

CITY OF YUBA CITY
STAFF REPORT

Date: November 20, 2018
To: Honorable Mayor & Members of the City Council
From: Public Works Department
Presentation by: Diana Langley, Public Works Director

Summary

Subject: Caltrans Strategic Partnerships Grant Application

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution supporting the Sacramento Area Council of Governments funding application under the Caltrans Strategic Partnerships Grant for the preparation of a regional transportation project prioritization with emphasis on economic development study.

Fiscal Impact: The grant request amount will not exceed \$200,000 and there is a 20% match required. The match will be shared by participating agencies and may be provided in part through in-kind services.

Purpose:

To be competitive as a Yuba-Sutter region for grant opportunities that connect transportation projects to economic development.

Background:

Through the Caltrans Strategic Partnerships Grant (Grant), funded by the Federal Highway Administration, there is \$4.5 Million available to identify and address statewide, interregional, or regional transportation deficiencies in the state highway system. Only Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) and Regional Transportation Planning Agencies are eligible to apply as a primary applicant. The Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) represents the Yuba-Sutter region as the MPO.

One of the project types eligible for the Grant is integration of transportation and economic development, with an emphasis on partnering with Caltrans and strengthening government-to-government relationships.

In late October, SACOG coordinated a meeting with representatives from Caltrans, Yuba County, Sutter County, and the Cities of Yuba City, Marysville, and Wheatland. At the meeting, SACOG staff noted a recent study prepared by the Brookings Institution. The study noted that “tradable industries are critical for local prosperity in their ability to improve productivity and bring in wealth from outside the region” and that “exports account for a lower share of economic output in the Sacramento region than in any other peer region”. Since food and agriculture are such prominent industries in the Yuba-Sutter region, there are opportunities for the region to further enhance tradable goods opportunities through transportation improvements that consider economic development. SACOG and Caltrans staff concurred that it would be beneficial for the Yuba-Sutter government agencies to partner with SACOG as the primary applicant for the Grant.

Analysis:

The idea for the grant proposal is to submit a project that would further infrastructure prioritization to support economic prosperity in the bi-county region, building on the annual update of the Yuba-Sutter Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, local agency Capital Improvement Programs, data and analytics from SACOG's collaboration with the Brookings Institution, and current regional prosperity planning. The conceptual scope of work includes hiring a consultant to:

- Review relevant transportation and economic development plans
- Identify transportation objectives and strategies to support economic development and growth
- Recommend performance measures to prioritize projects
- Identify priority projects that would advance economic development goals for the Yuba-Sutter region
- Prepare a study documenting the work, findings, and recommendations

Having a list of prioritized projects that are supported by the region will help to make those projects more competitive for grant opportunities that emphasize economic development and goods movement. This will not take away from the City's ability to submit grant applications for Yuba City specific projects.

Grant applications are due November 30th and SACOG is requesting a resolution of support from participating agencies.

Fiscal Impact:

The grant request amount will not exceed \$200,000 and there is a 20% match required. The match will be shared by participating agencies and may be provided in part through in-kind services. If SACOG is successful in receiving the Grant, it is anticipated that Yuba City's share could be covered through the existing budget.

Alternatives:

1. Do not support the preparation of an application for the Caltrans Strategic Partnership Grant.
2. Direct staff to coordinate with SACOG to modify the proposed scope of work or submit a different project concept for the Caltrans Strategic Partnership Grant.

Recommendation:

Adopt a resolution supporting the Sacramento Area Council of Governments funding application under the Caltrans Strategic Partnerships Grant for the preparation of a regional transportation project prioritization with emphasis on economic development study.

Attachments:

1. Resolution of Support

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ATTACHMENT 1

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YUBA CITY
SUPPORTING THE SACRAMENTO AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE PREPARATION OF A
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECT PRIORITIZATION WITH EMPHASIS ON
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STUDY**

WHEREAS, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is offering a FY 2019-20 cycle of Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grants, including a Strategic Partnership Program; and

WHEREAS, the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) is eligible as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) for Yuba and Sutter Counties to act as the lead applicant for a Strategic Partnership Program grant proposal, with applications due November 30, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the City of Yuba City wishes to partner with SACOG, Caltrans, and the other jurisdictions in Yuba and Sutter counties to apply for a project, Transportation Infrastructure Planning for Economic Prosperity, to identify key transportation projects to support existing and new industries in the Yuba-Sutter region and help increase economic growth and development;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YUBA CITY AS FOLLOWS:

The City Council of the City of Yuba City pledges its support for SACOG's Strategic Partnership Program grant application, and to participate if funds are awarded.

The forgoing Resolution of the City Council of the City of Yuba City was duly introduced, passed and adopted at a regular meeting thereof held on the 20th day of November 2018.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

Preet Didbal, Mayor

Patricia Buckland, City Clerk