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County of Ventura Board of Supervisors

Subject: **Ratification of Application, and Authorization for the Public Works Agency Roads & Transportation Director to Accept Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program Cycle 12 Grant Funds for FY 2024-2025 in the Amount of \$946,080; All Supervisorial Districts**

Recommendations:

1. Ratify the Public Works Agency Roads & Transportation Director's submission of three grant applications to the Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program Cycle 12 for the three projects identified in Table 1; and
2. Authorize the Public Works Agency Roads & Transportation Director to accept Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program Cycle 12 grant funds in the amount of \$946,080.

Reason for Ratification:

The submission of three grant applications to the Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program Cycle 12 is being brought to your Board for ratification. The reason for ratification is that the Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program Cycle 12 grant submission deadline was September 9, 2024, and we were unable to come to your Board for approval and authorization in advance since optimizing the scope of eligible work and preparation of the grant applications was not completed until just prior to the submittal deadline.

Fiscal Impact(s):

	<u>FY 2024-2025</u>	<u>FY 2025-2026 through FY 2027-2028</u>
Revenue	\$ 0	\$ 946,080
Costs	\$ 0	\$ 1,051,200
Total Cost	\$ 0	\$ 105,120

Funding Source(S): Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program Fund and Road Fund
Funding Match Required: 10% of eligible costs



Discussion:

The Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) is a core federal-aid program managed by each state for the purpose of achieving a significant reduction in fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads through the implementation of infrastructure-related highway safety improvements. The current HSIP program is authorized under the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST) signed into law December 4, 2015.

On May 6, 2024, Caltrans released a Call for Projects for HSIP Cycle 12 funds.

The HSIP Cycle 12 program includes two application Categories:

- I. Benefit Cost Ratio (BCR) applications
 - a. Projects compete at the state level based on BCR
 - b. Funding Reimbursement Ratio is based on safety countermeasures
 - c. Minimum BCR: 4.0
 - d. Maximum \$10 million per agency
 - e. No limit to number of applications
- II. Funding Set-Aside (SA) applications
 - a. No BCR required
 - b. Funding Reimbursement Ratio: 90%.
 - c. One application allowed per set-aside
 - d. Priority is given to agencies with a Local Road Safety Plan, or agencies with more fatal/severe injury collisions in the last three years.

Three applications were submitted on September 9, 2024, as shown in Table 1 below:

Table1: HSIP 2024 Cycle 12 Submitted Grant Applications

Project No.	Project Description (Application Category)	Grant Amount	Local Match	Total Cost
1	Pedestrian Crossing Enhancements (SA)	\$347,400	\$38,600	\$386,000
2	Signal and Pedestrian Safety Improvements (BCR)	\$499,680	\$55,520	\$555,200
3	Intersection Improvements (BCR)	\$99,000	\$11,000	\$110,000

On February 24, 2025, Public Works Agency Roads & Transportation (PWA-RT) was notified by Caltrans that all three grant applications previously applied for were approved. PWA-RT will receive a total of \$946,080 for the three projects shown in Exhibit 1 Vicinity Map.



PWA-RT is approved to receive \$347,400 for Pedestrian Crossing Enhancements. Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons and high-visibility crosswalks will be installed at various locations throughout the County identified to improve pedestrian awareness as shown in Exhibit 2 Location Map.

PWA-RT is approved to receive \$499,680 for Signal and Pedestrian Safety Improvements at the intersection of Santa Clara Avenue and Central Ave as shown in Exhibit 2 Location Map. Improvements include protected left-turn signal heads/phases, relocation and installation of high-visibility crosswalks, and conversion of all right-lanes to right-turn only lanes.

PWA-RT is approved to receive \$99,000 for Intersection Improvements at the intersection of Las Posas Road and Laguna Road list city here as shown in Exhibit 2 Location Map. This project includes an intersection control evaluation, an intersection warrant analysis, overhead flashing beacon and making both roadways daytime headlight sections.

Strategic Plan:

This item contributes to the Board of Supervisors (Board's) 2024-2027 strategic priority to provide:

- III. Reliable infrastructure and sustainability through
 - 3. Investing in sustainable infrastructure, renewable energy, and preservation of our natural resources.

This item has been reviewed by the County Executive Office, the Auditor-Controller's Office, and County Counsel.

If you have any questions concerning this item, please contact Anitha Balan at (805) 654-2077.

Sincerely,



Anitha Balan, P.E.
Director
Roads and Transportation

Attachments:

Exhibit 1 – Vicinity Map HSIP Cycle 12 Projects

Exhibit 2 – Location Map HSIP Cycle 12 Projects

