



**RESOURCE  
MANAGEMENT AGENCY  
COUNTY OF TULARE  
AGENDA ITEM**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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**AGENDA DATE:** November 6, 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"/>
County Counsel Sign-Off	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
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**SUBJECT:** Approve Applications for FY 2019-20 Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning and Adaptation Grant Programs

**REQUEST(S):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Authorize submittal of FY 2019-20 Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning and Adaptation Planning Grant Applications with minor refinements as necessary in the Amount of \$350,000 to prepare Complete Streets Policy Plans for the following Communities: East Porterville Unincorporated UDB, Plainview, London, Lindsay Unincorporated UAB, Matheny Tract, West Goshen, Goshen (update) and East Tulare Villa.
2. Authorize the Chairman of the Board, to sign the completed application and accompanying documents on behalf of the County.

**SUMMARY:**

The Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program was created to support the California Department of Transportation's (Caltrans) Mission: Provide a safe, sustainable, integrated and efficient transportation system to enhance California's economy and livability.

The California Legislature passed, and Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. signed into law, Senate Bill (SB) 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017, a transportation funding bill that provides funds to maintain and integrate the State's multi-modal transportation system. In addition to the \$9.5 million in traditional State and federal grants, approximately \$25 million in SB 1 funds for Sustainable Communities Grants is available for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-20 grant cycle.

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It is important to note, SB 1 funds for Sustainable Communities Grants are subject to potential repeal. If SB 1 is repealed, the \$25 million split equally between the Sustainable Communities Competitive and Formula Grants will likely be eliminated. The SB 1 grant funding is intended to support and implement Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Sustainable Communities Strategies (SCS) (where applicable) and to ultimately achieve the State's greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction target of 40 and 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2030 and 2050, respectively.

Eligible planning projects must have a transportation nexus per Article XIX Sections 2 and 3 of the California Constitution. Therefore, successful planning projects are expected to directly benefit the multi-modal transportation system. Sustainable Communities Grants will also improve public health, social equity, environmental justice, the environment, and provide other important community benefits.

#### Sustainable Communities - Competitive Grants

Approximately \$12 million in State Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA) funds and \$5 million in State Highway Account (SHA) funds, or a combined total of \$17 million will be distributed through a competitive program to Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) with a sub-applicant(s), Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPAs), cities and counties, transit agencies, and Native American Tribal Governments. MPOs can apply to the Sustainable Communities Competitive Grants only in collaboration with a sub-applicant(s). Up to \$2 million will be set-aside for technical projects such as data acquisition or travel model updates. Funding distribution for the competitive program will depend on the quality and number of applications.

Caltrans supports complete streets and the Smart Mobility Framework (SMF). If applicable, Caltrans encourages applicants to consider the tools and techniques contained in the SMF as well as typical components of complete streets. Specifically, this might include how the project addresses components of community design, regional accessibility, place types, and priority activities to achieve smart mobility outcomes, community transition, and associated multimodal performance measures for the appropriate context of the problem

Grant applicants are encouraged to consider if a community is experiencing any specific climate vulnerabilities and how the proposed planning project aims to address specific concerns. Grant applicants are encouraged to describe how potential climate impacts are taken into consideration in the proposed planning project, such as the incorporation of natural infrastructure, and, if applicable, how the project conforms with the local implementation of SB 379 (Jackson, Statutes of 2015), Government Code Section 65302(g)(4), where cities and counties are required to address climate adaptation and resiliency strategies in the safety element of their general plan.

#### Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program Objectives:

1. Increase the safety of the transportation system for motorized and non-

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motorized users including safe routes to schools.

2. Increase the security of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users.
3. Increase accessibility and mobility of people and freight.
4. Protect and enhance the environment, promote energy conservation, improve the quality of life, and promote consistency between transportation improvements and State and local planned growth and economic development patterns.
5. Enhance the integration and connectivity of the transportation system, across and between modes, for people and freight.
6. Promote efficient system management and operation.
7. Emphasize the preservation of the existing transportation system.
8. Improve the resiliency and reliability of the transportation system and reduce or mitigate stormwater impacts of surface transportation.
9. Enhance travel and tourism.

