



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Public Works



Date: August 10, 2012
Board Meeting Date: September 11, 2012
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: James C. Porter, Director of Public Works

Subject: Application for State Local Partnership Program Funding

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the Director of Public Works, or his designee, to submit an application with the City/County Association Governments of San Mateo County and the San Mateo County Transportation Authority for funding from the State Local Partnership Program to resurface various streets in the unincorporated areas of San Mateo County.

BACKGROUND:

The City/County Association of Governments (C/CAG) is the Congestion Management Agency for the County of San Mateo (County) and administers federal funding available through the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC). C/CAG informed the Department of Public Works (Department) that the County is eligible to apply for federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) funding pursuant to MTC's One Bay Area Grant Program funding for roadway rehabilitation projects.

C/CAG also informed the Department that the County can opt to exchange the federal STP funds for State Local Partnership Program (SLPP) funds administered by San Mateo County Transportation Authority (SMCTA) for roadway preservation projects. Under this exchange, projects would be subject to a March 2013 deadline for completion of plans and specifications, would follow state fund delivery processes instead of the federal-aid process, and would require a dollar for dollar match of local Measure A funds.

On July 19, 2012 the Department submitted a letter to C/CAG requesting to participate in the fund exchange.

DISCUSSION:

The exchange allows the County to fund projects on any County maintained road provided that the proposed treatment will extend the pavement life by approximately 15 years. Funds available without the exchange are limited in their use to a small subset of eligible County roads identified by the California Department of Transportation. The exchange allows for projects to follow the state approval process, which is less time consuming, rather than the federal-aid process. The road projects to be funded through the fund exchange were selected through staff evaluation of candidate projects recommended from the pavement management system.

In order to receive the SLPP funding through this exchange, the County must submit an application to C/CAG and SMCTA with a Resolution adopted by your Board providing assurance that the project will be completed within specific timeframes and Measure A funds will be used to match the SLPP funds. Additionally, the Resolution must stipulate that the County will adopt a complete street policy and comply with specific housing elements by January 31, 2012. These requirements are described below and are currently being addressed by the Planning and Building Department in order to meet the completion date. The Resolution is in a template form as required by C/CAG.

Complete Street Requirements:

A jurisdiction must adopt a complete street policy resolution no later than January 31, 2013. MTC staff has provided minimum requirements for this resolution. A jurisdiction can also meet this requirement through a general plan that complies with the California Complete Streets Act of 2008. In future funding cycles, the general plan adoption will be an eligibility requirement.

Housing Element Requirement:

A jurisdiction is required to have its general plan housing element adopted and certified by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for 2007-14 Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) prior to January 31, 2013. Your Board approved the County's General Plan Housing Element, which was certified by HCD on June 20, 2012.

The Department requests the Board authorize the Director of Public Works, or his designee, to execute and file an application with C/CAG and SMCTA. If the funding is approved, the Department will complete preparation of the plans and specifications for the work, which will be bid on a competitive basis.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the Resolution as to form.

Submitting an application for State Local Partnership Program funding will contribute to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Livable Community by improving our roads for use by the traveling public to support livable connected communities.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The estimated cost of construction is \$1,850,000 and is proposed to be financed as follows:

SLPP funding	\$631,727
Measure A fund match	\$631,727
Road Fund	\$586,546
Total Estimated Cost	<u>\$1,850,000</u>

Staff time required for preparation of plans and specifications will also be funded by the Road Fund. Construction costs will be financed initially by the Road Fund as SLPP funds are received on a reimbursable basis. The Road Fund has sufficient funds available to manage the cash flow requirements of the projects while payments are being requested.

There is no impact to the General Fund.