

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Public Works	(2) MEETING DATE 10/21/2014	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Jeff Werst, Design Division Manager (805) 781-4480	
(4) SUBJECT Submittal of a resolution to authorize the Director or Deputy Director of Public Works to sign federal project funding extension requests with the State of California, Department of Transportation. All Districts.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board approve the attached resolution to authorize the Director of Public Works or the Deputy Director of Public Works to sign funding extension requests with the State of California, Department of Transportation.			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) N/A	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT N/A	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT N/A	(9) BUDGETED? N/A
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. ___) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. ___)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input type="checkbox"/> N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: N/A <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5 Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP N/A	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input type="checkbox"/> N/A Date: 8/27/13, #8	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts			

Reference: 14OCT21-C-5

County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Public Works
Jeff Werst, Design Division Manager

VIA: Dave Flynn, Interim Director of Public Works

DATE: 10/21/2014

SUBJECT: Submittal of a resolution to authorize the Director or Deputy Director of Public Works to sign federal project funding extension requests with the State of California, Department of Transportation. All Districts.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board approve the attached resolution to authorize the Director of Public Works or the Deputy Director of Public Works to sign funding extension requests with the State of California, Department of Transportation.

DISCUSSION

As a recipient of federal funds from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for transportation project development and construction, the County entered into a Master Agreement with the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) on April 6, 2007. By signing the Master Agreement, the County agreed to comply with all federal and state laws, regulations, policies, and procedures relative to the design, right of way acquisition, environmental compliance, construction, and maintenance of the completed facility.

For each project receiving federal funds, the County has executed a program supplement to the Master Agreement that describes the phases, costs, special conditions, and formalizes the financial responsibilities. Program supplements are the contractual basis for Caltrans to reimburse the County for the various phases of a federally funded project. Each program supplement stipulates that the funds that have been encumbered for the project are available for disbursement for a limited period of time and that all funds not liquidated within said period of time will lapse unless a funding extension request is submitted by the County for approval by the California Department of Finance.

The County strives to complete projects in a timely manner, but due to the length of time to complete environmental clearance and right of way acquisition process many of the federally funded projects take several years to complete. By adopting the attached resolution, your Board will authorize the Director of Public Works to file extension requests as warranted.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

Caltrans Office of Local Assistance oversees funding for various local agency projects by agreement with FHWA for authorization to utilize federal funds.

FHWA is the funding agency for several transportation programs for which the County is a recipient of federal funds, including the Surface Transportation Program (STP), the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ), the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP), and the Highway Bridge Program (HBP).

The California Department of Finance has approval authority for funding extension requests.

In addition to typical road and bridge projects, Public Works also processes funding requests for federal funds utilized for Parks Department trail projects. Current examples include the Atascadero-Templeton Connector project which Parks is the lead department. This action would allow for extension requests on those projects as warranted.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the attached documents as to legal form and effect.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The federal-aid programs provide funding for numerous roads, safe route to school, trails, environmental mitigation and bridge projects. The percentage of funding ranges from 80% to 100% of project costs. Match funding is typically funded from the Road Fund. The Highway Bridge Program, alone, over the next ten years is projected to be over \$30 million in improvements.

RESULTS

Approval of the attached resolution will allow the County to meet the federal requirements necessary to extend federal-aid funding availability for numerous road and bridge projects throughout the County, helping to maintain the integrity of the County Road System and provide for a safer community.

File: Caltrans – Master Agreements

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution Authorizing the Director or Deputy Director of Public Works to Sign Funding Extension Requests with the State of California Department of Transportation