

TO: James L. App, City Manager
FROM: Jim Throop, Director of Administrative Services
SUBJECT: Approval of Grant Applications under Proposition 1B
DATE: October 6, 2009

Needs: For the City Council to consider a resolution approving the application for funds under the State's 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. A portion of this funding is allocated specifically for Transit Capital projects, and can be used for the purchase of expansion or replacement transit vehicles, new or improved transit facilities, or system amenities such as bus stop shelters and equipment.
2. SLOCOG is administering the program for SLO County, with \$1,197,871 to be spent on Transit Capital projects countywide, at the discretion of SLOCOG;
3. Approval of applications by the Governing body of the applying agency is a part of the application process.
4. Funds from Prop 1B would be used to purchase a replacement bus for the City's transit fleet, as over 65% of the transit fleet has logged more than 100,000 miles.
5. Additional Proposition 1B funds are currently being used to construct the new restrooms at the Transit Center.

Analysis &
Conclusion:

The Transit Coordinator for the City of Paso has prepared an application for a transit project to be funded under the Proposition 1B program.

Proposition 1B funds are limited to; 1. Modernization of existing equipment, such as new signage or computer systems; 2. Capital service enhancements such as improved bus shelters or transit centers; 3. New capital projects such as new shelters; 4. Acquisition of new rolling stock, such as new buses.

The project for which funding is being sought is the purchase of a low-floor transit vehicle. This vehicle will replace the existing vehicle #14 in the City's Transit fleet, a 2002 model vehicle which has fulfilled the seven-year service life for which it is rated, and has been driven over 180,000 miles. This older bus would remain in the City's transit fleet as a back-up vehicle should it be needed.

The replacement low-floor transit vehicles have floors at curb level over much of the passenger area, so that passengers can board or alight without needing to climb steps, and passengers in mobility devices can board or alight from 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 funds administered by SLOCOG is \$133,000.

Local Matching funds would be used for the project. The funds estimated for the match are:

Local Transportation Development Act Funds	\$ 52,618
Local Proposition 1B allocation	\$ 14,382

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Impact:

The use of local TDA funds as matching funds for the project may affect the amount of TDA funds available for other transit uses. The impact will be determined by the final cost of the project, and the total amount of TDA funding available, which is subject to change due to the economy and the State's ongoing budget issues, as also occurred in FY 2009. Some additional staff time will be needed to implement and administer the project, but this will be accomplished within normal working hours.

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

WHEREAS, current Proposition 1B funding is being used to construct new restrooms at the City's Transit Center, and

WHEREAS, the approval by the Governing Body of the agency submitting the grant application 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 application for Proposition 1B Transit Capital Project funding for the City of El Paso de Robles.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Paso Robles this 6th day of October, 2009 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Duane Picanco, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cathy M. David, Deputy City Clerk