

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE)
DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT)
TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR GRANT)
FUNDING FROM THE CALTRANS SUSTAINABLE) RESOLUTION NO. _____
COMMUNITIES TRANSPORTATION PLANNING)
GRANT PROGRAM AND EXECUTE PROJECT-)
RELATED AGREEMENTS FOR THE COUNTY OF)
SANTA BARBARA’S CIRCULATION ELEMENT)
UPDATE PROJECT)

WITH REFERENCE TO THE FOLLOWING:

1. Senate Bill 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017, was signed into law on April 28, 2017. The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has announced a call-for-applications for transportation planning grants being funded through Senate Bill 1.
2. The Sustainable Communities Grant is one of the available transportation planning grants. It is intended to fund local and regional multimodal transportation and land use planning projects that further goals set by the State and regional planning agencies in Regional Transportation Plans (RTP) and Sustainable Communities Strategies (SCS). Caltrans’ goals include that grant-funded projects contribute to the State’s greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction targets, assist Caltrans in achieving their state-wide mission, and achieve overarching objectives of the grant program.
3. The Circulation Element of the Santa Barbara County General Plan was adopted in 1980 and has not been substantially revised since then. Significant changes to the region’s land uses, transportation needs, available mobility resources, and State law have occurred since the Circulation Element was adopted. The new State requirements seek to reduce GHG emissions from vehicles, facilitate multi-modal transportation, and create “Complete Streets” to support and promote all forms of transportation.
4. Applying for a Sustainable Communities Grant would provide the Planning and Development Department an opportunity to receive grant funding, which, if accepted, would be used to partially or completely fund an update to the Circulation Element.
5. Caltrans requires applicants to state by resolution the title of the person authorized to enter into a contract to accept grants with Caltrans if the grant is awarded, prior to submission of said applications to the State.
6. The application for grant funding would qualify for a statutory exemption from environmental review under CEQA Guidelines Section 15262 because the project involves planning studies for identification of possible future actions that have not been approved, adopted, or funded by the County. Partial funding has been allocated in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-2018 budget, but it is insufficient to complete the entirety of the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED as follows:

7. The above recitations are true and correct.
8. The Board of Supervisors authorizes the Director of the Planning and Development Department to apply for the Caltrans Sustainable Communities Transportation Planning Grant Program for the Circulation Element Update Project in the amount of \$1,000,000, and enter into a contract to accept any grants that are awarded.
9. The grant application is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15262.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this ____ day of _____, 2018, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAINED:

ABSENT:

DAS WILLIAMS, CHAIR
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

MONA MIYASATO, COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER
CLERK OF THE BOARD

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

MICHAEL C. GHIZZONI
COUNTY COUNSEL

By: _____
Deputy County Counsel