



RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY COUNTY OF TULARE AGENDA ITEM

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AGENDA DATE: May 8, 2018

Public Hearing Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advertised Published Notice	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s)	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

CONTACT PERSON: Celeste Perez PHONE: (559) 624-7010

SUBJECT: Tulare County-wide Safe Routes to School Plan Phase 2

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the Categorical Exemption consistent with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Title 14 California Code of Regulations, Section 15262 (Feasibility and Planning Studies) for the Tulare County-wide Safe Routes to School Plan Phase 2; and
2. Authorize the Environmental Assessment Officer, or designee, to sign and file the Notice of Statutory Exemption with the County Clerk; and
3. Certify and adopt the Tulare County-wide Safe Routes to School Plan Phase 2 (Grant Number: ATPLNI-5946(149)) as accurate.

SUMMARY:

In September 2014, the County was awarded \$110,000 in Active Transportation Program (ATP) funds to prepare a County-wide Safe Routes to School Plan. The purpose of the plan was to develop and prioritize projects that would improve safety and encourage walking and bicycling to schools in the unincorporated communities of Tulare County. On May 3, 2016, your Board adopted the Tulare County-wide Safe Route to School (SRTS) Plan Phase 1 under the Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 1 grant.

Staff is now submitting to your Board the Tulare County-wide Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Plan Phase 2 which identifies eighteen (18) priority projects. Similar to the SRTS Plan – Phase 1, the purpose of the SRTS Plan Phase 2 is

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to further develop and prioritize projects that would improve safety and encourage walking and bicycling to schools in the unincorporated communities of Tulare County. Nine (9) of the identified projects will be considered for funding applications in ATP Cycle 4, which is scheduled to release a call for projects in May 2018. See below for additional information.

A Categorical Exemption was prepared by the Tulare County RMA, Environmental Planning Division, and approved by the Environmental Assessment Officer. The activity/project is determined to be Exempt under Categorical per Title 14 CC R Section 15262 Feasibility and Planning Studies.

Background

The goals of the ATP program include the following: increase the proportion of biking and walking trips; increase safety for non-motorized users; increase mobility for non-motorized users; advance the efforts of regional agencies to achieve greenhouse gas reduction goals; enhance public health, including the reduction of childhood obesity through the use of projects eligible for Safe Routes to Schools Program funding; ensure disadvantaged communities fully share in program benefits (25% of program) and provide a broad spectrum of projects to encourage and accommodate active modes of transportation.

The funding awarded to Tulare County was specific to “Safe Routes to School” projects. The plan includes identification of Safe Routes to School corridors that have higher than average pedestrian and bicycle related collision history; unsafe conditions; lack ADA compliant infrastructure; a history of traffic/pedestrian related issues as reported by community members and school administrators and other applicable identifiers.

As a part of the ATP application acceptance, projects are screened for being included within an adopted plan prior to the evaluation stage.

Safe Routes to School Plan – Phase 1

Twelve (12) priority projects were identified in the SRTS Plan Phase 1. Preliminary engineering, which included development of conceptual level plans and cost estimates, were complete and all 12 projects were submitted for grant funding in ATP Cycle 3. See below for list of projects.

Community	Project Name	Description	Cost Estimate
Woodville	Woodville Road 168 Improvement	Curb, gutter, and sidewalk and ADA improvements	\$1,395,000
Lindsay	Lindsay LUSD – Sidewalk Improvements	Curb, gutter, and sidewalk and ADA improvements	\$857,000
Strathmore	Strathmore Ave. 198 Improvements	Curb, gutter, and sidewalk and drainage facilities	\$1,323,000
Alpaugh	Alpaugh Sidewalk Improvements	Curb, gutter, and sidewalk and drainage facilities	\$893,000

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Allensworth	Allensworth Sidewalk Improvements	Curb, gutter, and sidewalk	\$313,000
Earlimart	Earlimart Sidewalk Improvements	Curb, gutter, and sidewalk	\$1,973,000
Matheny Tract	Matheny Tract Sidewalk Improvements	Curb, gutter, and sidewalk and drainage facilities	\$1,816,050
Tipton	Evans Road Sidewalk Improvements	Curb, gutter, and sidewalk and drainage facilities	\$3,923,000
Cutler	George Road Sidewalk Improvements	Curb, gutter, and sidewalk	\$3,023,000
Orosi	Avenue 416 Sidewalk Improvements	Curb, gutter, and sidewalk	\$1,933,000
Seville	Road 156 Sidewalk Improvements	Curb, gutter, and sidewalk	\$273,000
Ducor	Avenue 56 Sidewalk Improvements	Curb, gutter, and sidewalk	\$1,098,000
		TOTAL:	\$18,820,050

Of the 12 projects above, four projects (projects shown in bold) currently have funding programmed.

