with the San Mateo County Sherriff's Office for Law Enforcement Services by five years at an estimated cost of \$41,076,586, with modified indemnification terms
- Recommend that the JPB authorize the award of a new agreement for Dispatch Services with the SMCSO for five years for an estimated cost to the JPB of \$3,007,689

Background

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- San Mateo County Sheriff's Office (SMCSO) has been providing law enforcement services for Caltrain since 2004 under a joint contract with SamTrans
- Current **law enforcement** contract started on June 3, 2020, for a five-year base term, with a single five-year option term, and expired in 2025
- **Caltrain and SamTrans previously entered into an agreement with the County for dispatch services in 2017 and extended the agreement for five years in 2020**
- On August 7, 2025, the JPB **approved** an amendment to extend the agreement with SMCSO for five years for an estimated amount of \$41,076,586, through June 2030 in a form consistent with the terms and conditions of the 2020 agreement
- Since that approval, the County proposed new indemnification terms **for both agreements**
- **SMCSO has continued to provide services while the agreements are pending**

Proposed Indemnification Clause

Key terms of indemnification:

- JPB will defend and indemnify County for liability caused by the JPB, including 100% of the costs of defense of all claims
- For liability caused by the County, the County will tender such claims to its insurer and the County and the JPB will split equally any payments within the County's self-insured retention amount of \$2 million, meaning that the JPB's maximum liability for an insured claim arising from a negligent, reckless, or intentional act of law enforcement will be \$1 million; and
- The County will have the sole authority to settle claims

Dispatch Services Pricing

NEW SLIDE ADDED

- Pricing under the dispatch agreement is approximately 200 percent of what the agencies previously paid for the Dispatch Services
- The County advised the agencies that County staff had conducted an internal review of operational expenses related to its Department of Public Safety Communications and developed a cost allocation methodology to ensure that total costs are proportionately distributed across contracted agencies that benefit from the County's dispatch services
- The County agreed to allocate the cost increase over the term of the contract

Budget Impact

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- **The** JPB previously approved the contract cost of \$41,076,586 of law enforcement services and has budgeted for these costs in in the current and future year operating budgets
- **The share of \$3,007,689 of the total cost of the Dispatch Services is and will be included in current and future year operating budgets**
- **The** JPB is not aware of any litigation in the last 10 years **that** would have triggered an obligation by the JPB to pay a portion of the County's self-insured retention
- If such a claim arises in the future, the JPB will add to its reserves to cover its potential liability

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