



**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: August 23, 2016
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Director Scott D. McGolpin, Public Works, 568-3010
Contact Info: Chris Sneddon, Deputy Director, Transportation, 568-3064

SUBJECT: **Resolution Authorizing the Director of the Public Works Department to execute the Master Agreement Administering Agency-State Agreement for Federal Funded Projects with the State of California Department of Transportation-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 Authorize the Chair of the Board to execute the attached Resolution authorizing the Director of Public Works to execute Master Agreement No.05-5951F15, and subsequent Program Supplement Agreements, Fund Exchange Agreements, and Fund Transfer Agreements with the California Department of Transportation; and
- b) 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) (The creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment), and approve and direct staff to file the attached Notice of Exemption on that basis.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda to adopt a Resolution authorizing the Director of Public Works to enter into agreements for federally funded projects with the California Department of Transportation.

The State of California has issued a new Master Agreement Administering Agency-State Agreement for Federal Funded Projects No.05-5951F15 (Master Agreement). The Master Agreement has been revised to incorporate various changes to regulations and policy.

This Master Agreement allows the County to utilize authorized federal funds to restore, improve and construct transportation infrastructure within the jurisdictional boundaries of Santa Barbara County. All federal monies allocated under the Master Agreement are disbursed through Program Supplemental Agreements, Fund Exchange Agreements, Fund Transfer Agreements and/or any amendments pursuant to the Caltrans Local Assistance Program Guidelines.

Background:

In the Master Agreement, the local agency agrees to comply with all federal laws and regulations and the Federal Highway Administration and Caltrans policies and procedures relative to environmental compliance, design, right of way acquisition, construction and maintenance of the proposed facility, and for other authorized uses. Periodically, Master Agreements must be re-executed because of changes in laws and policies.

Before federal funds will be made available for specific federal projects, the County of Santa Barbara and the State of California are required to enter into a Master Agreement to establish terms and conditions. Approval of the attached Resolution grants the Director of Public Works the right to execute Master Agreements, Program Supplemental Agreements, Fund Exchange Agreements, and Fund Transfer Agreements on behalf of the County.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: N/A

Narrative:

Approval of the new Master Agreement will allow the County to receive federal funds from the following programs: National Highway System (NHS), the Surface Transportation Program (STP), the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Plan (CMAQ), and the Highway Bridge Program (HBP).

Special Instructions:

Please provide a certified stamped minute order and one copy of the executed Resolution to Public Works Department, Transportation Division, and Attn: Gena Valentine Felix.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Resolution authorizing Execution of Agreement between the State of California and the County of Santa Barbara for Funding of Federal Aid Projects

Attachment B: Federal Master Agreement No. 05-5951F15

Attachment C: Notice of Exemption

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