

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

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Action Item

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Subject: **PROPOSITION 116 - NON-URBAN COUNTY PROGRAM PROJECT APPROVAL**
RESOLUTION PA-09-09

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve the attached Proposition 116 Non-Urban County Program resolution for the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments' (SLOCOG) Paso Robles Amtrak Station Tactile Replacement project for \$23,900.

ISSUE:

SLOCOG is requesting that \$23,900 in unprogrammed Proposition 116 Non-Urban County Program funds, authorized under Public Utilities Code Section 99628, be programmed for improvements at the Paso Robles Amtrak Station. Commission approval of the resolution to program the funds for this project is necessary prior to an allocation.

BACKGROUND:

Proposition 116, the Clean Air and Transportation Improvement Act (CATIA), was approved by the voters of California in June 1990 and provided \$1.99 billion for bicycle, rail and mass transportation purposes. As part of CATIA, \$73 million was established under Public Utilities Code Section 99628 for allocation by the Commission on a per capita basis to nonurban counties, including San Luis Obispo. The funds are to be used for transit-related projects, including facilities improvements.

The Paso Robles Amtrak Station is located on the Pacific Surfliner Corridor, and it is situated within the larger North County Transportation Center that is served by local and regional public transit services. SLOCOG has submitted a Proposition 116 application to program the funds apportioned to the County under Public Utilities Section 99628 (\$23,900) for the Paso Robles Amtrak Station Tactile Replacement project. The total estimated cost of the project is \$120,900. Proposition 1B funds will also be used in addition to the Proposition 116 funds to fully fund the project. A concurrent allocation is also being requested; however, due to bond fund limitations, the allocation request will be placed on the Delivered List.

Attachment

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

**Project Approval
Proposition 116 Non-Urban County Transit Program
San Luis Obispo County**

Resolution PA-09-09

- 1.1 WHEREAS, in June 1990 the voters approved Proposition 116, the Clean Air and Transportation Improvement Act (CATIA), which provides \$1.99 billion for bicycle, rail and mass transportation purposes; and
- 1.2 WHEREAS, the California Transportation Commission (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 requires applications to specify full and complete capital plans, financial plans and operating plans, including schedules and funding sources; and
- 1.5 WHEREAS, in April 1992, the Commission adopted the Non-Urban County Transit Projects Manual, and in November 1995 adopted amended policy and application guidelines (Resolution #G-91-6 as amended by Resolution #G-95-22) for the Non-Urban County Transit Projects; and
- 1.6 WHEREAS, Public Utilities Code (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 identified in Proposition 116 for bicycle, pedestrian, and transit projects; and
- 1.7 WHEREAS, the Commission adopted on October 18, 1991 (G-91-10), the per capita allocation for San Luis Obispo County in the amount of \$23,900; and
- 1.8 WHEREAS, the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments is the transportation planning agency and eligible applicant for Proposition 116 funds in San Luis Obispo County; and
- 1.9 WHEREAS, the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments has accepted the eligible applicant status; and
- 1.10 WHEREAS, the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments has submitted an application requesting \$23,900 for the Paso Robles Amtrak Station Tactile Replacement project; and
- 1.11 WHEREAS, the County's Non-Urban County Transit Project application has been reviewed by the Division of Mass Transportation and appears to meet all the basic requirements, as specified in Proposition 116 and the Commission's policies and guidelines.

RESOLUTION PA-09-09

- 2.1 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commission hereby approves the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments Proposition 116 Non-Urban Transit Program Application (PUC section 99628) for \$23,900 for the Paso Robles Amtrak Station Tactile Replacement project; and
- 2.2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Proposition 116 project application approval by the Commission reserves the state funding for the project, and allows the applicant agency to incur costs for the project and is 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.