MARIPOSA COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DEPARTMENT: Board of Supervisors
BY: Janet Bibby
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AGENDA ACTION FORM
DATE: July 6, 2004
AGENDA ITEM NO.

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Authorize the Chairman to sign a letter supporting funding in the 2004-05 State Transportation budget for the Mission Avenue/Highway 99 Interchange project in Merced, California. Mariposa County receives numerous visitors from the Merced area and also from those visitors who travel through Merced in route to Mariposa and this interchange will ease the current traffic congestion that exists in the City of Merced. This interchange will also create additional jobs that could benefit citizens of Mariposa County given the relatively short commuter distance.

Funding for this project will not have a direct impact on State transportation funding for Mariposa County.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
The Board has authorized the Chairman to sign letters in support of projects or issues that they feel will ultimately benefit the citizens of Mariposa County.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
Do not authorize the Chairman to sign the letter. Funding for the Mission Avenue/Highway 99 Interchange project may not be included in the 2004-05 State Transportation Budget.

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

CLERK'S USE ONLY:
Res. No.: 04-329
Vote – Ayes:  
Noes:  
Absent:
Approved
( ) Minute Order Attached ( ) No Action Necessary

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:
Requested Action Recommended
( ) No Opinion
Comments:

CAO: 

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

Revised Dec. 2002
July 6, 2004

The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger  
Governor of California  
State Capitol Building  
Sacramento, California 95814

Mr. Bob Balgenorth, Chairperson  
California State Transportation Commission  
State Building and Construction  
1225 8th Street, Suite 375  
Sacramento, California 95814

Re: Support Mission Avenue/Highway 99 Interchange

Dear Honorable Members of the State:

The Mariposa County Board of Supervisors in support of the community of Merced, California, strongly advocates that funding for the Mission Avenue/Highway 99 Interchange in Merced, California, be included in the 2004-05 State Transportation budget.

In the information provided to our office by the Merced County Board of Supervisors, the Interchange will be instrumental in improving access to industrial areas that possess the employment potential of 900 jobs while providing a safe and direct route to the University of California Merced. Currently the City of Merced is challenged with solving immediate traffic congestion issues which must be remedied in order to meet the needs of the ever growing community as well as emergency services.

Mariposa County is the home of Yosemite National Park in which we receive numerous visitors traveling from Merced, California. In addition, Mariposa County’s residents also utilize emergency services, educational and business services, and purchasing opportunities located in Merced, California.

Therefore, we respectfully urge your support for the inclusion of the Mission Avenue/Highway 99 Interchange (Merced, California) in the 2004-05 State Transportation Budget. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

GARRY R. PARKER  
Chairman

GRP/jb

cc: The Honorable Charles Poochigian  
The Honorable Dave Cogdill

bcc: Margie Williams, Clerk of the Board

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