



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
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Department Name: Public Works  
Department No.: 054  
For Agenda Of: June 26, 2012  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimated Time  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Director Scott D. McGolpin, Public Works Director, 568-3010  
Contact Info: Eric Pearson, Interim Deputy Director – Transportation, 568-3005  
**SUBJECT:** State of California 2011/2012 Exchange and State Match Program, Agreement for the Exchange of Federal Highway Dollars, All Supervisorial Districts

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**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 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 2011/2012 apportionments in the amount of \$558,115; and
- B. Authorize Staff to disperse these Local Surface Transportation Program (LSTP) funds to the City of Buellton, the City of Guadalupe and the City of Solvang, in the amounts identified for FY 2011/2012 in the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP); and
- C. Find that the proposed action(s) do not constitute a “Project” within the meaning of CEQA, pursuant to 14 CCR 15378(b)(2) (continuing administrative or maintenance activities, such as purchases for supplies, personnel-related actions, general policy and procedure making), and approve the filing of a 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. Many of the Federal mandates associated with Federal funds are not applicable to funds converted to State Highway Account dollars; therefore, these funds can be used with fewer restrictions. The Board has approved similar exchange agreements each year since 1991. With the

execution of this agreement, the County can receive the FY 2011/2012 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 appropriated a sum of Federal funds annually, in an amount determined by the Federal Government. 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 to be deposited in Department 054, Fund 0015, Account 4320. Of this amount, the County will disperse \$71,416 to the City of Buellton, \$104,167 to the City of Guadalupe, and \$77,433 to the City of Solvang, as identified for FY 2011/2012 in the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP). After disbursements, the County's share will be \$305,009.

**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, one original will be returned to the Clerk of the Board.

**Attachments:**

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

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**cc:**

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