

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

DEPT: Public Works *Draft*

BOARD AGENDA # *C-5

Urgent Routine

AGENDA DATE March 31, 2009

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES NO
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES NO

SUBJECT:

Approval to Adopt a Resolution of Support to the Stanislaus Council of Governments to Formally Apply for the Partnership Planning Grant 2009-2010 for the Proposed South County Corridor Project (West Main Street) to Fund the Feasibility Study with the City of Patterson and Stanislaus County

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Approve a resolution supporting the Stanislaus Council of Governments to apply for and accept the Partnership Planning Grant 2009-2010 for the proposed South County Corridor Project (West Main Street) to fund the feasibility study with the City of Patterson and Stanislaus County.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The estimated cost of the South County Corridor Project feasibility study is \$100,000. This study would be 100% funded by the Partnership Planning Grant, if received. Staff time associated with oversight of the study will be included in Public Works Engineering's Fiscal Year 2009-2010 budget.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2009-201

On motion of Supervisor DeMartini, Seconded by Supervisor Grover
and approved by the following vote,

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

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

- 1) Approved as recommended
- 2) Denied
- 3) Approved as amended REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR AND PLACED ON NON-CONSENT FOR DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION
- 4) Other:

MOTION: **Amended** the resolution to strike the words "West Main Street"; and; approved the amended resolution supporting StanCOG to apply for and accept the Partnership Planning Grant 2009-2010 for the proposed South County Corridor Project to fund the feasibility study with the City of Patterson and Stanislaus County

Christine Ferraro

ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

File No.

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DISCUSSION:

The Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is currently accepting applications for the 2009-2010 Transportation Planning Grants. The grant funds that are available can be used for Community-Based Transportation Planning; Partnership Planning; Transit Planning; and Environmental Justice (Context-Sensitive Planning). The ultimate goal of these grants is to adopt, initiate, and program transportation improvements.

Only a Regional Transportation Planning Agency (such as the Stanislaus Council of Governments also known as StanCOG) can submit a Regional Partnership Planning Grant Application. The objective of this program is to encourage or strengthen multi-agency and/or government-to-government partnerships and the projects must have a statewide and/or regional benefit. Project types include:

- Studies that identify regional, inter-county, and/or statewide mobility and access needs;
- Corridor studies and corridor preservation studies;
- Projects evaluating transportation issues involving ground access to international borders; and
- Seaports, airports, intermodal facilities, freight hubs, and recreational sites.

With this in mind, the City of Patterson, City of Turlock, and Stanislaus County have met with StanCOG requesting their support to apply for grant money to fund a feasibility study for the South County Corridor Project. The future corridor will travel from Interstate 5 (I-5) to State Route 99 (SR-99) in Turlock. Stanislaus County and the City of Turlock have determined that West Main Street will be the corridor from SR-99 to the San Joaquin River. The feasibility study will help determine the alignment from the San Joaquin River to I-5. During these preliminary discussions, City of Patterson staff has identified a Poplar-Eucalyptus-Zacharias alignment as the best fit for existing and future general plans. Improvement of the corridor is necessary to ensure that goods and services can move efficiently and safely from the City of Patterson to SR 99.

The existing West Main Street corridor consists of a two-lane county road with a series of uncontrolled, two-, four-way stop intersections. StanCOG identified this corridor as one of the most unsafe corridors in its Regional Transportation Plan. The number of collisions along this corridor is higher than the County average. As truck traffic using the corridor increases, this could present a barrier to future commercial and industrial growth with the City of Patterson, as well as other Stanislaus County communities served by the Highway 99 corridor.

To address existing development along the route, the County proposes to prepare preliminary engineering studies, which will identify appropriate alignment and right of way needs along this corridor using Public Facility Fee Program funds. This work will include focused traffic, engineering and environmental studies. The purpose of the feasibility study is to tie together this corridor study with an evaluation of alternative alignments from the San Joaquin River to I-5.

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This corridor has been in the planning stages for many years. In 1991, StanCOG adopted an expressway study that first identified this corridor as a major expressway route to serve regional and inter-regional traffic demand. In 2006, the County updated its General Plan to include the expressway corridor and the project was later adopted in the draft expenditure plan for the unsuccessful local sales tax measure, Measure S, Transportation Improvement Program. While the measure itself failed, the need for the project is not diminished. The cities and the County recognize the need for the facility and depend on the result of the planning study to help them identify the scope and cost of the project, establish a plan line for adoption by all jurisdictions so that development does not encroach on the future alignment, and develop a financial strategy that can be adopted by all involved to ensure that the corridor improvements are built.

POLICY ISSUES:

The Board should 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 IMPACTS:

There is no staffing impact associated with this item.

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Abstaining: Supervisor: None

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED:

Item # *C-5

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
SUPPORTING SUBMITTAL OF THE PARTNERSHIP PLANNING GRANT 2009-2010 APPLICATION
FOR THE PROPOSED SOUTH COUNTY CORRIDOR PROJECT IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CITY
OF PATTERSON AND STANCOG

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Stanislaus, State of California, hereby finds and determines as follows:

WHEREAS, The Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is currently accepting applications for the 2009-2010 Transportation Planning Grants. The grant funds that are available can be used for Community-Based Transportation Planning; Partnership Planning; Transit Planning; and Environmental Justice (Context-Sensitive Planning). The ultimate goal of these grants is to adopt, initiate, and program transportation improvements; and

WHEREAS, Stanislaus County will be supporting the Regional Transportation Planning Agency (StanCOG) for the submittal of a Regional Partnership Planning Grant Application; and

WHEREAS, Stanislaus County and the City of Patterson have requested that StanCOG apply for grant funds to fund the feasibility study for the South County Corridor project; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors, of the County of Stanislaus, State of California supports the submittal of the Partnership Planning Grant 2009-2010 application for the proposed South County Corridor Project.

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

