



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: April 21, 2020
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director: Scott D. McGolpin, Public Works Director, 568-3010
Contact Info: Chris Sneddon, Deputy Director, Transportation, 568-3064
SUBJECT: State Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account List of Projects Fiscal Year 2020/21; 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) Approve and adopt the attached Resolution establishing a list of projects for fiscal year 2020/21 funded by Senate Bill 1: The Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017; and
- b) Find that the State Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account List of Projects for Fiscal Year 2020/2021 is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to 14 Cal. Code of Reg. Section 15301(c) (as the proposed project(s) consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that previously existing, including but not limited to existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities), and approve the filing of the attached Notice of Exemption on that basis.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda to complete requirements by the State for adopting a list of projects funded by the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA) as provided by Senate Bill 1.

Pursuant to Streets and Highways Code (SHC) Section_2034(a)(1), the list of projects must include:

- a description and the location of each proposed project;
- a proposed schedule for the project's completion; and
- estimated useful life of the improvement.

Pursuant to Section 2034 of the Streets and Highways Code, the list of projects must be adopted by resolution. The proposed project list is included as Exhibit 1 to the Resolution (Attachment A). This list assumes an estimated \$7.5M in RMRA apportioned to the County for deferred maintenance in FY20/21. The State provided this estimate in early 2019 prior to the coronavirus outbreak, and will not revise estimates prior to the State's RMRA list submittal deadline. When the County receives revisions lowering FY20/21 revenues due to COVID-19, the department will modify work plans accordingly.

Background:

On April 28, 2017, the Governor signed Senate Bill 1 (SB 1), the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 to address significant multi-modal transportation funding shortfalls statewide. SB 1 established the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA), which contains funding to be apportioned directly to eligible cities and counties for basic road maintenance, rehabilitation, and critical safety projects on the local streets and roads system. SB 1 emphasizes the importance of accountability and transparency; therefore, to be eligible for RMRA funding, the statute requires cities and counties to provide basic annual RMRA project reporting to the California Transportation Commission including the submittal of a list of projects proposed to be funded with RMRA funds. Pursuant to SHC Section 2034(a)(1) all projects must be adopted by Resolution by the County Board of Supervisors at a regular public meeting.

Narrative:

FY 2020/2021 Capital Maintenance planning assumes an estimated \$7.5M of SB 1 RMRA being apportioned to the County for deferred maintenance. Backlog and deferred maintenance discussions often focus on pavement, because the backlog grows exponentially with each year of deferred preservation work. However, there are four other major transportation assets that must be maintained as well: trees and hardscape, bridges, drainage systems, and traffic operations components. SB1 funding will address pavement maintenance, as well as replacing and upgrading guardrail and other traffic devices, repairing and infilling sidewalk, and drainage facilities maintenance. The attached project list reflects a comprehensive approach to maintain critical infrastructure components that make up the transportation network.

To be eligible for FY 20-21 funding an adopted project list is due on May 1, 2020. Exhibit 1 of Attachment A includes the required list of proposed projects. Lists can be revised and amended through the annual reporting process at the close of each fiscal year. As set forth in SB1, the project list does not limit the flexibility of an eligible county to fund projects in accordance with local needs and priorities so long as the projects are consistent with the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Program guidelines. (SHC § 2034(a)(1))

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: n/a

The budget for FY 20-21 has not been adopted by the board yet; the proposed budget includes these projects. If adopted, project funds will be budgeted in Dept. 054, Fund 0016, Org. Unit 0500.

Special Instructions:

Please forward a certified, stamped Minute Order to Gail Ocheltree in the Public Works Department, Transportation Division, Engineering Section office, 123 E. Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara, extension x83094.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Resolution Adopting a List of Projects for FY 2020/21 Funded by SB 1, includes Exhibit
1 - RMRA Project List

Attachment B: Notice of Exemption

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