#### Grant Proposal

If selected for this grant, Tulare County Resource Management Agency, working in collaboration with TCAG, proposes to develop Complete Streets Policy Plans for the following Communities: East Porterville Unincorporated UDB, Plainview, London, Lindsay Unincorporated UAB, Matheny Tract, West Goshen, Goshen (update) and East Tulare Villa.

These Complete Streets Policy Plans for the affected areas can serve (a) as a basis to be awarded construction funding from TCAG to implement these policies, and (b) as a template that could be used to develop future Complete Streets Policies applicable to other unincorporated community planning areas, as well as hamlets. Cities adjacent to these project areas can also benefit from the work produced by the County.

Beginning in the fall of 2013, through funding from TCAG and intensive community outreach, Resource Management Agency staff has worked diligently to complete 17 Complete Streets Programs, with twenty-six (26) roadways designed to 30% ("Projects"). Previously adopted complete streets policy plans include the communities of Traver, Goshen, Pixley, Strathmore, Earlimart, Tipton, Cutler, Orosi, Ducor, Terra Bella, Alpaugh, Allensworth, East Orosi, Ivanhoe, Poplar, Woodville, and Three Rivers. This proposal would serve as a continuation of that effort.

It is proposed that two separate, but identical grant applications be submitted for the Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant program and for the Adaptation Planning Grant Program to improve the opportunity for funding. If either of the

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grants are awarded, staff will return to the Board for execution of a funding agreement.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:**

No Net County Cost to the General Fund. Grant awards are anticipated for release in spring of 2019. All awarded grant funds must be programmed during the State FY 2019-20. The project start date depends on the method of contracting with Caltrans. Caltrans will contract directly with the primary grant recipients through the Restricted Grant Agreement (RGA) process. For grant recipients that undergo the RGA contracting process, work may begin as early as October 2019, assuming the grantee has received a fully executed contract and has been formally notified by Caltrans district staff to begin work.

The Sustainable Communities and Strategic Partnerships – Transportation grants require the applicant to provide a minimum 11.47 percent local match—any source of funds may be used if the proposed grant work is an eligible activity for the local match fund source. The minimum local match is a percentage of the total project cost (i.e., minimum local match amount plus the grant amount). The local match can be all cash, all third party in-kind contributions, or a combination of the two. Staff time from the primary applicant counts as a cash match. Measure R funds are proposed to fund the required 11.47 percent local match.

The following table illustrates the local match as a percentage of the Total Project Cost:

Grant Amount	-Local Match: Measure R Funds (11.47%)	Total Project Cost
\$350,000.00	\$45,346.21	\$395,346.21

**LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:**

**Quality of Life** – This grant activity will promote continued improvement of environmental quality, protection of important agricultural lands and operations and better services for county residents living in the affected communities.

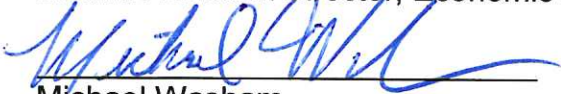
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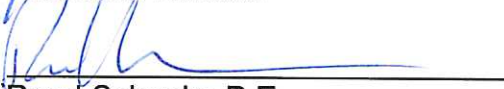
**ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:**



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Interim Assistant Director, Economic Development and Planning Branch



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Associate Director



Reed Schenke P.E.  
Director

cc: County Administrative Office

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING )  
APPLICATIONS FOR FY 2019-20 ) Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_  
CALTRANS SUSTAINABLE )  
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AND )  
ADAPTATION GRANT PROGRAMS )

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_, SECONDED BY  
SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 6, 2018,  
BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSTAIN:  
ABSENT:

ATTEST: JASON T. BRITT  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/  
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

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