

DEPARTMENT: Public Works, Roads

BY: James J. Petropulos, Director
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RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Authorize the County to participate in the 2002/2003 optional Federal Apportionment Exchange and State Match Program for Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) Funds and for the Chairman of the Board to execute the agreement once received from Caltrans.

Staff is requesting that the Board authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement with Caltrans to exchange federal funds earmarked for transportation under the TEA-21 legislation for nonfederal state highway account funds. The minimum amount to be exchanged is \$157,715 from the Federal Government. Including the state match of \$78,858, the total amount of funds provided available to Roads will be \$236,573.

This exchange program is offered to jurisdictions such as Mariposa County to allow the best use of transportation funds without placing undue restrictions on expenditures.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The Road Division has relied heavily on the annual RSTP exchange dollars for general maintenance for several years. This exchange has occurred on an annual basis since the inception of the Surface Transportation Program in 1991.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Negative action will result in the Road Division not being able to utilize the RSTP funds effectively because of the difficult NEPA requirements and because the County may not have enough projects that qualify for federal transportation funds. Lack of positive action may delay receipt of the exchange funds in the current fiscal year.

Financial Impact? (X) Yes () No	Current FY Cost: \$	Annual Recurring Cost: \$
Budgeted In Current FY? (X) Yes () No () Partially Funded		
Amount in Budget: \$ 236,573		List Attachments, number pages consecutively
Additional Funding Needed: \$ -0-		Letter from Department of Transportation
Source:		
Internal Transfer _____		
Unanticipated Revenue _____ 4/5's vote		
Transfer Between Funds _____ 4/5's vote		
Contingency _____ 4/5's vote		
() General () Other		

CLERK'S USE ONLY:

Res. No.: 03-228 Ord. No. _____
Vote - Ayes: 5 Noes: _____
Absent: _____
() Approved
() Minute Order Attached () No Action Necessary

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.
Date: _____
Attest: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board
County of Mariposa, State of California
By: _____
Deputy

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:

Requested Action Recommended
 No Opinion
Comments:

CAO: MW

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**METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS
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Dear Executive Directors:

Subject: FFY 2002-2003 RSTP Apportionments

Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) apportionments for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2002-2003 are enclosed, Table 1. Final apportionments have been adjusted to reflect Federal Highway Administration Notice 4510.481, \$320 Million National Rescission, Table 2. Apportionments are made in accordance with Sections 182.6(b) of the California Streets and Highways Code.

In an effort to provide additional information regarding the distribution methodology, the following documents are enclosed:

- Table 2 2002 rescission distribution required by N 4510.481 dated 9/24/02 (\$3,251,912 Large UZA and \$990, 419 Small Area)
- Table 3 2003 Suballocation distribution information
- Table 4 Detailed population information by region, county, and Urbanized Areas (UZA)

Federal Fiscal Year 2002/2003 is the first year that apportions funding based on the 2000 Census Update. Census Bureau information is available online at http://www.census.gov/geo/www/ua/ua_2k.html. Two Federal Register notices are applicable: 1) Federal Register/Vol. 67, No. 84/Wednesday, May 1, 2002 and Vol. 67, No. 164, Friday, August 23, 2002. The Federal Register is available online at <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/index.html>.

Federal Obligational Authority (OA) for FFY 2002-2003 is set at 103.0 percent. Obligation of funding above 100 percent of the FFY 2002-2003 apportionment is only possible if your region has a prior year unobligated balance. Apportionment status of unobligated funding is available on the Caltrans' Local Programs website at: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/AB1012/3-31-03Summary.pdf>.

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Regions should establish a plan of action to obligate, but not exceed, 103.0 percent of the FFY 2002-2003 apportionment level. If your region expects to obligate more than 103.0 percent, please consult with your Caltrans District Local Assistance Engineer, Table 5. Agencies eligible to exchange RSTP funds for state funds should contact the respective Caltrans District Local Assistance Engineer.

The final adjusted statewide RSTP total, \$299,848,951, reflects a two percent set aside for State Planning and Research, a ten percent deduction for the Transportation Enhancement Program, and a ten percent deduction for Safety Programs. The apportionments include the pro-rata distribution of Minimum Guarantee (MG) funds and Revenue Aligned Budget Authority (RABA) as specified in Title 23 United States Code (USC); Sections 105(c) and 110(e) respectively, although no RABA funds are available for FFY 2002/2003.

The RSTP totals also reflect a pro-rata \$500,000 deduction for the Cooperative Training Assistance Program (CTAP). CTAP is a State-Local subsidized training program for public employees in the transportation field and administered by the University of California. Information regarding training courses available through CTAP may be obtained by contacting the Institute of Transportation Studies at (510) 231-9590.

The RSTP Large Area portion shown in Table 1 must be programmed and obligated in urbanized areas with populations greater than 200,000 as required by Section 133(f) of Title 23 USC, as amended by Section 1108 of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA 21). It is important to note that failure to meet this requirement may jeopardize the availability of future Federal funding to these areas.

The RSTP apportionments also reflect the adjustments to comply with Streets and Highways Code 182.6(d), which require RSTP apportionments to equal or exceed 110 percent of FFY 1990-1991 Federal Aid Secondary (FAS) funding and to equal or exceed FFY 1990-1991 Federal Aid Urban (FAU) funding adjusted by population.

If you have any questions regarding these apportionments, please contact Cathy Gomes at (916) 654-3271.

Sincerely,


JIM NICHOLAS
Chief

Division of Transportation Programming

Enclosures

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City and County Public Works Directors
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District Local Assistance Engineers