

MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

County of Placer

TO: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DATE: November 7, 2006

FROM: KEN GREHM / RICK DONDRO^{RWD}

SUBJECT: CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY PROGRAM

ACTION REQUESTED / RECOMMENDATION

Approve the submittal of the Placer County request for CMAQ funding to 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 for the unincorporated County area is \$1,795,348 for the next program cycle. There is also a discretionary pot for regional efforts in the amount of \$1.9 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 is as follows:

- 1) **Douglas Blvd Pedestrian Facilities and Landscaping** – This project would fill in gaps in the pedestrian facilities along this route and enhance landscaping. In the last cycle, this project and a similar project on Sierra College Blvd. received \$250,000 and \$200,000 respectively. Since that time the funds for Sierra College Blvd. were moved to Douglas Blvd and the total project cost has now been estimated to be \$1 million. CMAQ Funds requested for this cycle -\$445,000 (Sponsor -- Facility Services)
- 2) **CNG Station Upgrade** – The Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) fueling facility in Auburn is in need of additional capacity. The County is expanding its fleet of CNG vehicles that in turn requires additional fueling capabilities. CMAQ funds \$500,000 (Sponsor -- Public Works)
- 3) **Clean Vehicle Upgrade** - Replacement of older vehicles with new vehicles using clean engine technology. The goal is to remove old diesel vehicles with vehicles using new cleaner burning engines. CMAQ Funds \$350,348 (Sponsor -- Public Works)
- 4) **CNG Bus Purchase** – Replacement of two older buses with cleaner and more reliable buses using clean CNG technology. Placer County Transit is implementing incremental expansions of service which will require a larger fleet. In addition, older buses must be replaced within the next two years. CMAQ Funds \$500,000 (Sponsor – Public Works)

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. Subsequent projects that will use any awarded funds will require environmental review and Board approval.

FISCAL IMPACT

The projects are required to furnish a minimum local match of 11.47%.

