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MEMORANDUM

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To: District 1 Supervisor Fernando Armenta
District 2 Supervisor John M. Phillips
District 3 Supervisor Simon Salinas
District 4 Supervisor Jane Parker, Chair
District 5 Supervisor Dave Potter, Vice Chair

From: Carl P. Holm AICP, RMA Director 

Subject: ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (ATP) GRANT APPLICATION TO CALTRANS

cc: Lew C. Bauman, County Administrative Officer
Benny J. Young, Interim Director of Public Works & Facilities
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It is the intent of the Resource Management Agency (RMA) to submit three applications to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for Active Transportation Program (ATP) Grant funds for County roadway projects that grant eligibility requirements:

1. Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail (MBSST) – Moss Landing Segment Bicycle/Pedestrian Path and Bridge Project requesting \$6.6 million in ATP grant funds with no match;
2. Las Lomas Bicycle/Pedestrian Improvements Project requesting \$2.6 million in ATP grant funds with no match; and
3. San Lucas and San Ardo Schools Pedestrian Improvements Project requesting \$1.3 million in ATP grant funds with no match.

County procedures require departments to request approval by the Board of Supervisors prior to submitting a grant application. Due to the timeline of the board report administrative review process and the application submittal due date, the department is requesting authorization of this item via memorandum. Applications are due June 13, 2016.

The ATP is funded from various federal and state funds with approximately \$240 million in funds for this cycle. Annual funding distribution is 40% to Metropolitan Planning Organizations with populations greater than 200,000, 10% to small urban and rural areas with population of 200,000 or

less, and 50% to projects competitively awarded by the California Transportation Commission (CTC) on a statewide basis. The minimum request for ATP grant funds is \$250,000. A match is not required, but for projects that opt not to include a match; the 11.47% federal match needs to be programmed with use of Toll Credits. Toll Credits are toll revenues earned on existing toll facilities applied toward the non-Federal match share of an eligible project. Through the use of toll credits, the non-federal share match requirement can be met by applying an equal amount of toll credits and therefore allowing a project to be funded at 100%. The projects being submitted for ATP grants are eligible for Toll Credits and do not require a match. Toll Credits will be used in lieu of a local match.

ATP funds both infrastructure and non-infrastructure projects that encourage increased use of active modes of transportation, such as biking and walking. Eligible projects include infrastructure projects, plans, and non-infrastructure projects such as education, encouragement, and enforcement activities.

Staff recommends that the ATP Grants be applied for in this cycle to assist in funding the three previously mentioned County projects. Due to the tight timeframe of application submittal, staff will submit an application and present a report to your Board to ratify the grant application submittal and authorize acceptance of the grant if it is awarded to the County in the next fiscal year.

Please contact Ogarita Carranza, Management Analyst II, at (831) 755-5174 or Benny Young at (831) 755-4831, if you have any questions.