



Resource Management Agency

COUNTY OF TULARE AGENDA ITEM

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AGENDA DATE: September 10, 2024 – REVISED

Public Hearing Required	N/A
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	N/A
Published Notice Required	N/A
Advertised Published Notice	N/A
Meet & Confer Required	N/A
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	N/A
Personnel Resolution attached	N/A
Agreement(s) attached	N/A

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SUBJECT: Claim to the Tulare County Association of Governments for Regional Surface Transportation Program/ Surface Transportation Block Grant Program Funds

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve a claim to the Tulare County Association of Governments for Regional Surface Transportation Program/ Surface Transportation Block Grant Program Funds in Exchange for State Highway Account Funds, in the amount of \$831,524, for Fiscal Year 2023/2024, and
2. Approve the Resolution for Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Regional Surface Transportation Program/ Surface Transportation Block Grant Program Exchange fund claim on behalf of the County of Tulare, and
3. Authorize the Resource Management Agency Director or designee, to sign the claim.
4. Direct the Resource Management Agency to provide a signed copy of the claim to the Clerk of the Board.

SUMMARY:

Tulare County receives funding for road maintenance from a variety of sources including federal, state and local origins. One of these sources is the Federal Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP). These funds are normally used for projects through a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), but for less urbanized regions they can be exchanged for State Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funds. Through the RSTP/STBGP Tulare County will receive approximately \$1.8 million this fiscal year. Approximately half of these funds are distributed through a claim request to the local Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) the Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG). The remaining portion is disbursed directly to the

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County through the State of California via Caltrans. RSTP/STBGP funds can be used toward maintenance or street improvements on County maintained roadways.

This item is a request for the approval of a claim for the portion of the RSTP/STBGP funds disbursed through TCAG. A separate agenda item on May 7, 2024 approved an agreement with Caltrans for the direct disbursement of \$887,784 of RSTP/STBGP funds.

On April 15, 2024, the TCAG Board of Governors approved the distribution of the 2023/2024 RSTP apportionment in the amount of \$6,490,831 for local assistance to all municipalities in Tulare County for fiscal year 2023/2024. Tulare County's allocated portion under this program for fiscal year 2023/2024 is \$831,524. The funds will be deposited into the County Road fund for use on the County's rural road maintenance program. Along with rehabilitation and maintenance projects. The specific locations of these projects will be identified through the County's Transportation Improvement Plan (CTIP), the funding, projects will be designated by staff and advertised for competitive bidding and construction through contract. It is expected that projects utilizing this funding will begin construction during the fall of 2024.

Staff is requesting the Board authorize the Director to sign the claim for reimbursement as described above to reduce administrative inefficiencies in the funding process.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

No Net County Costs.

County costs will be reimbursed by TCAG through the 2023/2024 Surface Transportation Program (RSTP/RSTBGP) Funds.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

Strategic Initiative 1: Safety and Security includes the goal of improving and maintaining adequate transportation infrastructure. The funding to be received hereunder would allow the County to better maintain its road infrastructure through reconstruction or overlay projects as identified through the County's Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Plan.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

s/ Sherman Dix

Sherman Dix, CPA
Assistant Director – Fiscal Services

/s/ Reed Schenke

Reed Schenke, P.E.
Director

Cc: County Administrative Office

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Attachment A – Copy of FY 23/24 Agreement between TCAG/State (Reference Only)

Attachment B – RSTP/RSTBG Claim form to TCAG

Attachment C – FY 23/24 Resolution