

# MEMORANDUM

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS County of Placer

TO: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DATE: April 6, 2010  
FROM: KEN GREHM / ROBERT BLASER  
SUBJECT: CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY (CMAQ) PROGRAM -  
PROPOSED PROJECTS

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### ACTION REQUESTED / RECOMMENDATION

Approve the submittal of the Placer County request for candidate projects for CMAQ funding to Placer County Transportation Planning Agency (PCTPA).

### BACKGROUND / SUMMARY

The Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program (CMAQ) is a Federal program to provide funding to improve air quality in the region. The Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) administers the program with project proposals from the Placer County Transportation Planning Agency (PCTPA). The fair share of these funds, determined by population, for the unincorporated County area is \$2,851,051 for the next 3-year (2011-2014) program cycle. There is also a discretionary allocation for regional efforts in the amount of \$3.17 million. All projects and programs must comply with the Federal guidelines for this funding source.

A committee was formed of appropriate County departments and a call for projects was sent out. The listing of proposed projects, in order of priority, is as follows:

- 1) **Replacement Buses** – Purchase of four (4) Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) buses to replace older vehicles currently in use by Placer County Transit. The new CNG buses will be used on regional transit routes connecting Rocklin, Lincoln, Loomis, Auburn and Placer County to Roseville and the Watt/I-80 Light Rail Station. The total replacement cost is currently estimated at \$2.06 million. CMAQ Funds - \$1,823,300. (Sponsor – DPW Transit)
- 2) **Highway 49 Pedestrian Facilities and Landscaping** – This project would construct pedestrian and landscape facilities along Highway 49 from New Airport Road to Bell Road. This section of Highway 49 is characterized by commercial land uses, denser and larger development, and fewer infill areas; Caltrans has recently completed roadway improvements. Pedestrian safety is critical in this area as there are schools, senior citizen complexes, a hospital, and a large number of pedestrian residents. The total project cost is currently estimated at \$3 million. CMAQ Funds - \$2,000,000 (Sponsor – Redevelopment)
- 3) **Auburn Folsom Road Class II Bikeway** – This project would widen Auburn Folsom Road to accommodate bicycle traffic, with a Class II bicycle lane, from Douglas Boulevard to Joe Rodgers Road. This project is a portion of a larger project, identified in the 2002 Regional Bikeway Plan, to widen Auburn Folsom to include Class II bicycle lanes from the Sacramento County line to Lincoln Way within the City of Auburn, for improved regional bicycle access. The current project cost is estimated at \$800,000. CMAQ Funds - \$708,240. (Sponsor – Public Works)

Additional projects, if funding allows:

- **Douglas Boulevard Pedestrian Facilities** – This project would construct pedestrian facilities along Douglas Boulevard from Auburn Folsom Road to Oak Knoll Drive to connect the residential and commercial uses on the Auburn Folsom corridor to the residential and recreational uses to the east. The current project cost is estimated at \$1 million. CMAQ Funds - \$885,300 (Sponsor – Public Works)
- **CNG Sweeper** – Purchase of one (1) Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) sweeper. The current cost estimate is \$309,993. CMAQ Funds - \$274,384 (Sponsor – DPW Roads)

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**ENVIRONMENTAL**

This action is limited to a request for funding from the Federal government, and as such, is not considered a project under Section 21065 of the Public Resources Code. Projects that will use any awarded funds will require environmental review.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

These projects are required to have a minimum local match of 11.47%. Specific matching fund sources may vary by project and may include: Road or Prop 1b funds, Traffic Mitigation Fees, Redevelopment funds or other local, State or Federal grants and funds. Matching funds will be identified prior to start of each project.