The Woodville Sidewalk Improvement Project is programmed through the 2017 ATP Augmentation – MPO Component in the amount of \$835K. This project was previously programmed for funds in FY 19/20 and FY 20/21. However, staff was successful in advancing funds through the 2017 ATP Augmentation – MPO Component to deliver the design and construction phases in FY 17/18 and FY 18/19.

The Earlimart Sidewalk Improvement Project is programmed to be funded by the 2017 ATP Augmentation – Statewide Component in the amount of \$1,868,000 in FY 17/18 and FY 18/19.

The construction phase of the Allensworth Elementary Sidewalk Project is programmed to be funded by the 2017 ATP Augmentation – Statewide Component in the amount of \$260,000 in FY 18/19. This project was approved by your Board as part of the 2017 County Transportation Improvement Program (CTIP) and is programmed to be funded by Measure R Local Program funds allocated to the County. As a result of successfully securing funds through the 2017 ATP Augmentation – Statewide Component, Measure R funds programmed for this project will be utilized to provide additional improvements not eligible for reimbursement under ATP guidelines.

A portion of the Alpaugh Sidewalk Improvements Project in the amount of \$500,000 was programmed under the 2017 CTIP. Funding for this project will be made available under Measure R Local Program funds.

Safe Routes to School Plan Phase 2

Eighteen (18) priority projects are identified in the proposed SRTS Plan Phase 2. Of the 18 projects identified, preliminary engineering is complete for nine (9) projects (identified as Priority 1 projects) which includes development of conceptual level plans and cost estimates. Priority 1 projects will be considered

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for funding applications in ATP Cycle 4 which is scheduled to release a call for projects in May 2018.

Conceptual plans were also prepared for an additional seven (7) Priority 2 projects and two (2) Priority 3 projects.

Below is a summary of projects identified in the SRTS Plan Phase 2:

Priority 1 Projects			
Community	Project Name	Description	Estimated Total Project Cost
East Porterville	Crabtree Sidewalk Improvements	Curb, gutter, and sidewalk	\$1,600,000
East Porterville	Orange Sidewalk Improvements	Curb, gutter, and sidewalk	\$917,000
Delft Colony	Delft Colony Bus Stop Improvements	Bus stop	\$94,000
Goshen	Avenue 308 Sidewalk Improvements	Curb, gutter, and sidewalk	\$812,000
London	Avenue 378 Sidewalk Improvements	Curb, gutter, and sidewalk	\$1,236,000
Waukena	Waukena ADA Ramps, Pedestrian Crossing, and Bus Stop Improvements	ADA ramps, pedestrian crossing, and bus stops	\$198,000
Ivanhoe	Road 160 Sidewalk Improvements	Curb, gutter, and sidewalk	\$1,719,000
East Orosi	Road 140 Sidewalk Improvements	Curb, gutter, and sidewalk	\$995,000
Poplar	Avenue 145 Sidewalk Improvements	Curb, gutter, and sidewalk	\$982,000

Priority 2 Projects			
Community	Project Name	Description	Estimated Total Project Cost
East Porterville	Bennett Sidewalk Improvement	Curb, gutter, and sidewalk	TBD
East Porterville	Leggett Sidewalk Improvement	Curb, gutter, and sidewalk	TBD
Delft Colony	Avenue 397 & Road 57 Sidewalk Improvement	Curb, gutter, and sidewalk	TBD
Goshen	Avenue 308 Sidewalk Improvement	Curb, gutter, and sidewalk	TBD
London	Kate Sidewalk Improvement	Curb, gutter, and sidewalk	TBD
East Orosi	Avenue 418 Sidewalk Improvement	Curb, gutter, sidewalk, bus stop, and pave out	TBD

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Poplar	Road 191 Sidewalk Improvement	Curb, gutter, and sidewalk	TBD
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Priority 3 Projects			
Community	Project Name	Description	Estimated Total Project Cost
East Porterville	Crabtree/Doyle Sidewalk Improvement	Curb, gutter, and sidewalk	TBD
East Porterville	Ruth/River Sidewalk Improvement	Curb, gutter, and sidewalk	TBD

TBD: Cost estimates for priority 2 & 3 projects to be determined at later date.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

There is no Net County Cost to the General Fund.

