



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: PUBLIC WORKS

File #: 20-032

Board Meeting Date: 2/11/2020

Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: James C. Porter, Director of Public Works

Subject: Adoption of the 2018 Standard Plans and Specifications of the State of California,
Department of Transportation

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution approving and adopting the 2018 edition of the Standard Plans and Specifications of the State of California and approving the use of the 2006 edition of the Standard Plans and Specifications of the State of California for specific projects, as the Standard Plans and Specifications for the County of San Mateo.

BACKGROUND:

On November 14, 2006, your Board adopted Resolution No. 068389 approving and adopting the Standard Plans and Specifications of the State of California, Department of Transportation (Caltrans), dated May 2006 as the Standard Plans and Specifications for the County of San Mateo.

The Department of Public Works has previously recommended, and your Board has approved the use of Caltrans Standard Plans and Specifications as these standards are used statewide, and contractors and suppliers of construction material or equipment are familiar with these standards. Caltrans periodically updates these standards and publishes revised standards.

DISCUSSION:

The 2018 Caltrans Standard Plans and Specifications are the current version of these standards and have been substantially modified in format and content from the prior version approved and adopted by your Board. Caltrans will be requiring that local Projects receiving Federal Funds administered by Caltrans and projects within the Caltrans right-of-way adhere to the 2018 Caltrans Standard Plans and Specifications. Therefore, adoption of the 2018 Standard Plans and Specifications will position the County appropriately for these types of projects and funding opportunities. The County will continue to use the previously approved and adopted 2006 Caltrans Standard Plans and Specifications for projects that are not in the Caltrans right-of-way; do not include Federal Funding; are currently in design; or for which utilizing the 2018 Caltrans Standard Plans and Specifications would adversely affect the project schedule.

Adoption of the 2018 Caltrans Standard Plans and Specifications and continued use of the 2006 Caltrans Standard Plans and Specifications for specific projects will:

- provide the Department with the flexibility to use the 2006 or 2018 Caltrans Standard Plans and Specifications as necessary and appropriate; and
- allow the Department to refer to the administrative provisions of the appropriate Caltrans Standard Specifications by reference instead of including them as special provisions in the contract documents; and
- allow the Department to reference Caltrans Standard Plans instead of having to include them verbatim in the contract documents.

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

FISCAL IMPACT:

This action will ensure the County is appropriately positioned for federally funded transportation projects. There will be a cost savings as the size of plans and specifications for an individual project are reduced by referencing the Standard Plans and Specifications. This reduces staff time in developing plans and specifications and the cost of printing the specific plans and specifications.

There is no impact to the General Fund.