



**Resource Management  
Agency  
COUNTY OF TULARE  
AGENDA ITEM**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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District Five

**AGENDA DATE:** April 28, 2020

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONTACT PERSON: Celeste Perez    PHONE: (559) 624-7010				

**SUBJECT:** 2019/2020 Federal Exchange and State Match Agreement

**REQUEST(S):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve an agreement with the State of California, acting by and through the Department of Transportation, for the exchange of Federal Transportation project funds amounting to \$887,784 for non-Federal State Highway Funds for Fiscal Year 2019/2020; and
2. Accept the \$100,000 from the State as matching funds; and
3. Authorize the Chair to sign the Agreement.

**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 Regional Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (RSTBGP). Through the RSTBGP Tulare County generally receives approximately \$1.8 million annually. This money is routed through two separate channels before it is deposited into the County Roads fund. Approximately half of the funds are disbursed through a claim request to the local Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) and the Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG). The other portion of funds is disbursed directly to the County through the State of California via the Department of Transportation (Caltrans). RSTBGP funds can be used toward maintenance or street improvements on County maintained roadways.

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This item is a request for the approval of a regular annual agreement with Caltrans for the disbursement of a portion of this year's RSTBGP funds. A separate Board Agenda Item will request approval of a claim for the portion of the RSTBGP funds disbursed through TCAG.

This Agreement provides for \$887,784 in federal funds exchanged into state funds and a \$100,000 state funds match. In accordance with Title 23 of the United States Code, federal transportation funds (RSTBGP) are annually apportioned to the State. According to the California Streets and Highways Code Section 182.6(g), Tulare County is eligible to exchange its annual federal apportionment (\$887,784) on a dollar-for-dollar basis for non-federal State Highway Account funds. In addition, Section 182.9 provides for the state to pay the County \$100,000 as the match to the federal funds.

State Highway Account funds have fewer restrictions, a shorter environmental process, and no local match requirements when compared with federal funds. By exchanging the RSTBGP federal funds for state funds, the County's flexibility in the use of these funds on County road project is increased.

This funding will be allocated towards Tulare County's annual County Transportation Improvement Program (CTIP) which will be utilized in conjunction with the annual funding from Measure R and Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account funds (i.e. SB 1 funding) for roadway rehabilitation and maintenance projects.

The CTIP utilizes a three (3) factor approach to project selection: 1) Quantitative analysis such as the Pavement Management System and road safety data, 2) Qualitative analysis such as constituent requests and development factors, and 3) Rapid Response reserves for as needed maintenance projects throughout the fiscal year. Upon allocation of the funding and project selection, projects will be either designed by staff and constructed by County Forces, or advertised for competitive bidding and constructed through contract. The specific locations of these roadway maintenance projects identified through the CTIP is being brought to your Board for approval under a separate agenda item.

It is expected that projects utilizing this funding will begin construction during the spring of 2021.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:**

No Net County Cost.

This action would authorize the exchange of federal funds and state matching funds amounting to \$987,784 for State Highway Account funds which will then be distributed to the County. This amount includes apportionments for the 2019/2020 fiscal year. These funds will be recognized as state revenue. There is no fee to exchange funds. All project costs related to work performed using these funds are eligible costs to be paid using this fund source.

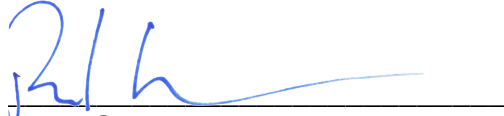
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**LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:**

This links to the goals of the Business Plan's Strategic Initiative Safety and Security which includes the goal of improving and maintaining adequate transportation infrastructure.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:**



Reed Schenke, P.E.

Director

cc: County Administrative Office

Attachment(s) Attachment A- Federal Exchange and State Match Agreement

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

**IN THE MATTER OF 2019/2020 FEDERAL ) Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_  
EXCHANGE AND STATE MATCH ) Agreement No. \_\_\_\_\_  
AGREEMENT )**

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_, SECONDED BY  
SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD APRIL 28, 2020, 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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