

Memorandum

To: Chairman and Commissioners

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From: Robert I. Remen

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Action**

Ref: Project Application Amendment for Calaveras County's Non-Urban Counties Bicycle Projects

Issue:

Should the Commission approve Calaveras County's request to amend its Proposition 116 Non-Urban Counties Program application for the Calaveras County Bicycle Projects? This amendment would adjust the scope for one pedestrian and five bicycle projects, and reprogram cost savings from a Calaveras County Council of Governments bus purchase project to the remaining bicycle projects.

Recommendation:

Commission staff has reviewed the amended Proposition 116 application, as well as subsequent clarifications that appear to meet all basic requirements specified in Proposition 116 Non-Urban Counties Program, as well as the Commission's policies and guidelines. Staff recommends that the Commission approve the attached resolution, which would grant approval of Calaveras County's amended application to adjust the project scope for one pedestrian and five bicycle projects, and reprogram cost savings from a Calaveras County Council of Governments bus purchase project to the bicycle projects.

Background:

Proposition 116 in PUC Section 99628 authorizes \$73,000,000 for allocation by the Commission on a per capita basis to 28 Non-Urban Counties for railroad grade crossing improvements, acquisition of railroad rights-of-way for rail transportation purposes, rail passenger or other rail stations, railroad sound walls, and other local rail improvements for safety; purchase of Paratransit vehicles; and other capital facilities for public transportation, such as bicycle facilities and paths for bicycle commuters. Calaveras County's per capita amount is \$1,491,517, which the County has programmed to transit in the amount of \$384,777 and \$1,106,740 to bike and pedestrian projects. Calaveras County has programmed all of its available Proposition 116 Non-Urban Counties funds.

In July 1993, the Commission approved PA-93-25 for two Calaveras County Council of Governments (formerly Transportation Commission) applications for vehicle purchases (\$238,173) and two applications from Calaveras County to construct pedestrian walkways (\$93,814) for a total amount of \$331,987 in Proposition 116 Non-Urban Counties Bond funds. In October 1994, the Commission approved PA-94-21 for five Calaveras County applications for five bikeway projects.

In October 1998, the Commission approved PA-98-23, which amended one pedestrian walkways project for Calaveras County originally in PA-93-25 and the five-bikeway projects in PA-94-21 to the following:

- Blagen Road - Bicycle Project \$417,800
- Daphne Street - Bicycle Project \$147,400

- High School Street - Pedestrian Project \$28,947
- Mountain Ranch at Michel Road - Bicycle Project \$281,438
- Mountain Ranch in San Andreas - Bicycle Project \$208,087
- Pope Street - Bicycle Project \$ 10,797

For a total project cost of \$1,094,469.

In April 2001, Calaveras County submitted an amended application to again amend the one pedestrian walkways and five-bikeway projects previously approved in PA-98-23 and to reprogram cost savings in the amount of \$12,271 from a vehicle purchase, as approved in PA-93-25 to the following projects:

- Blagen Road - Bicycle Project \$623,812
- Daphne Street - Bicycle Project \$ 4,452 (engineering costs only)
- High School Street - Pedestrian Project \$ 0 (deleted)
- Mountain Ranch at Michel Road - Bicycle Project \$242,961
- Mountain Ranch in San Andreas - Bicycle Project \$235,515
- Pope Street/Lewis Avenue - Bicycle Project \$ 0 (deleted)

For a new Proposition 116 Non-Urban Counties Program project cost of \$1,106,740.

After preliminary engineering of the scoped projects, which indicated that the scoped projects would cost more than originally anticipated, Calaveras County has determined that it would be economically infeasible to continue with construction of the Daphne Street and Pope/Lewis bicycle projects, as well as the High School Street pedestrian project and has requested that these projects be amended to include only preliminary engineering costs for the Daphne Street bicycle project and to delete the Pope Street bicycle project and High School Street pedestrian project. Cost savings from a vehicle purchase project will assist with the construction costs for the completion of the Mountain Ranch bicycle project in San Andreas. The County agrees that in the future should it decide to construct the deleted projects it will use funds other than Proposition 116.

Approval of the attached resolution amending Calaveras County's Proposition 116 Non-Urban Counties Bicycle Projects will adjust the scope to decrease the project scope and cost for the Daphne Street bicycle project to include preliminary engineering only, decrease the project cost for the Mountain Ranch at Michel Road and Mountain Ranch in San Andreas projects, increase the project cost for the Blagen Road bicycle project, and delete the Pope Street bicycle and High School Street pedestrian projects. The total Proposition 116 Non-Urban County Bond funds on the project will be \$1,106,740, while the County is contributing \$114,957 in local funds, for a total project cost of \$1,221,697. Approval of the attached resolution amends PA-93-25 and PA-98-23.

