

COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

Inter-Departmental Correspondence Board of Supervisors



Date: October 31, 2013

Board Meeting Date: December 10, 2013

Special Notice / Hearing: None Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Supervisors Don Horsley and Carole Groom

Subject: Appropriation Transfer Request in the amount of \$600,000 for Local Coastal

Program (LCP) required Transportation Management Plan

RECOMMENDATION:

Resolution authorizing an Appropriation Transfer Request in the amount of \$600,000, transferring Non-Departmental ERAF Reserves to Other Planning Expense and Salaries and Benefits making corresponding appropriations in the Planning and Building Department budget to conduct the Local Coastal Program required Transportation Management Plan.

BACKGROUND:

In approving San Mateo County's certified LCP, the Board of Supervisors agreed to conduct a Transportation Management Plan (TMP) (Section 2.53) encompassing the San Mateo County Midcoast and the City of Half Moon Bay.

The TMP will determine how to mitigate current and future traffic congestion along Highway 1, Highway 92, and other arterial roads in the San Mateo County Midcoast and City of Half Moon Bay. San Mateo County's certified LCP states that prior to the County amending its LCP in a way that may increase land use intensification or residential density, the TMP shall be conducted.

Currently underway is the Princeton planning update study (Plan Princeton). Plan Princeton is a comprehensive study being conducted to update the land use policies and regulations for the Princeton area. The final plan, once approved by the Board of Supervisors, will be presented to the California Coastal Commission as an update to San Mateo County's LCP.

DISCUSSION:

The TMP will determine how to mitigate current and future traffic congestion along Highway 1, Highway 92, and other arterial roads in the San Mateo County Midcoast and City of Half Moon Bay. The TMP will also address the cumulative traffic impacts of residential development, including single, two-family, multi-family, and second unit residential development. It will evaluate the feasibility of developing an in-lieu fee traffic mitigation program, expanding public transit, including buses and shuttles, and/or developing a mandatory lot merger program to further reduce build-out potential. It will also enhance efforts to ensure residential development is only allowed where roadway capacity will not be constrained to unacceptable levels.

The TMP was discussed, and approved by the Board of Supervisors, but no funding arrangement was established. In April 2013, Supervisor Horsley's office and the Planning and Building Department applied for grant funding from Caltrans' Community Based Transportation Planning Grant Program to fund the TMP. The application was denied. There are no known grant opportunities available at this time.

As stated above, San Mateo County's certified LCP states that prior to the County amending the LCP in a way that may increase land use intensification or residential density, the TMP shall be conducted. Therefore, the completion of the TMP is critical to obtaining California Coastal Commission certification of Plan Princeton.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Appropriation Transfer Request will transfer \$600,000 from Non-Departmental ERAF Reserves to the Planning and Building Department to conduct a Transportation Management Plan. This includes partial funding for a term Planner II position who will serve as the project manager for the TMP Project.