



COVID-19 Update

March 15, 2021

Health Order Update

- County on track to move to orange tier
 - If metrics hold, could move to orange on Wednesday
- Additional allowed activities
 - Gyms open indoors at 25% capacity
 - Restaurants open indoors at 50% capacity
 - Wineries and breweries open indoors at 25% capacity
 - Bars not serving food can open outdoors



American Rescue Plan

- Signed by President Biden on March 11th
- Relief to California
 - State and local aid
 - \$40B to the State, cities and counties
 - Education
 - \$15B for K-12 schools for safe re-openings
 - \$5B for colleges and universities; 50% to emergency financial aid
 - Housing and homelessness
 - \$2.2B for emergency rental assistance
 - \$1.2B in homeowner assistance
 - \$590M in homelessness assistance funding

Source: Senator Padilla's Office



Relief to California (cont'd)

- Childcare: \$3.8B
- Transportation
 - \$4.6B for access to safe, reliable transit services
 - \$898M for airports
- Tax credits
 - Expands child tax credit to \$3,000 per child (\$3,600 for children under 6)
 - Improves earned income tax credit for 1.85M workers without children

Source: Senator Padilla's Office



American Rescue Plan

- \$18.64M to City of San Mateo
 - 50% expected this fiscal year, 50% next fiscal year
 - Allowable uses of funds
 1. Response to public health emergency, including assistance to households, small businesses, nonprofits, or impacted industries (travel/hospitality)
 2. Premium pay for essential workers or grants to their employers
 3. “For the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue due to the pandemic (relative to the revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year prior to the emergency)”
 - Seeking clarification on the specifics of this use of funds
 4. Investment in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure



American Recovery Plan

- Funds explicitly cannot be used to make payments to CalPERS
- Periodic reports required with detailed accounting on use of funds
- Deadline to spend funds is December 31, 2024
- Next steps: Analyze full impact on 10-year plan and return to Council for utilization considerations



Operational Update

- Library re-opening plans
 - March 29th – Open lobby at main and branches to customers
 - Limited capacity; no appointment needed
 - March 29th – Allow appointments for computer use (1 hour)
 - May 3rd – Open full facilities at limited capacity
 - Anticipating 25%
- Subject to change based on conditions



Council Confirmation

- Council confirmation for actions taken in response to the emergency proclamation
 - None at this time

