DEPARTMENT: Public Works  By: Michael Edwards  Phone: 966-5356  
Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:  (Policy Item:  Yes___  No_X)

Public Works recommends that the Board of Supervisors send a letter to Caltrans protesting the proposed designation of Highway 132 as part of the "State Highway Secondary System". A draft letter is attached.

The attached letter from Martha Glass of Caltrans to David Yale of Regional Transportation Planning Agencies in Los Angeles explains the proposed division of the State Highway System into two tiers. The "State Highway Primary System" would be owned, operated and maintained by the State. The secondary routes could either be owned, operated and maintained by local governments or the State.

Staff believes that this may lead to long range reduction of resources for maintenance for routes designated as "Secondary". Moreover, we do not wish to see the significance of State Route 132 diminished. It should ultimately be a fourth major route to Yosemite and deserves to have a "primary" designation, just as State routes 41, 49, 140 and 120 do.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The Board previously approved the request to the State for the designation of the County portion of this fourth route to Yosemite, Greeley Hill Road and Smith Station Road, as J132, to emphasize its continuation of the State Route. Realignment of a portion of State Route 132 is currently programmed for $4.7 million in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and is the County's second highest priority for State Highway projects.

LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

No action may allow consideration of these issues by Caltrans without Mariposa County input.

COSTS:  (x) Not Applicable
A. Budgeted current FY  $
B. Total anticipated costs  $
C. Required additional funding  $
D. Internal transfers  $

SOURCE:  (x) 4/5th Vote Required
A. Unanticipated revenues  $
B. Reserve for contingencies  $
C. Source description:
Balance in Reserve Contingencies, if approved: $

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:
List the attachments and number the pages consecutively:
1. Proposed letter to Caltrans
2. Letter, Glass to Yale

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:
This item on agenda as:
   Recommended
   Not Recommended
   For Policy Determination
   Submitted with Comment
   Returned for Further Action

Comment:

A.O. Initials:  

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TO: MIKE EDWARDS, Public Works Director
FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board
SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. 96-34

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA,
ADOPTED THIS Order on January 23, 1996

ACTION AND VOTE:

D) Proposed Letter to Caltrans Protesting the Proposed Designation of Highway 132 as Part of the "State Highway Secondary System"

BOARD ACTION: Discussion was held. (M)Reilly, (S)Parker, Res. 96-34 adopted opposing Caltrans' proposal to create a two-tier highway system, with direction that this matter be referred to Mr. Wagerman/consultant, and that a copy of the action be forwarded to Regional Council of Rural Counties and California State Association of Counties/Ayes: Unanimous. Dick Kunstman asked for an explanation of the proposed system and Mike Edwards responded.

cc: Ed Johnson, Planning and Building Director File