



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Santa Barbara, CA 93101
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Department Name: Public Works
Department No.: 054
For Agenda Of: July 21, 2015
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 Director, 568-3010
Contact Info: Chris Sneddon, Deputy Director – Transportation, 568-3064
SUBJECT: State of California 2014/2015 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 and Authorize the Chair of the Board 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 2014/2015 apportionments in the amount of \$558,115;
- B. 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 2014/2015, 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;
- C. Determine that the proposed actions are not a “Project” within the meaning of California Environmental Quality Act, pursuant to State Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4), as they are government fiscal activities which do not involve any commitment to any specific project; and
- D. Approve and direct staff to file the attached Notice of Exemption on that basis.

Summary Text:

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 2014/2015 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. Currently, these federal funds are appropriated under the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21). 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). Furthermore, Streets and Highway Code, Sections 182.6 and 182.9, allow the exchange of these funds for Non-Federal State Highway Account funds.

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.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Narrative:

With the execution of this agreement, the County will receive \$558,115.00 to be deposited in Department 054, Fund 0015, Account 4320. Of this amount, the County will disperse \$73,165 to the City of Buellton, \$80,167 to the City of Solvang, and \$106,835 to the City of Guadalupe as identified for FY 2014/15. After disbursements, the County's share will be \$297,948.

Special Instructions:

Please return all original executed agreements with a certified stamped minute order to Public Works, Transportation Division, Attn: Gena Valentine Felix. Once the agreement has been fully executed, an original copy will be returned to the Clerk's Office for your records.

Attachments:

- A. Agreement - Federal Apportionment Exchange Program and State Match Program, California Department of Transportation – Non MPO County (2 duplicate original)
- B. Notice of Exemption

Authored by:

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cc: Transportation Accounting