RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2014-226

MEETING: May 20, 2014

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Peter Rei, Public Works Director

RE: Approve the Submittal of a Active Transportation Program (ATP) Application to Caltrans for Additional

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Approve the submittal of a Active Transportation Program (ATP) grant application to Caltrans for $441,300 in additional funding for two Safe Route to Schools sidewalk projects.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
Two Safe Route to Schools Project located in and around Bullion Street currently have two different funding sources:

The first project is located on Bullion Street from 5th Street to 8th Street. This project will be funded by the Federal Safe Route to Schools Program (SR2S).

The second project is located on Bullion Street from 8th Street to Jones Street. This project will be funded by the State Safe Route to Schools Program (SRTS).

A Program Supplement Agreement with the State of California Department of Transportation for the 5th Street to 8th Street Project No. SR2S L 5940(109) was adopted by the Board on September 10, 2013. The total approved construction funding for the SR2S project is $287,730. This project requires a total match of $49,900.00 which is currently budgeted in fund 510.

A Program Supplement Agreement with the State of California Department of Transportation for the 8th Street to Jones Street Project No. SRTS 5940(097) was adopted by the Board on April 10, 2013 in the amount of $25,000 for the Preliminary Engineering phase. The total approved funding for construction and public outreach for the SRTS project is $414,400.

Added together the total approved construction funding is $702,130 with a $49,900 County match.

On Oct 22, 2013 the Board approved a contract with Omni-Means Engineers in an amount Not-to-Exceed $95,000 for Engineering Services for the Design of the two Safe Routes to School projects. Their first task was to develop 30% plans in order to
prepare an engineer's estimate of the expected costs of the projects.

During their on-site investigations Omni Means staff have observed several issues which were not considered in the original project grant applications which need to be addressed. Examples are improvements that are needed to conform with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), construction of several new drainage structures and modifications to other existing drainage structures, and numerous modifications necessary to conform to existing driveways, sidewalks and intersecting streets. These design changes result in a significant increase to the cost of the two projects.

With these additional construction issues included Omni Means Engineer's current Cost Estimate indicates a need for $1,143,430 in construction funding with a County Match of $53,100 to complete the two projects. Using this new Engineers Estimate the County will need $441,300 in additional funding to complete the projects as originally envisioned.

Funding is potentially available by applying to a new transportation grant program recently established called the Active Transportation Program (ATP). The ATP program was established by Governor Brown on September 26, 2013. According to the Governor the ATP program consolidates several existing federal and state transportation programs, including the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA), and State Safe Routes to School (SR2S), into a single program with a focus to make California a national leader in active transportation.

Applications for grant funding as part of the ATP program must be submitted by the close of business on May 21, 2014.

**ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:**
The Board could choose not to approve this application which would mean that the sidewalks would not be replaced until additional funding could be identified.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**
There is no match required for the additional funding.

**CAO RECOMMENDATION**
Requested Action Recommended

Rick Benson, County Administrator
3/14/2014
RESULT: ADOPTED [4 TO 0]
MOVER: Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor
SECONDER: John Carrier, District V Supervisor
AYES: Merlin Jones, Janet Bibby, Kevin Cann, John Carrier
RECUSED: Lee Stetson