

**Consent Calendar:**

2. **Approval of the April 3, 2019 Meeting Minutes**
3. **Recommend Authorizing the Executive Director to sign the Letter of Understanding between the Tuolumne County Transportation Council and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) for the federal apportionment exchange of the full amount of \$495,556 of the 2018-2019 Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Program funds.**

This agenda item is requesting the TCTC approve loaning the full amount of the 2018/2019 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) funds of \$495,556 to the MTC and have a re-loan payment date starting October 1<sup>st</sup> 2019.

At the March TCTC meeting, the TCTC directed staff to authorize \$50,000 in CMAQ funds to purchase new Electric vehicles and charging stations for the TCTC, City of Sonora, and Tuolumne County. This planned purchase would have been for four electric vehicles and three charging stations as a first step toward broader fleet conversions for the City, County and the TCTC.

The \$50,000 purchase towards the light duty electric vehicles has ran into some issues. Caltrans District 10 issues a “quarterly call for the Buy America Waivers for Vehicle Purchases.” However, Caltrans did not mention in their quarterly call for projects, that the “FHWA has not approved a Buy America waiver since Quarter 1 of 2017. Caltrans has submitted waiver requests for three quarters in 2017 and 4 quarters in 2018 and the FHWA has not approved or even posted for public comments on FHWA’s website.” Caltrans staff

Caltrans has stated, “There is a high risk that the Buy America waiver may not be approved soon. Previously applied waivers are waiting for more than two years.” So essentially the FHWA is not issuing any more Buy America Waivers for light duty vehicles since they do not meet the 100% Buy America requirement. Caltrans has stated “My understanding is that all the light duty vehicles will need a Buy America waiver. Because some parts of the vehicle are made or assembled overseas.” Therefore it is highly unlikely that the TCTC will be able to expend the \$50,000 in 2018/2019 CMAQ funds before the recession deadline of September 30, 2019.

At the March TCTC meeting, the TCTC also directed the Executive Director to sign the loan of \$445,555 CMAQ funds to the MTC with a two year repayment of an equal amount of CMAQ funds back to the TCTC in two federal fiscal years.

The federal transportation bill (FAST Act) ends on September 30, 2020, there is a chance CMAQ funding could be eliminated or the funding could be trimmed in the next reauthorization or in a new federal transportation bill. So TCTC is guaranteed two years of CMAQ apportionment, for 2018/2019, and 2019/2020. Because of this possible elimination of CMAQ funds, we have agreed to change the repayment of the loan terms to one year versus the previous two years. The TCTC will have access to the CMAQ funds starting on October 1st 2019 and the deadline to obligate the funds will be by September 30th 2020 to avoid a recession of the CMAQ funds.

**Attachments:**

*MTC & TCTC Federal Apportionment Exchange Letter*

**Recommended Actions:**

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**Regular Agenda:**

**4. Recommend approval of the Contract Agreement with California Bicycle Coalition Education Fund to produce select project deliverables for the Interregional Bicycle Tourism Grant with a not to exceed budget of \$90,000.**

Caltrans approved our Grant Application with Cal Bike with a dual role, one on the Steering Committee member and one as a contractor. Cal Bike will accomplish and produce select Tasks set forth in the Scope of Work attached, including Bicycle Tourism materials and leading the public outreach effort. At the May agenda, the TCTC will approve a Contract Agreement with Cal Bike to administer these task deliverables. We will also procure a consultant through a competitive RFP process to produce project deliverables including the existing conditions report, identifying key improvements, and producing a final report.

The Memorandum of Understanding MOU was approved by the TCTC last month and the execution date of the MOU will be effective when the last partner signs the agreement, which was April 17<sup>th</sup> 2019. The MOU states the TCTC, Cal Bike and the Partner Agencies shall form a Steering Committee to review, provide feedback, and comment on the task deliverables which relate to their respective jurisdictions and communities. The California Bicycle Coalition Education Fund also signed the MOU approved last month which they are responsible for commenting on and reviewing scope of work task items as part of the Steering Committee and contributing an in-kind local match.

The Tuolumne County Transportation Council (TCTC) was successfully awarded a Caltrans Sustainable Communities Transportation Planning Grant in 2018 in partnership with Calaveras Council of Governments (CCOG), San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJOG), Stanislaus Council of Governments (StanCOG), Alpine Local Transportation Commission (LTC), and the non-profit California Bicycle Coalition Education Fund (Cal Bike) for a Bicycle Tourism Plan. The TCTC is the lead applicant and the project manager for the grant. The other five agencies/non-profit will participate as part of the Steering Committee for the Grant and will oversee project review for their region. A representative from Caltrans District 10 Rural Planning staff will be invited to participate and attend the Steering Committee.

This Bicycle Tourism Plan will promote safe multimodal travel, and improve and promote bicycle tourism for economic development with an emphasis on improving disadvantaged, low income Rural Communities and Small Cities. We will identify and analyze priority routes for enhancing bicycle tourism along rural and scenic state highways and local roads, with an eye to

improving travel conditions for all modes. We will deliver a final report and list of recommendations for priority improvements based on a planning process that includes community outreach to diverse area residents, including business and property owners, travel bureaus, local policy makers, bike shops and bicycle clubs, and other stakeholders. We will also identify strategies for promoting the region's bicycle tourism opportunities and encouraging economic development around tourism.

The Approved and signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) from April stipulates that all six partners must contribute the local match of at least \$6,898. All of the partner agencies have stated they will be providing a local cash match except for Cal Bike which will be contributing an in-kind local match donation. The TCTC will be donating staff time to meet the local match.

**Attachment:**

1. *Contract Agreement with Cal Bike.*
2. *Cal Bike - Scope of Work.*
3. *Cal Bike - Timeline/Cost.*
4. *Certificate of Liability Insurance*

**Recommended Action:**

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**5. Reports**

- **ATP – report/update**
- **RPA Grant**
- **SR 49 Congested Corridor Plan**
- **Update on the Electric Vehicle Fast Charging Stations along the SR 120 Corridor**