



Legislation Text

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SUBJECT: 2014/2015 Regional Surface Transportation Program Exchange Funds

REPORT IN BRIEF

Merced County Association of Governments (MCAG) has received a RSTP exchange contract from Caltrans for Fiscal year 2014/2015 and the City of Merced can claim, by simple resolution, its portion of the exchange funds.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt **Resolution 2015-30**, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced California, authorizing the City Manager to file the Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) Exchange Funds claim for Fiscal Year 2014-2015.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Approve, as recommended by staff; or,
2. Approve, subject to conditions other than recommended by staff; or,
3. Deny; or,
4. Refer to staff for reconsideration of specific items; or,
5. Continue to a future meeting (date and time to be specified in the motion).

AUTHORITY

The Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act (SAFETEA-LU) provides for the exchange of Local Un-obligated Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funds through MCAG per the Caltrans Agreement.

Projects to be funded with this claim are only those projects that are defined under Section 133(b) and 133(c) of Title 23, United States Code and Article XIX of the California State Constitution, implemented in accordance with the requirements of Section 182.6(d)(I) of the Streets and Highway Code.

CITY COUNCIL PRIORITIES

As provided for in the 2015-16 Adopted Budget.

DISCUSSION

The Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) portion of the Federal SAFETEA-LU Act provides for revenues and allocations to local agencies. Merced County Association of Governments (MCAG) has received authorization from Caltrans providing for fund distribution in a two-tier process.

The funds allocated to the City through MCAG represent a City "Lifeline" apportionment with the remainder of the funds to be allocated by MCAG based on a mutually acceptable allocation formula.

The MCAG Board has adopted a formula based on population by jurisdiction. A summary of the apportionments is shown in Attachment 2.

MCAG, on behalf of the local agencies, has entered into an agreement with Caltrans to exchange the Local Un-obligated balance of the 2014/2015 RSTP funds. The City of Merced is entitled to a total of \$852,894.

MCAG member agencies are required to submit two RSTP Governing Body approved documents prior to any distribution of funds, which includes both the RSTP Exchange Claim Form and an adopted Resolution.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution
2. Apportionments
3. Claim Form
4. MCAG Letter