



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: February 17, 2009
Placement: Administrative
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Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director Scott McGolpin, Department of Public Works, 568-3010
Contact Info: Dacé Morgan, Deputy Director, Transportation, 568-3064
SUBJECT: 2009 Federal Economic Stimulus Proposed Transportation Project Categories

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: No

Other Concurrence:

As to form: No

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Approve the Project Categories and Notice of Exemption pursuant to the County's California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines for the Proposed Projects in preparation for the 2009 Federal Economic Stimulus Package; and
- B. Authorize the Director of Public Works to advertise for construction bids for the Project Categories listed, up to the amounts detailed below, in preparation for the 2009 Federal Economic Stimulus Package.

Summary Text:

In preparation for the proposed 2009 Federal Economic Stimulus Package, the Public Works Department is requesting authority for the Public Works Director to advertise for Transportation construction projects that fall within the following categories: Roadway Repair and Rehabilitation, Hardscape Repair, Bridge Maintenance and Repair, and Drainage Structure Repair and Replacement. These projects could potentially be funded through the proposed 2009 Federal Economic Stimulus Package.

It is likely that projects funded through the 2009 Federal Economic Stimulus Package will be required to be awarded within 90 days of the approval of the Stimulus Package. It is imperative that the County advertise our Transportation projects as soon as possible after the funds are released to meet this requirement and to take advantage of the favorable bidding climate that currently exists, before the market is flooded with Economic Stimulus Projects from other jurisdictions. The Department is

requesting your Board's approval in advance of knowing exact funding amounts that the County will receive, to allow staff to quickly put projects out to bid that fall into one of the categories listed above, once the funding limits are determined. After projects have been advertised and bids are opened, the Department will return to your Board for final approval of the Plans and Specifications and award of the contracts provided that satisfactory bids are received.

We are requesting that the Board give the Public Works Director the authority to advertise up to the dollar amounts highlighted below for each Project Category. In determining the final list of projects to receive treatments within each Supervisorial District, the Department will allocate Economic Stimulus funding received based on the existing Board approved Measure D distribution formula of 50% lane miles and 50% population to each District.

Project Categories:

- **Roadway Repair and Rehabilitation:** This project category consists of repairing and rehabilitating roadway sections that are designated as Federal-Aid Routes by the Federal Highway Administration. Examples of repair and rehabilitation treatments would be Asphalt Concrete Overlays with Fabric Reinforcement and Asphalt Concrete Overlays utilizing a Stress Absorbing Membrane Interlayer (SAMI). This program will allow the Department to take roads that are in need of costly pavement treatments and perform these treatments, so that the roads can be put into our Pavement Preservation Program and maintained for pennies on the dollar with cost effective treatments. Attachment A is a list of proposed roadway segments, in priority order and by Supervisorial District, that the Department requests authority to advertise for bid and requests CEQA approval. The number of roadway segments that can be treated is highly dependent on the amount of funding received and treatments required. We are requesting the authority to advertise up to \$10,000,000.
- **Hardscape Repairs:** This project category consists of repairing uplifted curb, gutter and sidewalk, installation of ADA compliant curb ramps, and removal and replacement of inappropriate street trees that have caused damage to curb, gutter and sidewalk areas. The segments that would be repaired would be Countywide. Staff has spoken with Caltrans and at this point in time, it appears that this work does not necessarily need to be performed strictly on Federal-Aid Routes. This requirement may change once the final 2009 Federal Economic Stimulus bill is adopted. The project locations are listed in Attachment B. We are requesting the authority to advertise up to \$3,000,000.
- **Bridge Maintenance and Repair:** This project category consists of performing heavy maintenance and repairs to bridge structures with spans greater than 20 feet. Examples of maintenance and repairs would be Methacrylate Sealant to cracking bridge decks, strengthening bridge supports, painting steel girder bridges, repair spalling and cracked concrete, and deck strengthening and replacement. None of this proposed work would take place in creeks or disturb sensitive habitat. A list of bridge repair locations is contained in Attachment C. We are requesting the authority to advertise up to \$4,000,000.
- **Drainage Structure Repair and Replacement:** This project category consists of replacing and repairing drainage structures, including culverts, that have deteriorated to the point where failure of the roadway above could result if left unattended. Some culverts may need to be replaced; others can be repaired by lining the existing culvert. At this time, Staff is identifying drainage structure repairs and replacements that are not necessarily on Federal-Aid Routes. If specific requirements stating that all work must be performed on Federal-Aid Routes are contained in the 2009 Federal Economic Stimulus Bill, Staff will adjust locations accordingly. Attachment D is a list of roadways that contain culverts that are in need of repair and replacement. We are requesting the authority to advertise up to \$3,000,000.

