



Agricultural Worker Transportation Program Closure Report

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Background

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- Board received AgVAN progress report on September 28, 2010
- Board determined AgVAN was not a viable program for our region
- Directed staff to return in spring 2011 with information about ending AgVAN
- SBCAG on March 17, 2011 voted to join Cal Vans, a state-wide vanpooling agency



Purpose

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Public Works requests the Board's direction for the remaining Agricultural Worker Transportation Program (AWTP) grant funds – approx. \$1.8 mil.



Options

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Option A— Cal Vans Request

Final purchase of vans utilizing approx. 50% of the remaining AWTTP grant funds

Option B

Do not purchase vans. Pay final AgVAN operating expenses through June 30, 2011 to be reimbursed with AWTTP grant funds



Option A Details

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- County would procure from Kings County 35 new vans for \$998,494 (approx. \$28k/van)
- Vans will not be used while owned by the County of Santa Barbara



Option A Details (cont.)

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- Santa Barbara County would be *legal owner*
- Kings County would be *registered and insured owner*
- Kings County would name the County of S.B. as *additionally insured*



Option A Details (cont.)

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- The County of Santa Barbara would transfer \$998,494, to be reimbursed by Caltrans from AWTP grant funds
- County of Santa Barbara would transfer *legal* ownership of vans back to Kings County
- All remaining grant funds (approximately \$800,000) would revert to the State



Option A Benefits

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- Funding received by Kings County would allow Cal Vans to maintain a satellite office in Santa Maria over the next 2-3 years
- Local presence could provide valuable assistance to commuters facing:
 - higher gas prices
 - traffic congestion caused by replacing the Santa Maria River Bridge and widening Hwy. 101 on the South Coast



Option A Benefits (cont.)

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- Satellite Cal Vans office located in SMOOTH's building
- Cal Vans employee would facilitate vanpools for local employers
- Depending on program growth, a permanent Cal Vans office could be located in our region



Recommended Actions

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That the Board of Supervisors:

- A) Receive and file the closure report regarding the County's Agricultural Worker Transportation Program (AWTP);
- B) Authorize the County Purchasing Manager to procure 35 GMC, fifteen 15-passenger vans to transfer to Cal Vans for \$998,494;
- C) Upon approval of Recommendation B, approve the budget revision for the purchase of 35 GMC, fifteen 15-passenger vans
- D) Authorize the transfer of 35 new vans, 16 existing vans, office furniture, and copier under County ownership to Kings County by June 30, 2011 for use by Cal Vans





THANK YOU!

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