



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: September 10, 2024
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director: Chris Sneddon, Public Works Director, 568-3010
Contact Info: Mostafa Estaji, Deputy Director – Transportation, 568-3064
SUBJECT: State of California 2023-2024 Exchange and State Match Program, Agreement for the Exchange of Federal Highway Dollars, All Supervisorial Districts

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve, ratify, and authorize the Chair to execute the attached agreement with the State of California, Department of Transportation, for the exchange of Federal Highway dollars for Non-Federal State Highway Account dollars, for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 apportionments in the amount of \$558,115;
- b) Approve and authorize the Director of Public Works or designee to apportion these Regional Surface Transportation Program funds to the City of Buellton, the City of Guadalupe and the City of Solvang for FY 2023-2024, in the amounts established under Section 182.6(d)(1) of the Streets and Highways Code and by Santa Barbara County Association of Governments guidelines; and
- c) Find that the proposed action does not constitute a “Project” within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act, pursuant to 14 CCR 15378(b)(4) (government fiscal activities).

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda to approve an agreement for the exchange of Federal Highway dollars for Non-Federal State Highway dollars. Each year, the County of Santa Barbara has the opportunity to exchange Federal Highway dollars for Non-Federal State Highway Account dollars through this agreement between the State and the County. This exchange is desirable as it gives the County the flexibility to use these funds for a wide range of transportation projects, from local road improvements to matching funds for other State or Federally funded projects. The Federal mandates associated with Federal funds are not applicable to funds converted to State Highway Account dollars; therefore, the only applicable Federal restrictions are those specifically incorporated into the Agreement.

Your Board has approved similar exchange agreements each year since 1991. With the execution of this agreement, the County will receive the FY 2023-2024 apportionments in the amount of \$558,115.

Background:

Since the approval of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) in 1991, Santa Barbara County has been appropriated a sum of Federal funds annually, in an amount determined by the Federal Government. These Federal funds were appropriated under the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act (FAST). The County is permitted to exchange funds under Streets and Highways Code section 182.6(h) and these funds are shared between the County and Cities of the County, as determined by guidelines adopted by the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG).

By agreement, the County is responsible for collecting these funds on behalf of the City of Buellton, the City of Guadalupe, and the City of Solvang. Once the County receives the exchanged funds from the State, each of these Cities can request their portion directly from the County. After these dispersals, the County will retain \$294,161. Of this, \$100,000 is designated primarily as matching funds for federal projects. The remaining \$194,161 may also be used for matching funds, as well as capital maintenance and operations.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Narrative:

With the execution of this agreement, the County will receive \$558,115 to be deposited in Department 054, Fund 0015, Account 4320. Of this amount, the County will disperse \$67,940 to the City of Buellton, \$77,413 to the City of Solvang, and \$118,601 to the City of Guadalupe as identified for FY 2023-2024. After disbursements, the County’s share will be \$294,161, which includes \$100,000 from the State as authorized by Section 182.9 of the Streets & Highways Code.

Special Instructions:

Please forward the following to the Public Works Department, Transportation Division, Engineering Section office, 123 E. Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara, Attn: Yanette Luna, ext. 83094:

- A certified, stamped Minute Order approving these recommendations.
- One duplicate original executed Agreement (one original Agreement to remain on file with the Clerk of the Board).

Attachments:

Attachment A: Agreement No. X23-5951(186) - Federal Apportionment Exchange Program and State Match Program, California Department of Transportation – Non MPO County (2 duplicate originals)

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cc: Transportation Accounting