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MEMORANDUM

Date: May 15, 2015

To: Simon Salinas, Chair, Board of Supervisors, District 3
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From: Carl P. Holm, AICP, Acting Director 

Subject: ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATIONS TO CALTRANS

It is the intent of the Resource Management Agency (RMA) - Department of Public Works (DPW) to submit two applications to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for Active Transportation Program (ATP) Grant funds for County roadway projects.

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 1, 2015.

The ATP is funded from various federal and state funds with approximately \$119.7 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.

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.

RMA- DPW is currently preparing two grant applications that meet the grant eligibility requirements. One is for the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail (MBSST) – Moss Landing Segment Bicycle/Pedestrian Path and Bridge Project requesting \$5.9 million in ATP grant funds to fully fund the project. The second grant application is requesting \$1.9 million in ATP grant funds which will also fully fund the Las Lomas Bicycle/Pedestrian Improvements Project.

We will bring the application to the Board of Supervisors for consideration at the earliest meeting in June. Please contact me or Mr. Murdoch, if you have any questions.

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