

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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FROM: TLMA – Transportation Department

SUBMITTAL DATE:
October 5, 2015

SUBJECT: Authorizing the Submittal of a Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Application for Fiscal Year 2016/2017 for the Development of a Mobility Plan for the Communities of Thermal and Oasis. 4th District; [\$150,000]; State 88.53%, Gas Tax 11.47%.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

Authorize the Director of Transportation and Land Management, or his designee, to submit a Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Application for Fiscal Year 2016/2017.

Departmental Concurrence

Patricia Romo
Assistant Director of Transportation

Juan C. Perez
Director of Transportation and Land Management

FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost:	POLICY/CONSENT (Per Exec. Office)
COST	\$ 0	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 0	Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Policy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	
SOURCE OF FUNDS: State 88.53%, Gas Tax 11.47%				Budget Adjustment: no	
				For Fiscal Year: 16/17	

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

BY:
Tina Grande

County Executive Office Signature

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- Positions Added
- Change Order
- A-30
- 4/5 Vote

Prev. Agn. Ref.:

District: 4

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Summary

On August 17, 2015, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) released a call for applications for the Fiscal Year 2016/2017 Sustainable Transportation Grants Program. The objective of the Sustainable Communities Grant Program is to identify and address mobility deficiencies in the multimodal transportation system including the mobility needs of environmental justice and disadvantaged communities; encourage stakeholder collaboration; involve active public engagement; and ultimately result in programmed system improvements. The Environmental Justice goal is to ensure that when transportation decisions are made, low-income and minority communities have a full opportunity to participate in the decision-making process, and they receive an equitable distribution of benefits and not a disproportionate share of burdens. Caltrans encourages applicants to apply for Sustainable Communities grants to address transportation needs and deficiencies in Environmental Justice and Disadvantaged Communities.

The Sustainable Communities Grants are funded by the Federal Transit Administration and the State Highway Account. Approximately \$8.3 million will be available statewide for the Fiscal Year 2016/2017 grant cycle. Eligible Primary Applicants include Cities and Counties and eligible sub-applicants include non-profit organizations. The County of Riverside (County) along with the non-profit agencies, Local Government Commission and Leadership Council for Justice and Accountability, are proposing to submit an application for the development of a neighborhood and regional level mobility plan for the unincorporated communities of Thermal and Oasis in eastern Riverside County.

The Leadership Council for Justice and Accountability has already been working with the community to identify barriers to mobility and access. This project will engage residents throughout the communities to develop a plan that meets the needs of the community and is technically feasible and implementable. The project is expected to cost \$150,000 and would require a local match of \$17,205. This match would be in the form of County staff time to manage and participate in the development of the community mobility plan.

Applications are due on October 30, 2015 and successful applicants will be announced in March 2016. If successful, work would commence in mid-2016.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

It is expected that the completed mobility plan for the communities of Thermal and Oasis would allow the County to better compete for Grant Funds for active Transportation and other State and Federal sources to help fund transportation improvement projects that would improve mobility to jobs, housing, and community services.

SUPPLEMENTAL:

Additional Fiscal Information

The staff time needed to work on this project would total \$17,205 and would be paid for with Gas Tax Funds. No County general funds would be used.

Contract History and Price Reasonableness

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

N/A