

REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

DATE: MAY 8, 2013

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: GREG RAMIREZ, CITY MANAGER

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SUBJECT: REQUEST TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY TO EXCHANGE FEDERAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM-LOCAL FUNDS (STP-L) WITH FLEXIBLE LACMTA STP-L TRANSPORTATION FUNDS

In 1991, the Federal Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) established the Surface Transportation Program (STP) to provide funding for a variety of highway and transit capital projects. Since the expiration of the ISTEA, various federal legislative acts have continued to provide federal funds to the cities and counties that are referred to as Surface Transportation Program – Local (STP-L) funds.

Each fiscal year, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) allocates STP-L funds to the 89 local agencies within Los Angeles County based on population. The City of Agoura Hills currently receives over \$61,000 annually. The most common types of projects programmed with STP-L funds are:

- Repaving/Reconstruction/Rehabilitation of streets
- Transit Capital projects
- Bicycle and pedestrian facilities
- Safety improvements and hazard elimination
- Transportation enhancement activities and control measures
- Bridge improvements on federal aid routes and/or local streets

On March 20, 2013, LACMTA issued a memorandum offering agencies the opportunity to exchange their STP-L funds for Flexible LACMTA Local Transportation Funds. With the Fiscal Year 2013-14 allocation, the City's total balance is \$329,981. It should be noted, LACMTA will collect a two percent administration fee of \$6,600. This fee effectively offsets the time staff would have spent processing the Federal paperwork. With the City Council's approval of the Exchange Agreement (attached), the City's net amount would total \$323,381.

The primary benefit of the exchange is the City would receive the funds after execution of the agreement and would not be subject to the current State and Federal reimbursement

requirements. In addition, the funds would not lapse for three (3) years, enabling greater spending flexibility.

The proposed agreement has been reviewed by the City Attorney and approved as to form.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff respectfully recommends the City Council authorize the Mayor to sign the Exchange Agreement with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority on behalf of the City Council.

Attachments: Exchange Agreement