The County was awarded \$110,000 in Active Transportation Program (ATP) funds to prepare a County-wide Safe Routes to School Plan. Development of the SRTS Plan Phase 2 is funded using the remainder of the Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 1 grant.

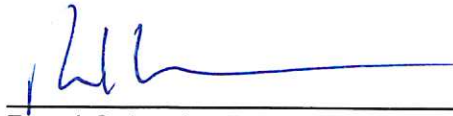
Furthermore, projects identified in the SRTS Plan Phase 2 are considered Safe Routes to Schools projects, and the proposed projects involved are all located within disadvantaged communities. As such, the design, plan and construction of these projects are eligible for 100% funding through either State or Federal funding sources. If funded by ATP/SRTS funds, no local match is required for projects located in disadvantaged communities, or for projects considered Safe Routes to School projects. Depending on the individual project, there may be non-participating costs, such as drainage and roadway improvements that may not be eligible for reimbursement with these State/Federal funds.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

The County's five-year strategic plan includes the "Safety and Security initiative and the Quality of Life initiative" to provide for the safety and security of the public. The proposed grant activities will continue to improve the Safety and Security of pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists, and improve the Quality of Life for the residents by providing improved and safe infrastructure opportunities.

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ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

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Reed Schenke P.E.
Director

RS:mw

Cc: Auditor-Controller
County Counsel
County Administrative Office (2)

Attachment A – Tulare County-wide Safe Routes to School Plan Phase 2 (On file
with the Clerk of the Board)

Attachment B – Notice of Exemption

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF TULARE COUNTY-) Resolution No. _____
WIDE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PLAN)
PHASE 2)

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR _____, SECONDED BY
SUPERVISOR _____, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD
OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD MAY 8, 2018, BY THE
FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

ATTEST: MICHAEL C. SPATA
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

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Attachment “A”

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Attachment “B”

Notice of Exemption

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Fee Exempt per Government Code Section 6103

To: ☐ Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814

☒ Tulare County Clerk
Room 105, Courthouse
221 South Mooney Boulevard
Visalia, California 93291

Lead Agency: Tulare County Resource Management Agency
5961 South Mooney Blvd.
Visalia, Ca 93277 Ph: 624-7000
Attn: hguerra@co.tulare.ca.us

Applicant(s): Tulare County Public Works
5961 South Mooney Boulevard
Visalia, CA 93277 Ph: 624-7000

Date filed with Tulare County Clerk

Project Title: Tulare County Safe Routes to School Plan Phase 2

Project Location - Specific: Throughout Tulare County, CA

Project Location- Section, Township, Range: N/A

Project Location - City: N/A

Project Location - County: Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: In September 2014 the County was awarded \$110,000 in Active Transportation Program (ATP) funds to prepare a County-wide Safe Routes to School Plan. The purpose of the plan was to develop and prioritize projects that would improve safety and encourage walking and bicycling to schools in the unincorporated communities of Tulare County. The goals of the ATP program include the following: increase the proportion of biking and walking trips; increase safety for non-motorized users; increase mobility for non-motorized users; advance the efforts of regional agencies to achieve greenhouse gas reduction goals; enhance public health, including the reduction of childhood obesity through the use of projects eligible for Safe Routes to Schools Program (SRTS) funding; ensure disadvantaged communities fully share in program benefits (25% of program) and provide a broad spectrum of projects to benefit many types of active transportation users.

Exempt Status: (check one)

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- ☐ General Rule: CEQA guidelines 15061 (b)(3)
- ☐ Categorical Exemption:

☒ Statutory Exemptions: (14 Cal. Code Regs. Section 15262 (Feasibility and Planning Studies))

Reasons why project is exempt: Based on supporting CEQA analysis for this project, it can be seen with certainty that the Project is consistent with Section 15262 Feasibility and Planning Studies. As noted earlier, the primary reason for this Plan is to develop and prioritize projects that would improve safety and encourage walking and bicycling to schools in the unincorporated communities of Tulare County. As such, Sections 15262 Feasibility and Planning Studies (14 Cal. Code Regs.) is applicable and appropriate for this Project.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Tulare, Resource Management Agency

Project Planner/Representative: Hector Guerra

Area Code/Telephone: 559-624-7000

Signature: [Signature] Date: 4/25/18 Title: Chief Environmental Planner
Hector Guerra

Signature: [Signature] Date: 4/25/18 Title: Environmental Assessment Officer
Reed Schenke. RMA Director

☒ Signed by Lead Agency

Date received for filing at OPR: N/A