

To: James L. App, City Manager
From: Jim Throop, Director of Administrative Services
Subject: Approval of Grant Applications under Proposition 1B
DATE: February 3, 2009

Needs:

For the City Council to consider resolution approving the application for funds under the States Proposition 1B Grant System.

Facts:

1. In November 2006, the voters of California approved proposition 1B, which established \$20 billion in funding for transportation projects.
2. SLOCOG is administering the program for SLO County, with \$1,371,416 allocated for transit projects countywide. These funds are expected to be programmed for specific projects in March or April of 2009.
3. Approval of applications by the Governing body of the applying agency is a part of the application process

Analysis
and
Conclusion:

The Transit Coordinator for the City of Paso has prepared two applications for transit projects to be funded under the Prop. 1B program.

The first of these projects involved replacing the passengers lifts in the transit fleet, in order to increase the transit systems ability to transport persons in mobility devices, as not all passengers and mobility devices can be transported by existing equipment due to size or weight limits.

The second project for which funding is being sought is the purchase of a low-floor transit vehicle. Low-floor transit vehicles have floors over much of the passenger area at curb level, so that passengers can board or alight without using stairs, and passengers in mobility devices can board or alight the bus on a retractable ramp, which is easier, faster and more reliable than using a hydraulic lift.

The funding levels being sought for these projects through Proposition 1B are:

Replacement of lifts for transit vehicles	\$ 32,500
Purchase of low-floor transit vehicle	\$ 110,000

Local Matching funds would be used for the projects, specifically Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds. The funds estimated for the match are:

Replacement of lifts for transit vehicles	\$ 32,500
Purchase of low-floor transit vehicle	\$ 80,000

Fiscal
Impact:

The use of local TDA funds as matching funds for these projects will affect the amount of TDA funds available for other uses, specifically streets and roads. The impact will be determined by the final cost of these projects, and the total amount of TDA funding available, which has been subject to change due to the State's ongoing budget issues. Additional staff time will be needed to implement administer the projects.

Options:

- a. That the Council adopt the attached resolution approving the applications for Prop 1B funding; or
- b. Amend, modify, or reject the above option.

RESOLUTION NO. 09 -

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES
APPROVING THE ANNUAL CLAIM FOR
TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT FUNDS

WHEREAS, Proposition 1B, passed by the voters of the State of California in November of 2006 established a funding source for transit capital projects; and

WHEREAS, the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG) is administering the application process for these funds within San Luis Obispo County; and

WHEREAS, the grant funding would allow capital projects for the improvement of transit services in Paso Robles through the purchase of a low-floor transit vehicle and improvements to transit vehicle mobility equipment; and

WHEREAS, the approval by the Governing Body of the agency submitting the grant applications is sought as part of the application process,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles approves the two applications for Proposition 1B Transit Capital Projects for the City of El Paso de Robles.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Paso Robles this 3rd day February, 2009 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Duane Picanco, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cathy M. David, Deputy City Clerk