



# Board Agenda Item 64

DATE: July 11, 2017

TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBMITTED BY: Steven E. White, Director  
Department of Public Works and Planning

SUBJECT: Federal Apportionment Exchange and State Match Program Agreement No. X17-5942(286)

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

**Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute an Agreement with the California Department of Transportation exchanging \$268,108 in Federal funds for an equal amount of non-Federal funds from the State Highway Account, and claim \$100,000 of State Match Program funds for FY 2016-17.**

The recommended action would authorize the Chairman to execute an agreement with Caltrans that would allow the County to exchange \$268,108 in Federal funds for non-Federal funds and receive \$100,000 in non-Federal funds for matching Federally funded projects.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION(S):

If the recommended action is not approved, Fresno County would not receive the State Match funds, and thus, additional monies from the County Road Fund would be required to fund the County's portion of various projects. Additionally, the County will not be able to utilize the flexibility associated with the non-Federal funds.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no Net County Cost associated with the recommended action. Funds received will be recognized in the Department of Public Works and Planning FY 2017-18 Roads Org 4510.

DISCUSSION:

The Federal Highway Administration makes funds available for road and bridge improvements on Federally designated highways within Fresno County. The County's costs for making scheduled improvements to the roads and bridges are partially offset by Federal funds. The Federal participation rate varies up to a maximum of 100 percent.

Under the provisions of Section 182.6 of the Streets and Highways Code (Regional Surface Transportation Program), counties may voluntarily exchange a predetermined amount of Federal funds for an equal amount of non-Federal funds in the State Highway Account. In exercising its option to exchange Federal funds for State Highway Account funds, the County gains flexibility to use that dollar amount on any County highway or bridge reconstruction project. The amount of funds available to Fresno County is \$268,106, which has remained unchanged since FY 1992-93.

Section 182.9 of the Streets and Highways Code requires the allocation of State matching funds (non-Federal) from the State Highway Account to the County. The County is scheduled to receive \$100,000, the maximum

amount under the State Match Program. The funds received under this program are not tied to Federal requirements, thus simplifying the restrictions on the use of these funds; however, these funds may not be used for overhead or other non-direct expenditures.

Participation in the Federal Apportionment Exchange Program and State Match Program by local agencies is optional. A new agreement between the County and Caltrans is executed annually. Funding for these programs is subject to being appropriated as part of the annual State Budget Act.

OTHER REVIEWING AGENCIES:

Caltrans prepared the Agreement.

REFERENCE MATERIAL:

BAI #56, July 12, 2016

ATTACHMENTS INCLUDED AND/OR ON FILE:

On file with Clerk - Agreement with California Department of Transportation

CAO ANALYST:

John Hays