

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

DEPT: Public Works *ml*

BOARD AGENDA # *C-2

Urgent Routine

AGENDA DATE March 22, 2011

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES NO
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES NO

SUBJECT:

Approval to Adopt a Resolution Supporting Stanislaus Council of Governments in Submitting an Application for a Caltrans Environmental Justice Transportation Planning Grant

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Adopt a resolution supporting Stanislaus Council of Governments in submitting an application for a Caltrans Environmental Justice Transportation Planning Grant to prepare the South County Corridor Revitalization Study.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The estimated cost of the South County Corridor Revitalization Study is \$250,000. The study would be 90% funded by California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Environmental Justice Transportation Planning Grant, if received. The local match of \$25,000 is available from Regional Transportation Impact Fees (RTIF).

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BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2011-180

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

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

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.

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FISCAL IMPACT (Continued):

The South County Corridor was added to the list of RTIF projects in the 2010 update. Stanislaus Council of Governments (StanCOG) has administrative authority over RTIF funds, therefore, Stanislaus County Public Works will make the request of StanCOG to approve the use of these funds for this project. The critical timeline of the grant application precludes the request for RTIF funds prior to the submission of the grant.

DISCUSSION:

On March 31, 2009, the Board of Supervisors approved a resolution supporting the Stanislaus Council of Governments (StanCOG) to apply for and accept a Partnership Planning Grant 2009-2010 for the South County Corridor Project to fund a feasibility study. This application was not successful. StanCOG, along with support from the cities of Patterson, Turlock, Newman and Modesto, are interested in applying under a separate grant category, a Caltrans Environmental Justice Transportation Planning Grant for the same purpose.

The proposed feasibility study, entitled the "South County Corridor Revitalization Study" is intended to identify a corridor alignment for a west-east alignment between Patterson and Turlock and will also include mobility and access strategies to serve the west side of Stanislaus County. The study will focus on transportation strategies and projects that interface with land use planning and promote economic opportunity, equity, environmental protection, and affordable housing for low income and minority populations. The study will also analyze potential corridor alignments to enhance local and regional connectivity, improve goods movement and influence or contribute to the economic vitality of the region. It is intended that a new east-west corridor would improve safety while improving mobility, capacity, and speed. The new corridor is also expected to mitigate increased congestion and air quality concerns in Stanislaus County.

POLICY ISSUES:

The Board should consider if the recommended actions are consistent with its priorities of providing A Safe Community, Effective Partnerships, and A Well-Planned Infrastructure System by supporting efforts to prepare the South County Corridor Revitalization Study.

STAFFING IMPACT:

There are no staffing impacts associated with this item.

CONTACT PERSON:

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THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED:

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING STANISLAUS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
IN THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR A CALTRANS
ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING GRANT**

WHEREAS, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is currently accepting applications for FY 2011-12 Transportation Planning Grants with the ultimate goal of adopting, initiating, and programming transportation improvements; and

WHEREAS, Stanislaus County supports the development of a west-east expressway between the cities of Patterson and Turlock connecting Highway 99 to Interstate 5 to facilitate the movement of goods and services; and

WHEREAS, the cities of Patterson, Newman, Turlock, and Modesto, and the County of Stanislaus have requested that Stanislaus County of Governments (StanCOG) act as the Applicant for the Caltrans grant to fund the feasibility study for the South County Corridor as well as addressing mobility and access strategies to improve access in the southern portion of Stanislaus County; and

WHEREAS, StanCOG will be the Applicant and will file an application for an Environmental Justice Transportation Planning Grant for the South County Corridor Revitalization Study on behalf of the StanCOG, in partnership as Sub-Recipients with the County of Stanislaus, the City of Newman, the City of Patterson, and the City of Turlock

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF STANISLAUS COUNTY supports the submittal of a FY 2011-12 Caltrans Environmental Justice Transportation Planning Grant to prepare the South County Corridor Revitalization Study.

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

