

# SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

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**SUBJECT:** Caltrans Transportation Planning Grant Applications

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## Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Authorize Planning and Development submittal of Caltrans Transportation Planning Grant Program applications as part of the Isla Vista Master Plan process; and
2. Authorize the Planning and Development Department Director to sign all documents required for execution of the application.

## Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendations are primarily aligned with Goal No. 1: An Efficient Government Able to Respond Effectively to the Needs of the Community; Goal No. 2: A Safe and Healthy Community in Which to Live, Work, and Visit; Goal No. 4: A Community that is Economically Vital and Sustainable; Goal No. 5: A High Quality of Life for All Residents; Goal No. 7: A Community that Fosters the Safety and Well-Being of Families and Children; and our organizational values regarding leadership, initiative, innovation, collaboration and partnering.

## **Executive Summary and Discussion:**

In September 2001, Caltrans issued a request for proposals for the Division of Transportation Planning 2001-2003 Grants Program. The overall purpose of the grant program is to provide funding for transportation planning projects focussing on livable community concepts, multi-modalism, and participation by low-income and minority communities early in the planning process. Six different programs in the overall program exist, each with different eligibility and matching requirements. Planning and Development (P&D) determined that the Isla Vista Multi-modal Transportation Plan described below is best suited for two of the six grant programs: Community Based Transportation Funding and Environmental Justice. P&D proposes to apply for the same project to both programs to increase the chances for funding. Grant program guidelines specify that an applicant may receive a maximum of \$300,000. A minimum 10% (Environmental Justice) or 20% (Community Based Transportation Planning) matching fund commitment is required.

### Project Description:

The Isla Vista Redevelopment Agency (RDA), University of California Santa Barbara (UCSB), Isla Vista Recreation and Parks District (IVRPD), and the Isla Vista Project Area Committee (PAC) are working together on a sustainable land use Master Plan for Isla Vista to enhance the area's infrastructure, improve housing, provide linked multi-modal transportation options and revitalize the downtown. To support the transportation planning efforts of the Master Plan process, P&D proposes the *Isla Vista Multi-modal Transportation Plan*. The total project cost is \$180,000 of which \$140,000 is the grant request. The grant request is matched with \$40,000 (22% of total project cost) cash and in-kind services of which \$25,000 is from the RDA, \$10,000 from UCSB and \$5,000 from the IVRPD.

Specific project components include: 1) improve transit connection to UCSB; 2) traffic calming; 3) enhanced pedestrian and bicyclist access; 4) remote parking lot/parking permit program; and 5) El Colegio Road improvement/mixed use planning. These project components taken together would evaluate better access options for transit vehicles between UCSB and Isla Vista, improve pedestrian, bicyclist, and vehicular safety throughout the project area, encourage multi-modal use and address current transportation and safety deficiencies while providing needed housing and commercial services to the community.

### **Mandates and Service Levels:**

The project is not mandated however the grant award would greatly enhance Isla Vista Master Plan transportation planning efforts. The project is for planning purposes only and would not impact public service levels.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

If awarded, \$25,000 already budgeted from the FY 2002-2003 Isla Vista RDA budget for transportation planning activities would be used to provide the minimum local match requirement.

**Special Instructions:**

Please return a copy of the minute order to P&D.

**Concurrence:**

Public Works.