

MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
County of Placer

TO: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DATE: JANUARY 8, 2008
FROM: KEN GREHM / RICK DONDRO^{YD} ^{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, determined by population, for the unincorporated County area is \$1,802,503 for the next program cycle. There is also a discretionary allocation 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; Projects 1-3 to be funded by the County share, Project 4, a proposed joint project with the City of Auburn, is to utilize discretionary funds:

- 1) **Douglas Boulevard and Sierra College Boulevard Pedestrian Facilities and Landscaping** – This project would complete the pedestrian and landscape facilities along Sierra College Boulevard and would fill in the few remaining gaps along Douglas Boulevard that were not funded in the previously authorized CMAQ cycle. The total project cost is currently estimated at \$1,001,800. CMAQ Funds - \$845,718 (Sponsor – Public Works)
- 2) **Clean Vehicle Upgrade** – Replacement of older vehicles with new vehicles using clean engine technology. The goal is to remove old diesel vehicles from the fleet and replace them with vehicles using cleaner burning engines. CMAQ Funds - \$606,785 (Sponsor – Public Works)
- 3) **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. This request will add to the \$1 million previously granted from CMAQ funds. CMAQ funds - \$350,000 (Sponsor – Public Works)
- 4) **Auburn Folsom Bikeway Project** – This project would widen Auburn Folsom Road to accommodate bicycle traffic from the Auburn City Limit to approximately 450 feet within the City Limit. This project will tie into a larger County project that will widen Auburn Folsom Road from Shirland Tract to the Auburn City Limit in the future. The project is identified in the 2002 Regional Bikeway Plan as one of seven high priority bikeway projects listed in the plan. The current project cost is estimated at \$225,000. CMAQ Funds - \$199,193 (Sponsors - Public Works, City of Auburn)

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 furnish a minimum local match of 11.47%.

