DEPARTMENT: Public Works/Transportation

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Authorize the county to participate in the 2005/2006 optional Federal Apportionment Exchange and State Match Program for Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) Funds and for the Chairman of the Board to execute the agreement once received from Caltrans.

Staff is requesting that the Board authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement with Caltrans to exchange federal funds earmarked for transportation under the TEA-21 legislation for nonfederal state highway account funds. The minimum amount to be exchanged is $157,715 from the Federal Government. Including the state match of $78,858 the total amount of funds provided available to Roads will be $236,573.

This exchange program is offered to jurisdictions such as Mariposa County to allow the best use of transportation funds without placing undue restrictions on expenditures.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The Road Division has relied heavily on the annual RSTP exchange dollars for general maintenance for several years. This exchange has occurred on an annual basis since the inception of the Surface Transportation Program in 1991.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Negative action will result in the Road Division not being able to utilize the RSTP funds effectively because of the difficult NEPA requirements and because the County may not have enough projects that qualify for federal transportation funds. Lack of positive action may delay receipt of the exchange funds in the 2005/06 fiscal year.

Financial Impact? (X) Yes ( ) No Current FY Cost: $     Annual Recurring Cost: $
Budgeted In Current FY? (x) Yes ( ) No (X) Partially Funded
Amount in Budget: $236,573
Additional Funding Needed: $0
Source:
Internal Transfer _____
Unanticipated Revenue _____ 4/5's vote
Transfer Between Funds _____ 4/5's vote
Contingency _____ 4/5's vote
( ) General ( ) Other

CLERK'S USE ONLY:
Res. No.: 48-2006 Ord. No. _____ Vote - Ayes: _____ Noes: _____
Approved ( ) Minute Order Attached ( ) No Action Necessary

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.
Date: _____ Attest: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board
County of Mariposa, State of California
By: _____ Deputy

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:
____ Requested Action Recommended
____ No Opinion
Comments:  

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