Pursuant to the County's CEQA guidelines, the projects identified in the Project Categories above are exempt from further environmental review. Approval of the CEQA Notice of Exemptions for each Project Category will indicate the Board of Supervisors' approval of these projects and will commence the appeal period, pursuant to CEQA guidelines.

The "Notice to Contractors" will be published prior to the date set for the opening of the bids. Sealed proposals to construct this project will be received at the front counter, Santa Barbara County Department of Public Works, County Engineering Building, 123 East Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara, California 93101, and at the North County Public Works Office, 620 West Foster Road, Santa Maria, California 93455, at a date to be determined, and will be opened publicly and read aloud.

Background:

In a summary from the Committee on Appropriations regarding the proposed 2009 Economic Stimulus bill, Congressman Obey from Wisconsin writes, "The economy is in a crisis not seen since the Great Depression. Credit is frozen, consumer purchasing power is in decline, in the last four months the country has lost 2 million jobs and we expected to lose another 3 to 5 million in the next year. Conservative economist Mark Zandi was blunt: "the economy is shutting down." This bill is the first crucial step in a concerted effort to create and save 3 to 4 million jobs, jumpstart our economy, and begin the process of transforming it for the 21st century with \$275 billion in economic recovery tax cuts and \$550 billion in thoughtful and carefully targeted priority investments with unprecedented accountability measures built in." Further discussion on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 can be found in Attachment I.

Staff has received reports from CSAC and CEAC that indicate that the Economic Stimulus bill will contain approximately \$30 billion in funds for Highway Infrastructure Construction and approximately \$12 billion for Transit. In addition, we have heard indications that the State of California could receive \$3 billion of this funding. It is not clear at this time how this Federal funding for Transportation will be dispersed once California receives it. There are proposals that the State will receive 37.5% of the funding and 62.5% will be dispersed to Regional Transportation Authorities (SBCAG in our area) to then be dispersed to counties and cities. The dispersement to counties and cities may or may not be a competitive process; this will be determined by the local Regional Transportation Agency. There have also been proposals that the State, the Region, and the counties and cities each receive a third of the funds. Regardless of which proposal is adopted the State will receive their portion of the Economic Stimulus funding before it is distributed to the counties and cities. Staff continues to monitor this situation and is prepared to act quickly to obligate these funds as soon as they are available to the County. This is the goal of this item before you today.

Staff has consistently heard that the goal of the 2009 Federal Economic Transportation Stimulus Package is to have at least half of the funds obligated to projects that can be awarded within 90 days and are "shovel ready". A shovel ready project is one that has been designed and has either an approved environmental document or is considered exempt. If a competitive process is approved by Regional Transportation Agencies this will further reduce the time to award projects. Given this very short timeframe and criteria, the majority of projects that can meet this timeline are those in the Project Categories listed above and detailed in attachments A through D.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State:			
Federal:			
Fees:			
Other:			
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Narrative:

At this time the Department believes that the 2009 Federal Economic Transportation Stimulus Package would fund 100% of the cost of the projects. The amount of funding that the County is to receive is unknown at this time. The Department will include a Budget Revision to budget these funds when we return to your Board to award the various projects that will be completed as part of the 2009 Federal Economic Transportation Stimulus Package. If local matching funds are required, we will approach your Board during the award phase for direction on what local funds could be used as matching funds.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:
None

FTEs:
None

Special Instructions:

Please forward a certified, stamped copy of the Minute Order approving these recommendations to the Public Works Department, Transportation Division, Attn: Gena Valentine Felix.

Please post a copy of the CEQA Notice of Exemptions with the County Clerk of the Board after project approval; such notice is to remain posted for 35 days.

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Roadway Repair and Rehabilitation Street List
- Attachment B: Hardscape Repairs Location List
- Attachment C: Bridge Maintenance and Repair List
- Attachment D: Drainage Structure Repair and Replacement Location List
- Attachment E: CEQA Notice of Exemption for Roadway Repair and Rehabilitation
- Attachment F: CEQA Notice of Exemption for Hardscape Repairs
- Attachment G: CEQA Notice of Exemption for Bridge Maintenance and Repair
- Attachment H: CEQA Notice of Exemption for Drainage Structure Repair and Replacements
- Attachment I: The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Discussion Draft)

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