

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: Chief Executive Office

BOARD AGENDA # B-16

Urgent

Routine

AGENDA DATE November 6, 2007

GEO Concurs with Recommendation YES NO
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES NO

SUBJECT:

Authorization of \$30,000 in Funding for the Preparation of a North County Corridor Project Study Report

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Authorize funding in the amount of \$30,000 for the preparation of a North County Corridor Project Study Report.
2. Direct the Auditor-Controller to increase appropriations and estimated revenue per the financial transaction sheet.
3. Authorize staff to work with the cities of Modesto, Riverbank, and Oakdale and StanCOG to develop a Joint Powers Authority agreement.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Based on input from the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), StanCOG has developed a project budget of \$150,000 to complete the North County Corridor Project Study Report (PSR) by April 1, 2008. Funding in the amount of \$30,000 per agency is requested from Stanislaus County and the Cities of Modesto, Riverbank and Oakdale for the preparation of the PSR. The remaining \$30,000 would be funded by StanCOG. Caltrans has indicated that they will provide the required oversight at no cost to the project.

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BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2007-883

On motion of Supervisor O'Brien, Seconded by Supervisor Grover
and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: Mayfield, Grover, Monteith, DeMartini, and Chairman O'Brien

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

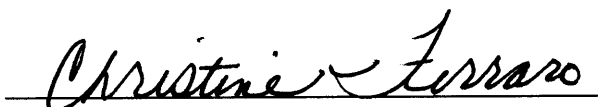
1) Approved as recommended

2) Denied

3) Approved as amended

4) Other:

MOTION:



ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

File No.

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Fiscal Impact Continued:

It is recommended that Prop 1B funds be used to fund Stanislaus County's \$30,000 share of cost. The State Department of Finance is currently developing a form for Counties/Cities to submit to receive Prop 1B funding. One of the requirements will be that the projects are budgeted prior to receiving funding. Should the Prop 1B funding not materialize, the Department of Public Works will use Local Transportation Funds.

Preparation of the PSR may provide an opportunity to recapture funding for our area as part of the 2008 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Last year, during the California Transportation Commission's (CTC) approval of the 2006 STIP Augmentation, a portion of State funding was removed from the Oakdale Bypass project. This funding was removed in order to fully fund the State Route 99/ Whitmore interchange project as well as provide funding to other State Highway projects. These funds were removed from the Oakdale Bypass project with the commitment of the CTC to return them in the 2008 STIP cycle. The CTC's Resolution expects that Caltrans and StanCOG are to identify an appropriate scope, cost, and schedule for full programming of the project in the 2008 STIP.

In discussions with the planned North County Corridor partner cities, there is interest in restructuring the Oakdale Bypass project into the proposed North County Corridor project under the conditions of the CTC Resolution. In order to achieve this restructured project and maintain the Oakdale Bypass funding, a Caltrans Standard Project Study Report must be completed by April 1, 2008.

Discussion:

East and west traffic congestion in northern Stanislaus County has increased dramatically in recent years. To identify potential solutions to address this issue, the StanCOG Policy Board approved a contract with Nolte and Associates to complete a Feasibility Study of a potential northern transportation corridor in the northern part of the County. The draft study, which is expected to be complete by next month, has identified several alternative alignments to assist in alleviating traffic congestion in this portion of the County. These alignments are northerly and southerly of Kiernan/Claribel Roads; extending easterly from State Route 99 and terminating south and easterly of the City of Oakdale. A future expressway in this area would help address Stanislaus County's needs for an east-west connector.

The North County Corridor has also been identified as a priority corridor by the County and the Cities of Oakdale, Riverbank and Modesto. These four entities have discussed formulating a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) to develop and implement the construction of this project. The JPA could be structured after a similar partnership formed by Contra Costa County with the Cities of Antioch, Oakley and Brentwood, to construct the State Route 4 Bypass project. Caltrans is also a member of the State Route 4 JPA, and could participate on a North County Corridor JPA as well.

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Caltrans District 10 has informed staff that they do not have the resources to complete a North County Corridor Project Study Report by April 1, 2008. Therefore, they have asked that the local entities take the lead in hiring a consultant to perform this work. StanCOG has been asked by the County and Cities to act as the lead agency on this assignment.

The Project Study Report is Caltrans' standard mechanism to initiate a project in order to determine basic scope, cost and schedule as required by the CTC. StanCOG Staff is in the process of developing a Request for Proposals (RFP) to release to qualified consultants for this work.

The following is the work delivery schedule:

1. StanCOG Policy Board approves release of RFP.....November 14, 2007
2. RFP Released.....November 15, 2007
3. Consultant Proposals Received.....December 7, 2007
4. Proposal Screening/Interviews (if needed)....Week of December 17, 2007
5. Consultant Contract Negotiations.....Week of January 1, 2008
6. Notice-to-proceed.....Week of January 7, 2008

Staff is also seeking approval from the Board of Supervisors to begin working with the Cities of Modesto, Oakdale and Riverbank and StanCOG to develop a Joint Powers Authority Agreement. Once language for the Agreement has been prepared the JPA Agreement would be brought back to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

Policy Issues:

The Board of Supervisors is asked to determine whether preparation by StanCOG of a Project Study Report for the development of a North County Corridor and the development of a Joint Powers Agency to guide the process is consistent with the goal of a Well Planned Infrastructure and Effective Partnerships.

Staffing Impacts:

Staff from the Chief Executive Office, County Counsel, Planning and Community Development and Public Works will assist with the preparation and review of the Project Study Report and the development of a Joint Powers Authority Agreement. No additional staffing resources are requested at this time.

**AUDITOR-CONTROLLER
BUDGET JOURNAL**



Balance Type	Budget
Category	Budget - Upload
Source	
Currency	USD
Budget Name	LEGAL BUDGET
Batch Name	
Journal Name	PW DKH
Journal description	Increase appropriations for North County Corridor PSR (County share of \$150,000 total)
Period	Oct-07
Organization	Stanislaus Budget Org
	BO#

Line	Coding Structure						Debit		Credit		Description
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Totals							60,000.00	60,000.00			

Explanation: Increase appropriations for North County Corridor PSR (County share of \$150,000 total)

Requesting Department		CEO	Auditors Office Only	
Diane Haugh				
Signature		Signature	Prepared By	Admin Approval (\$75K+)
10/24/07		10/30/07		
Date		Date	Date	Date

Diane Haugh 5-7534

Contact Person & Phone Number