

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

DEPT: Chief Executive Office

BOARD AGENDA # *B-3

Urgent

Routine

AGENDA DATE January 8, 2008

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES NO
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES NO

SUBJECT:

Authorization to Apply for a Caltrans Community-Based Transportation Planning Grant for the Development of a Growth Management Strategy

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to submit an application to the California Department of Transportation's Community-Based Transportation Planning Grant program for \$250,000 for the development of a Stanislaus County Growth Management Strategy.
2. Approve the Governing Body Resolution.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Stanislaus County will be requesting \$250,000 in funding through the Community-Based Transportation Planning Grant program, with a required match of 20%. It is anticipated that half of this match amount (\$25,000) will be in-kind contributions of city and County staff time. Details of cost sharing for the other half, a \$25,000 cash match, are still being worked out between the County and its cities. Although it is anticipated that the County's cash contribution would be significantly less, the maximum exposure for the cash match could be as much as \$25,000. It is recommended that the County's portion be funded out of the Chief Executive Office - Plant Acquisition current budget.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2008-018

On motion of Supervisor Grover, Seconded by Supervisor O'Brien

and approved by the following vote,

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

Noes: Supervisors: Monteith

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) Approved as recommended

2) Denied

3) Approved as amended

4) Other:

MOTION:

THIS ITEM WAS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR AND PLACED ON NON-CONSENT FOR DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION



ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

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DISCUSSION:

This item is submitted to the Board of Supervisors to receive approval to participate in the California Department of Transportation's (Caltrans) Community-Based Transportation Planning Grant program.

The Fiscal Year 2008-09 California Department of Transportation's (Caltrans) Transportation Planning Grant Programs are intended to promote strong and healthy communities, economic growth, and protection of the environment. The final result of these planning grants should lead to the adoption, initiation, and programming of transportation improvements that improve mobility, access, and economic vitality.

Along with most of the counties in the Central Valley, Stanislaus County is experiencing rapid growth, fueled primarily by individuals and families from the Bay Area searching inland for affordable housing. This phenomenon has resulted in a significant amount of growth in the populations of the County and its nine cities (Ceres, Hughson, Modesto, Newman, Oakdale, Patterson, Riverbank, Turlock and Waterford). While there has been measurable economic benefit to the region from this growth, such as increases in home values, jobs and median income, the rate of growth has also raised concerns regarding transportation/circulation, air quality, conservation of important agricultural lands, etc.

While each city and the County have developed and adopted mandated General Plans, these plans were created without a coordinated planning effort. Because these plans have not been coordinated, there is a lack of appropriate countywide infrastructure. As a result, the County is experiencing negative impacts such as increased traffic congestion, the loss of prime agricultural land, and increasing costs to provide sufficient water and sewer capacity. Added to this, the California Department of Finance Demographics Unit projects that Stanislaus County will have a population of nearly 1.2 million by the year 2050. This points to a critical need for countywide efforts to coordinate land use and circulation planning.

A partnership of Stanislaus County's nine city Mayors and five County Supervisors conducted a series of meetings to lay the foundation for development of a countywide Growth Management Strategy (GMS). The Center for Public Policy at CSU Stanislaus provided facilitation/coordination services for the group.

The elected officials agreed that a collaborative countywide approach is needed, one that is based on realistic technical data and modeling that develops regional approaches and systems to accommodate the projected growth, planning for transportation needs and preserving prime agricultural land and sensitive environmental areas. In addition to being regionally focused, this collaborative strategy seeks to leverage the combined resources of the County and its nine cities while striving to maintain the unique character of each community and respect their individual visions for the future.

In August 2006 the group agreed upon a set of guiding principles:

- To use data from the California Department of Finance to identify population growth projections expected in the County over the next several decades
- To identify the areas within the County where we do not want to grow
- To develop alternative growth scenarios
- To involve the public by conducting Town Hall meetings throughout the cities and County
- Obtain professional assistance to assist in developing the scenarios and to ensure that a consistent message is provided to the public

However, funding is not available to secure the professional assistance of a third party facilitator to guide the process and conduct future meetings of the elected officials.

As envisioned by the group, this professional would also coordinate and facilitate a series of Town Hall meetings throughout the cities and County where a consistent message is conveyed. Direct and specific input from citizens will be sought regarding suggested growth scenarios. Additionally, the professional will conduct technical background research, development of growth scenarios and strategies, and creation of implementation concepts. Mapping expertise, financial/cost analysis for infrastructure planning, and other growth-related projections will all be a part of the scope of work. Other costs will include securing meeting rooms, preparation/duplication of materials, public notifications, etc. Significant in-kind contributions have already been made and will continue on the part of professional and support staff throughout the jurisdictions.

While this project will work hand in hand with the Central Valley Blueprint Process, it is clear by the prescribed procedure that the Blueprint requires a much broader-brush approach than would meet the stated objectives of the Mayors and Supervisors. In addition, the Growth Management Strategy includes

an implementation component that is critical for achieving the desired outcomes for sustainable growth countywide.

POLICY ISSUES:

This proposal touches a number of the Board's Goals and Policies. Foremost is a Well-Planned Infrastructure and Effective Partnerships.

STAFFING IMPACT:

Staff from the County and nine cities will devote time coordinating and supporting the development of the Growth Management Strategy. No additional staffing is being requested.

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THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED:

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RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE 2008-09 COMMUNITY-BASED
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING GRANT

Whereas, a partnership of Stanislaus County's nine city Mayors and five County Supervisors conducted a series of meetings to lay the foundation for development of a countywide Growth Management Strategy (GMS). The Center for Public Policy at CSU Stanislaus provided facilitation/coordination services for the group, and

Whereas, the elected officials of the County and its nine cities agreed that a collaborative countywide approach is needed, one that is based on realistic technical data and modeling that develops regional approaches and systems to accommodate the projected growth, planning for transportation needs and preserving prime agricultural land and sensitive environmental areas, and

Whereas, funding is not available to secure the professional assistance of a third party facilitator to guide the process and conduct future meetings of the elected officials, and

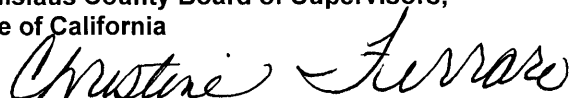
Whereas, the Fiscal Year 2008-09 California Department of Transportation's (Caltrans) Transportation Planning Grant Programs are intended to promote strong and healthy communities, economic growth, and protection of the environment.

Whereas, the Chief Executive Officer of Stanislaus County requests approval of a formal resolution of the Board of Supervisors in support of the application to the State of California, Caltrans, for \$250,000 in grant funding through the FY 2008-09 Community-Based Transportation Planning grant program; and

Whereas, matching funds for the grant are available in the amount of \$50,000 which will be obtained through cash contributions of \$25,000 by Stanislaus County and its cities, and in-kind contributions of staff time in the amount of \$25,000.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the County Board of Supervisors does hereby support the submission of the grant application to Caltrans by the Chief Executive Officer of Stanislaus County and recognizes that he or his designee will execute the 2008-09 Community-Based Transportation Planning Grant contracts contingent upon approval of the grant by the California Department of Transportation.

ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk
Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors,
State of California



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