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Commission Project Application Approval Amendment
Proposition 116 Non-Urban Counties Program
For
Calaveras County
Proposition 116 Non-Urban Counties Bicycle Projects

Resolution PA-01-

Amending PA-93-25 and PA-98-23

- 1.1 WHEREAS, in June 1990 the voters approved Proposition 116, the Clean Air and Transportation Improvement Act, for \$1.99 billion for rail and mass transportation purposes; and
- 1.2 WHEREAS, the California Transportation Commission is designated in Proposition 116 to oversee the five grant programs over the 20-year term of the Proposition; and
- 1.3 WHEREAS, Proposition 116 calls for the Commission to establish an application process and to develop and adopt guidelines to implement those programs; and
- 1.4 WHEREAS, Proposition 116 establishes as a purpose of the application process that it "facilitate implementation of improved cost-effective transit service to the maximum number of Californians and to prevent the funds provided for by this part from being spent on needlessly costly features"; and
- 1.5 WHEREAS, Proposition 116 requires applications to specify full and complete capital plans, financial plans, and operating plans, including schedules and funding sources; and
- 1.6 WHEREAS, the financial plans include a back-up funding plan, should the project exceed the cost approved by the Commission the increased cost shall be covered by funds other than Proposition 116; and
- 1.7 WHEREAS, in August 1992 the Commission adopted the Bicycle Program Guidelines #G-91-4 for the Proposition 116 bicycle program; and
- 1.8 WHEREAS, Proposition 116 (PUC Section 99628) specifies that \$73 million shall be allocated on a per capita basis to the transportation planning agencies having jurisdiction in the 28 non-urban counties for bicycle, pedestrian, and transit projects; and
- 1.9 WHEREAS, the bicycle program guidelines require applicants to submit complete applications for bicycle projects; and
- 1.10 WHEREAS, the transportation planning agency in Calaveras is the Calaveras County Council of Governments (formerly Calaveras County Transportation Commission); and
- 1.11 WHEREAS, the Proposition 116 Non-Urban County Program Guidelines allow a regional transportation planning agency to transfer its applicant status to another local agency that accepts the rights and responsibilities to implement and deliver the project; and

1.12 WHEREAS, the Calaveras County Council of Governments (formerly Transportation Commission) by resolution transferred its applicant status to the County of Calaveras and the County of Calaveras by resolution accepted the transfer of applicant status with its attendant rights and obligations under the Commission's Proposition 116 Non-Urban County Transit Policies and Guidelines; and

1.13 WHEREAS, in July 1993, the Commission approved PA-93-25 for Calaveras County Council of Governments for \$62,424 to purchase one, 16 passenger, handicapped accessible paratransit bus equipped with communications equipment; and

1.14 WHEREAS, in October 1998, the Commission approved PA-98-23 for Calaveras County for the following projects for a total of \$1,094,469:

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| • Blagen Road - Bicycle Project | \$417,800 |
| • Daphne Street - Bicycle Project | \$147,400 |
| • High School Street - Pedestrian | \$ 28,947 |
| • Mountain Ranch at Michel Road - Bicycle Project | \$281,438 |
| • Mountain Ranch in San Andreas - Bicycle Project | \$208,087 |
| • Pope Street - Bicycle Project | \$ 10,797 |
| Total | \$1,094,469; and |

1.15 WHEREAS, the Calaveras County Council of Governments purchased one, 16 passenger, handicapped accessible Paratransit bus equipped with communications equipment for \$50,153, which resulted in a cost savings of \$12,271; and

1.16 WHEREAS, in April 2001, Calaveras County submitted an amended Proposition 116 application for its Calaveras County Proposition 116 Non-Urban Counties Bicycle Projects to reprogram the cost savings from the Calaveras County Council of Governments' bus purchase and to adjust the project scope as follows:

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| • Blagen Road - Bicycle Project | \$623,812 |
| • Daphne Street - Bicycle Project | \$ 4,452 |
| • High School Street - Pedestrian Project | \$ 0 |
| • Mountain Ranch at Michel Road - Bicycle Project | \$242,961 |
| • Mountain Ranch in San Andreas - Bicycle Project | \$235,515 |
| • Pope Street - Bicycle Project | \$ 0 |
| Total | \$1,106,740; and |

1.17 WHEREAS, Commission staff, has reviewed Calaveras County's Proposition 116 Non-Urban Counties Bicycle Projects amended application and has determined that the appropriate planning has occurred in the development of the project and that the project and application comply with the bicycle program guidelines; and

2.1 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commission hereby approves the amended Proposition 116 Non-Urban Counties project application from Calaveras County totaling \$1,106,740 in Proposition 116 funds, as follows

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| • Blagen Road - Bicycle Project | \$623,812 |
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| • High School Street - Pedestrian Project | \$ 0 (deleted) |
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| Total | \$1,106,740; and |

2.3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Proposition 116 project approval by the Commission reserves the State funding within the Program, and allows project development work to be undertaken by the applicant agency, which will be subject to state reimbursement pursuant to the Commission's "Guidelines for Allocating, Monitoring, and Auditing Funds for Local Assistance Projects" and subsequent fund transfer agreement.