



County of Monterey

Board of Supervisors
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Board Report

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RECOMMENDATION:

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SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

On November 8, 2016, the voters of Monterey County, pursuant to the provisions of the Local Transportation Authority and Improvement Act, California Public Utilities Code Section 180000 et seq. (the “Act”), approved the Transportation Safety & Investment Plan Measure X (Transportation Agency of Monterey County [TAMC] Ordinance No. 2016-01) on the Monterey County Ballot, thereby authorizing TAMC to impose and administer the proceeds from a three-eighths cent transaction and use tax (“Measure X”). Measure X identifies the State Route 156 project as an eligible use of funds from Measure X revenues. Part of the State Route 156 Corridor includes the extension of Blackie Road to a new interchange at State Route 156 and Castroville Boulevard in the County of Monterey (Blackie Road Extension Project [hereafter, “Project”]). TAMC was awarded funds from Senate Bill 1 Local Partnership Program Formula funds in the amount of \$250,000 to assist in the Project Approval and Environmental Document Phase of the Project. County has proposed the extension of Blackie Road with Measure X funding from TAMC for the Approval and Environmental Document Phase of the Project.

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), in cooperation with TAMC and the County of Monterey, will be constructing safety and operational improvements along State Route 156 in north Monterey County. The Project will connect these improvements to the local roadway system by constructing a new road from the interchange at State Route 156 and Castroville Boulevard, to Blackie Road. This Project will connect two (2) other roadway projects that are also planned in the corridor: (1) the State Route 156/Castroville Boulevard Interchange Improvements; and (2) the State Route 156 West Corridor Improvements. The Project will provide a new connection from the major distribution center in south Castroville to State Route 156, reducing truck traffic and congestion on State Route 183/Merritt Street through the central part of the community of Castroville.

On August 25, 2021, the proposed Funding Agreement (sometimes referred to as “Agreement”) between TAMC and the County of Monterey for the Project was presented to the TAMC Board of Directors. At that meeting, the TAMC Board of Directors approved the proposed Funding Agreement. The funding source for this Phase of the Project is through Senate Bill 1 Local Partnership Program formula funds which TAMC administers through Measure X Regional Funding. TAMC is eligible for the \$250,000 of Senate Bill 1 Local

Partnership Program formula funds because of Measure X. The County and TAMC received the allocation of these funds from the California Transportation Commission at their January 2021 meeting. The Local Partnership Program funds require a one-to-one match. The TAMC Board had previously approved using Measure X Regional Development Impact Fees for the Project in the amount of \$250,000. To receive these funds which are administered by TAMC, the County is required to enter into a Funding Agreement with the TAMC (Attachment A). The Project description, anticipated schedule, and funding summary are presented in the exhibits to the proposed of the Agreement.

Costs eligible to be reimbursed pursuant to the proposed Agreement are costs which are directly related to project implementation including project management, environmental documentation, permitting, engineering design, right-of-way acquisition, construction, and construction management costs (including staff time and costs incurred by the County that are directly related to the Project) as set forth in the proposed Agreement.

Staff recommends approval of the proposed Funding Agreement (Attachment A) to establish the framework, roles and responsibilities of the County and TAMC for the implementation of this phase of the Project.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The TAMC Board of Directors has approved the proposed Funding Agreement. The Office of the County Counsel has approved the Funding Agreement as to form.

FINANCING:

The Funding Agreement will have no immediate financial impact on the Road Fund. This phase of the proposed Project is funded by funds derived from the local Measure X revenues and Regional Development Impact fees through the proposed Agreement with TAMC, whereby said funds would be accepted from TAMC into Fund 002 Road Fund.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

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Attachment A - Proposed Funding Agreement

Attachment B - Location Map