

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

DEPT: Public Works *Phyllis*

BOARD AGENDA # *C-2

Urgent Routine

AGENDA DATE July 1, 2008

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES NO
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(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES NO

SUBJECT:

Approval of Modification to the Public Facility Fee's Regional Transportation Impact Fee Project List

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Approve the addition of the following improvement projects and anticipated project costs to the list of Public Facility Fee Regional Transportation Impact Fee (RTIF) element project.

| Roadway | Project Limits | Cost |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| North County Transportation | Corridor | \$4,900,000 |
| Claribel Widening | McHenry to Oakdale | \$1,100,000 |
| Las Palmas at Elm | Traffic Signal | \$1,500,000 |
| Las Palmas at Sycamore | Traffic Signal | \$1,500,000 |
| | Total | \$9,000,000 |

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FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact on the Regional Transportation Impact Fee component of the Public Facility Fee program as a result of these adjustments. The projects to be added (\$9,000,000) total the same as the projects to be deleted (\$6,000,000) plus the previously unallocated funds (\$3,000,000).

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2008-512

On motion of Supervisor Grover, Seconded by Supervisor DeMartini

and approved by the following vote,

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

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) X Approved as recommended

2) _____ Denied

3) _____ Approved as amended

4) _____ Other:

MOTION:

Christine Ferraro

ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

File No. M-64-H-8

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2. Approve the deletion of the following improvement projects and anticipated costs from the list of Public Facility Fee RTIF element project.

| <u>Roadway</u> | <u>Project Limits</u> | <u>Cost</u> |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Kiernan Ave @ Tully Rd | Traffic Signal | \$2,525,000 |
| Kiernan Ave @ Carver Rd | Traffic Signal | \$2,525,000 |
| Kiernan Ave @ Stoddard | Traffic Signal | <u>\$ 950,000</u> |
| | Sub-total | \$6,000,000 |

Previously unallocated RTIF funds \$3,000,000

Total \$9,000,000

DISCUSSION:

The present list of Public Facility Fee (PFF) projects was mainly created in 1990 when the program was implemented. The original list was based upon growth projections and anticipated growth related needs. A majority of these projections and needs have proven correct. Occasionally, additional project need has developed due to changing growth trends and community patterns. The Board has previously revised the project list as has been evidenced by the previous Sperry Avenue and Baldwin Road project additions west of Patterson and the Kiernan Avenue at Tully Road and Carver Road project additions.

The Ladd Road projects were added to the RTIF list when Ladd Road was to have been extended and connected directly to Highway 99 at the Hammett interchange. The Salida Community Plan, in 2006, identified that the Ladd Road direct connection was no longer a viable option. Board item #2006-1027, dated December 19, 2006, granted approval to remove projects identified as no longer necessary and add the Kiernan Avenue projects. The deletion of the former projects resulted in approximately \$3 million of unallocated funds. At that time, the Board directed Public Works staff to pursue the addition of the Las Palmas Avenue at Sycamore Avenue and Las Palmas Avenue at Elm Avenue traffic signal projects to the Regional Transportation Impact Fee Program. As the Stanislaus Council of Governments (StanCOG) was granted administrative authority over the RTIF program, the request to support the addition of those projects to the RTIF program was submitted to the StanCOG Policy Board in August 2007. The StanCOG Policy Board approved the request.

This request is to include the Las Palmas Avenue at Sycamore Avenue and Las Palmas Avenue at Elm Avenue traffic signal projects in the RTIF program. The Las Palmas Avenue Widening project undertaken in September 2001 added a center lane to Las Palmas Avenue from the San Joaquin River to the City of Patterson city limits. The requested signal projects are also within this parameter. Signalization of the requested intersections will provide for increased traffic flows associated with growth in the Patterson/West County area.

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A March 27, 2007 Board item (2007-217) authorized the design-engineering contract associated with these two projects. To facilitate project development, Public Works Road Fund provided funding, with reimbursement due after the projects are added to the RTIF program. Adding the Las Palmas Avenue at Elm Avenue and Las Palmas Avenue at Sycamore Avenue projects to the RTIF program will ensure funding is available to construct the projects.

The Kiernan Avenue projects were added to the RTIF when State Route 219 was widely viewed as the main east/west corridor for northern Stanislaus County. The intent was to construct interim intersection improvements at Carver, Tully, and Stoddard Roads, to provide congestion relief until the ultimate widening project could be funded and constructed. These interim improvements are no longer a viable option due to utility conflicts and due to the fact that the ultimate widening improvements are funded and being scheduled for construction. Subsequent discussions with representatives from Stanislaus County and the cities of Modesto, Riverbank, and Oakdale have resulted in the formation of a Joint Powers Authority to move forward a plan to construct a North County Expressway Corridor, creating an east/west corridor from Highway 99 to Oakdale. The need for a North County Corridor has developed due to expansion in the northerly and easterly areas of the County. The change in focus from the Kiernan Corridor to the North County Corridor results in the request to shift RTIF funding for this project.

The improvement of State Route 219 (SR219) is a California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) project currently underway. Phases one and two of this project widen SR219 (Kiernan Avenue) from Highway 99 to McHenry Avenue. The SR219 project is fully funded with Regional Improvement Program (RIP) and Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA) funds. However, the widening of SR219 will result in increased traffic on Claribel Road east of McHenry Avenue, creating the need for additional funding for the Claribel Corridor.

Public Works staff presented a request to the StanCOG Policy Board in May 2008 to support the addition of the North County Corridor and Claribel Widening projects to the RTIF program. The StanCOG Policy Board approved the request.

POLICY ISSUES:

The Board of Supervisors is asked to consider if the recommended actions are consistent with its priorities of providing a safe community, a healthy community, and a well-planned infrastructure system.

STAFFING IMPACT:

There is no staffing impact associated with this action.