



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Public Works
Department No.: 054
For Agenda Of: August 18, 2020
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director: Scott D. McGolpin, Public Works, 568-3010
Lisa Plowman, Planning and Development, 568-2086
Contact Info: Chris Sneddon, Deputy Director, Transportation, 568-3064
Daniel Klemann, Deputy Director, Long-Range Planning, 568-2072
SUBJECT: Authorize the Public Works Director to Execute a Grant Agreement with Caltrans for the County of Santa Barbara Active Transportation Plan; All Supervisorial Districts

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Adopt the attached Resolution to authorize the Public Works Director or designee to execute a Grant Agreement with the California Department of Transportation in an amount up to the total grant award, upon the review and concurrence of County Counsel, Risk Management, and the Auditor-Controller, for the County of Santa Barbara Active Transportation Plan, and subsequent amendments thereto required to secure the grant monies for the project; and
- b) Find that the proposed action does not constitute a "Project" within the meaning of California Environmental Quality Act, pursuant to 14 CCR 15378(b) (2), as it consists of general policy and procedure making.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda to adopt a resolution to authorize the Public Works Director to execute all agreements with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) as required to implement the Fiscal Year 2020-21 Sustainable Communities Grant awarded to the County to complete the County Active Transportation Plan.

The Caltrans Sustainable Communities Transportation Planning Grant Program is to encourage local and regional multimodal transportation and support implementation of Regional Transportation Plans (RTP)

and Sustainable Communities Strategies (SCS). Successful projects will also contribute to the State’s greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction targets for 2020 and 2035, employ best practices for regional mobility and transportation, and address the needs of disadvantaged communities. The Planning and Development and Public Works Departments submitted a joint application requesting \$474,934 from the program to prepare a County of Santa Barbara Active Transportation Plan. The grant requires a local match of 11.47% or \$61,566 for a total project cost of \$536,500. Adopting a local resolution designating the person authorized to enter into a contract with Caltrans on behalf of the County is a requirement prior to grant agreement execution.

Background:

The Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program was created to support Caltrans’ mission to provide a safe, sustainable, integrated and efficient transportation system to enhance California’s economy and livability.” Approximately \$17 million in state road and highway maintenance and rehabilitation funding is distributed through a competitive grant program. In addition to promoting regional and state planning priorities and climate adaptation goals, grant applicants should demonstrate: how the proposed project would advance transportation-related GHG emission reduction strategies; identify and address deficiencies in the multi-modal transportation system; coordinate transportation, housing, and land use planning; and foster active community engagement. Sustainable Communities Grants should also address public health, social equity, environmental justice, and other important community benefits. Grant-funded projects can range from community mobility needs assessments, to multi-modal transportation studies and plans, to planning for future transportation modes (zero emission vehicles and autonomous vehicles), to plans that incorporate health or climate change adaptation with transportation needs.

The Sustainable Communities Transportation Planning Grant will fund development of the County’s first Active Transportation Plan that will be used to pursue future funding to design and construct proposed pedestrian and bicycle facilities, and inform a comprehensive Circulation Element update. The project deliverables include a robust and engaging public outreach strategy, an existing conditions analysis and user needs assessment, review of cutting-edge big data sources, a prioritized list of projects with cost estimates and implementation strategies, and an innovative plan that can serve as a blueprint for other rural and coastal counties in the state.

As part of the conditions for grant acceptance, Caltrans requires a signed Local Resolution that references the title of the project and the title of person authorized to enter into a contract with Caltrans on behalf of the applicant (Attachment A).

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

Funding Sources	Amount
Sustainable Communities Transportation Planning Grant	\$474,934
Planning & Development: General Fund	\$31,566
Public Works: TDA-LTF	\$30,000
Total	\$536,500

Narrative:

The grant funding represents 88.53% of the project cost and is funded with state gas tax. County General Fund and Transportation Development Act-Local Transportation Fund (TDA-LTF) will provide cash match of 11.47 % through staff time charged to the project.

Special Instructions:

Please provide a certified, stamped Minute Order and one copy of the executed Resolution to:
Gail Ocheltree, Public Works Transportation, 123 E. Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara, x83094

Attachments:

Attachment A: Resolution to Authorize the Public Works Director to Execute Agreements for the
County Active Transportation Plan

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