RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2014-207

MEETING: May 13, 2014

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Peter Rei, Public Works Director

RE: Authorize RSTP Participation

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Approve an Agreement with Caltrans for 2013/2014 Optional Federal Apportionment Exchange and State Match Program for the Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) Funds, and Authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to Sign the Agreement.

Staff is requesting that the Board authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement with Caltrans to exchange Federal funds earmarked for transportation under the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation Equity Act - A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) legislation for non-Federal State highway account funds. The 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 is $236,573.

The exchange program is offered to jurisdictions such as Mariposa County to allow the best use of transportation funds without placing undue restrictions on expenditures. Funds will be recognized in the 2014/2015 fiscal year.

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 National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements and the County may not have enough projects that qualify for Federal transportation funds.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
$236,573 included in FY 14/15 Road Division budget. 300-0301-305-6267.

ATTACHMENTS:
Exchange FY 13-14 ($236,573) Agreement  [PDF]

CAO RECOMMENDATION
Requested Action Recommended

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Lee Stetson, District I Supervisor
SECONDER: Kevin Cann, District IV Supervisor
AYES: Stetson, Jones, Bibby, Cann, Carrier