



Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors

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Vote Requirement: Majority

Supervisorial District(s): All

Title:

Resolution for list of SB1 Projects for Fiscal Year 2020/21

Recommended Action:

Adopt a resolution that incorporates the list of local streets and road projects to be completed using funding from Senate Bill 1, The Road Repair and Accountability Act, within Fiscal Year 2020-21 as required by the California Transportation Commission.

Executive Summary:

The Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017, enacted pursuant to and commonly referred to as Senate Bill 1 (SB1), was enacted to address basic road maintenance, rehabilitation, and critical safety needs on both the state highway and local streets and roads system. SB1 provides funding derived from, among other things, increased per-gallon fuel excise taxes. As a result, state funding is now available for roads and transportation infrastructure, repairs, and maintenance through the SB1 Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA). In accordance with the California Transportation Commission's final guidelines for receiving funds from that account, the Board of Supervisors (Board) must adopt a list of projects that are planned to be funded in Fiscal Year 2020-21 with \$10,500,000 RMRA funds. That list of adopted projects must be submitted to the California Transportation Commission by May 1, 2020. Lists of all current and planned road repaving projects, which include SB1 funded projects, are available for review on the Transportation and Public Works (TPW) website, with plans to launch a new web portal dedicated to interactive maps and current data across the County road system.

Discussion:

BACKGROUND:

As a result of SB1, the State Controller has deposited various portions of this new funding into the newly created RMRA. A percentage of this new RMRA funding is apportioned by formula to eligible cities and counties pursuant to Streets and Highways Code Section 2032(h) for basic road maintenance, rehabilitation, and critical safety projects on the local streets and roads system. To receive funding, counties must include a description and the location of each proposed project, a proposed schedule for the project's completion, and the estimated useful life of the improvement.

The County of Sonoma is projected to receive an estimated \$10.5 million in SB1 funding in Fiscal Year 2020-

21.

During the Fiscal Year 2017-18 Budget Hearings, the Board designated half of this amount toward the Capital Improvement Budget and the other half to finance the Road Maintenance and Operations Budget. The Fiscal Year 2020-21 funding will be allocated at the same formula with half going to the annual Capital Pavement Preservation Program and the other half going to the Road Maintenance and Operations Division.

In May of 2019, TPW came to the Board with the 2-year Pavement Preservation Program for the Fiscal Year 2019-20 and Fiscal Year 2020-21 construction seasons. Included in that list was the Pavement Preservation Program roads detailed in this Board Resolution. The roads will be treated with chip seals, fog seals, micro-surfacing, and slurry seals. TPW will be soliciting and awarding construction contracts for work to be completed in Fiscal Year 2020-21. SB1 funds contribute to the design, construction, and construction management expenses associated with this work.

Road Maintenance and Operations will also use the Fiscal Year 2020-21 SB1 funding to invest, replace, and upgrade some of the heavy equipment in its fleet, as permitted under SB1 regulations. Purchasing new equipment will make TPW more effective and efficient in repairing and maintaining the County's road system based on expected long-term savings of both personnel time and project expense. Costs to maintain the fleet have risen in the last few years and TPW will first replace the outmoded equipment that is most expensive to maintain, to offset the overall cost of replacement. This will be the second year TPW has dedicated a portion of the funds directed towards maintenance to purchase equipment.

SB1 funds designated for culvert repair, striping, patching and paving will allow TPW to be more flexible with the changing needs of the County's road system. TPW will be able to repair and pave more secondary roads and miles of rural roads in order to respond more quickly to needs and priorities. As a result, more roadways are expected to receive treatment to extend the life of those roads while also improving their condition. The SB1 funding supplements funding that TPW received previously which results in more roads and areas being treated and repaired, a more efficient maintenance workforce, and an improved overall road system.

SB1 emphasizes the importance of accountability and transparency in the delivery of California's transportation programs. Therefore, to be eligible for RMRA funding, counties must annually provide basic project reporting to the California Transportation Commission for projects anticipated for and funded through the RMRA. TPW is requesting the passage of a resolution that incorporates the list of projects to satisfy the Commission's reporting requirements.

Since 2012, the Board of Supervisors has dedicated General Funds towards approving \$93 million of paving projects under TPW's Pavement Preservation Program, which has provided pavement improvements on 382 miles of County roads.

Prior Board Actions:

- 5/21/19 Board approved 2 Year 20/21 Pavement Preservation Program
- 4/16/19 Board approved 19-20 SB1 Project list
- 4/17/18 Board approved 18-19 SB1 Project list
- 9/26/17 Board approved 17-18 SB1 Project list
- 9/26/17 Board approved 2-Year 18/19 Pavement Preservation Program.

FISCAL SUMMARY

| Expenditures | FY 19-20 Adopted | FY20-21 Projected | FY 21-22 Projected |
|------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Budgeted Expenses | | \$10,500,000 | |
| Additional Appropriation Requested | | | |
| Total Expenditures | | \$10,500,000 | |
| Funding Sources | | | |
| General Fund/WA GF | | | |
| State/Federal | | \$10,500,000 | |
| Fees/Other | | | |
| Use of Fund Balance | | | |
| Contingencies | | | |
| Total Sources | | \$10,500,000 | |

Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts:

The Fiscal Year 2020-21 Recommended Budget includes \$10,500,000 in SB1 revenue based on estimates provided by the State of California on January 17, 2020. Funds will be divided between Road Maintenance and Capital Projects within the Road Fund. The 2020-21 recommended budget also includes an operating transfer of \$3,000,000 in SB1 revenue from Road Maintenance into the Heavy Equipment Internal Service Fund to be used for upgrading the County’s road maintenance equipment.

| Staffing Impacts: | | | |
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| Position Title (Payroll Classification) | Monthly Salary Range (A-I Step) | Additions (Number) | Deletions (Number) |
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Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):

NA

Attachments:

Attachment A: SB1 Budget Resolution

Related Items “On File” with the Clerk of the Board:

NA