



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 1, 2025
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: N/A
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 Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account List of Projects Fiscal Year 2025-26; 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 2025-26 funded by the State's Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017;
- b) Authorize the Director of Public Works, or designee, to make immaterial and minor technical changes within the list of projects for fiscal year 2025-26; and
- c) Find that the State Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account List of Projects for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 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 fulfill requirements for Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA) funding as provided by Senate Bill 1 by adopting a list of proposed projects.

Pursuant to Section 2034 of the Streets and Highways Code (SHC), each year, the County must submit a list of proposed RMRA-funded projects to the California Transportation Commission to be eligible for RMRA fund apportionment. The list of projects must be adopted by Board resolution, and 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.

The County's fiscal year (FY) 2025-26 proposed project list is included as Exhibit 1 to the Resolution (Attachment A). This list assumes an estimated \$10.5M in RMRA apportioned to the County for deferred maintenance in FY 2025-26 (based on an estimate provided by the California State Association of Counties in January 2025), and also includes planned work to be completed with General Fund and other road maintenance funding.

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. RMRA funds are apportioned directly to eligible cities and counties for basic road maintenance, rehabilitation, and critical safety projects on the local streets and roads system. As part of the SB 1 commitment to accountability and transparency, agencies must submit a list of proposed work using RMRA funds for the upcoming fiscal year to the California Transportation Commission. 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 2025-2026 Capital Maintenance planning assumes an estimated \$10.5M of RMRA funding apportioned to the County for deferred maintenance. Backlog and deferred maintenance discussions often focus on pavement because the backlog grows 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. RMRA funding will address pavement maintenance, guardrail and traffic device upgrades and replacements, sidewalk infills and repairs, bridge maintenance, and drainage work. The attached project list reflects a comprehensive approach to maintain critical infrastructure components that make up the transportation network.

An adopted work list is required for an agency to be eligible for FY 2025-26 RMRA funding. 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 SB 1, 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: Requested

Funding for the proposed projects is included in the FY 2025-26 preliminary budget for adoption in June 2025. If adopted, project funds will be budgeted in Dept. 054, Fund 0016, Org. Unit 0500.

Special Instructions:

Direct the Clerk of the Board to email a minute order of these actions and a copy of the resolution to Ashley Kruzel at akruzel@countyofsb.org.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Resolution Adopting a List of Projects for FY 2025-26

Attachment B: Notice of Exemption

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