DEPARTMENT: Public Works/Roads  
BY: James J. Petropulos  
PHONE: 966-5356

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Authorization for the County to participate in the 2003-04 optional Federal Apportionment Exchange and State Match Program for Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funds and for the Chairman of the Board to sign the agreement with Caltrans.

The County is eligible to receive $157,715 in federal funds from the RSTP program for fiscal year 2003-04 for transportation projects. We are requesting approval to exchange these federal dollars for state highway funds that we can use at our discretion for road repairs and maintenance. Federal funds are limited to certain types of projects and subject to the strict standards of NEPA compliance, so the exchange program gives us greater flexibility in how the funds are spent.

In addition, the State is required to provide a 50% match for the federal funds, which comes to $78,858. This brings the total available funding to $236,573, which is the same amount we have received from this program for the past several years.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The Board has approved participation in the State Exchange Program for RSTP funds on an annual basis for many years.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Do not authorize the requested action, which would limit the available funding to qualified federal transportation projects that are subject to NEPA compliance.

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Financial Impact? ( ) Yes (X) No  
Current FY Cost: $  
Budgeted In Current FY? ( ) Yes ( ) No ( ) Partially Funded

| Amount in Budget: | $  |
| Additional Funding Needed: | $  |
| Source: |
| Internal Transfer |  |
| Unanticipated Revenue | 4/5's vote |
| Transfer Between Funds | 4/5's vote |
| Contingency | 4/5's vote |

| ( ) General | ( ) Other |

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List Attachments, number pages consecutively

1. Caltrans letter dated June 18, 2004 (1 page)
2. Caltrans Agreement (4 pages)

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CLERK’S USE ONLY:
Res. No.: 04-345  
Vote – Ayes: 5  
Absent:  
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

Revised Dec. 2002

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:
Requested Action Recommended  
No Opinion
Comments:  

CAO:  

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June 18, 2004

Mr. James J. Petropulos
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Subject: Optional Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) Federal Exchange and State Match Program for FY 2003/2004

Dear Mr. Petropulos:

This serves to notify you of the opportunity to participate in the Optional RSTP Federal Exchange and State Match Program for FY 2003/2004.

In an effort to streamline this program, we have enclosed the Federal Exchange and State Match Agreement required for participation. The agreement contains the estimated amount of federal funds you are eligible to exchange along with matching state funds. The exchanged amount is based on your estimated Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2004 apportionments including any adjustments made to prior year RSTP balances. Necessary recessions or additions will be reflected on next year's Agreement once the final FFY 2004 apportionments have been provided by the Federal Highway Administration. In order to participate in this year's program and receive the funds, you must do the following:

*Concur with the amount shown on the agreement. If you do not agree with this amount, please contact HQ Local Assistance at (916) 653-4790 no later than June 30, 2004.

*Sign both copies of this agreement and return them by July 31, 2004 to Department of Transportation, Division of Local Assistance, P.O. Box 942874, MS#1, Sacramento, CA 94274-0001. If the agreement is not received by this date, it may cause a delay in getting the funds to you.

*When we receive your signed agreements they will be executed and one original will be returned to your agency. Once you receive the executed agreement, forward your invoice directly to the Accounting Service Center.

By copy of this letter, your Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) is being informed of our intentions to directly exchange RSTP funds with the County. The RTPA should contact us only if they do not wish for the County to participate in the program. The County will be notified only if the RTPA disagrees with the direct exchange.

If you need additional information regarding the program, please refer to Chapter 18 of the Local Assistance Program Guidelines. Please contact HQ Local Assistance at (916) 653-3571 if you have any questions.

DAVID THOMPSON, Acting Chief
Office of Project Implementation
Division of Local Assistance

Enclosures
C: Regional Transportation Planning Agency
OLP AE Project Files
(10) DLAE - Balhar Sandhu

Attachment # 1