



Legislation Text

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SUBJECT: Regional Transportation Impact Fee (RTIF) Program Options

REPORT IN BRIEF

Seek direction on how the Regional Transportation Impact Fee program should proceed in the future.

RECOMMENDATION

Provide direction on how the Regional Transportation Impact Fee (RTIF) program should proceed in the future.

AUTHORITY

Section 17.64 of the Merced Municipal Code authorizes the City's collection of the Regional Transportation Impact Fees.

CITY COUNCIL PRIORITIES

Addresses Council priority of infrastructure planning and development projects.

DISCUSSION

The Regional Transportation Impact Fee (RTIF) program collects one-time fees from new development to mitigate impacts on the regional road network. The purpose of the program is to ensure that adequate transportation facilities will be available to meet the projected needs of Merced County as it grows, and then the facilities planned are consistent with the Regional Transportation Plan.

The RTIF program was established in 2005 when each of the seven jurisdictions in Merced County entered into an implementation agreement authorizing Merced County Association of Governments (MCAG) to manage and administer the fee program. Participation in the collection of RTIF has varied since its inception. During the recession, the City Council suspended the collection of RTIF to lessen the impact on proposed development projects.

During the November 17, 2017 MCAG Board of Directors meeting, the status of future of the RTIF program was discussed. No decisions were made at that time. However, staff was directed to identify a menu of options on how to move forward with the RTIF. This information was also to include a variety of options on how to allocate the remaining fund balance should the board decide to dissolve the program. These options and choices were presented at the January 18, 2018 meeting and the Board of Directors elected to suspend RTIF indefinitely.

Attached are the recommended options from MCAG staff that were considered by the Governing Board. This item seeks input and a motion on which option the Council would like its representative to select at the upcoming MCAG Governing Board meeting for distribution of the remaining RTIF funds.

ATTACHMENTS

1. MCAG RTIF Description