



City of Woodland

REPORT TO MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL

DATE: January 6, 2009

SUBJECT: Approve Funding Strategy Agreement for I5-SR113 and CR 98
Projects

Report in Brief

The YCTD (Yolo County Transportation District) Board typically sets priorities for transportation funding allocated through SACOG. A number of years ago, the YCTD board approved a list of priority projects for STIP (State Transportation Improvement Program) funding. Since that time, different types of funding have been made available for transportation purposes. Yolo County municipalities have not always agreed on whether this list has applied for other funding sources. In an effort to clarify this discrepancy, there was discussion at the City/County 2x2 on November 19 and then City and County staff met on November 25 to draft an agreement clarifying the priority projects for different sources of transportation funding.

Staff recommends that City Council approve the transportation funding priorities agreed to between the City of Woodland and Yolo County regarding transportation funding for the I-5/SR 113 interchange and the County Road 98 projects as described herein.

Background

Based on recent discussion with the City's federal lobbyist, it has been clearly emphasized to staff that the City of Woodland, Yolo County and the remainder of the County should agree on prioritizing only one project for each type of transportation funding. If local governments in the County have different requests for federal funding, then the federal government and SACOG may choose to allocate the transportation funding to some other county that is more unified in their funding requests. It is also clear that regional collaboration and coordination generated through efforts such as the annual Cap to Cap trip have a more significant impact on federal elected officials and agency administrators than single jurisdictions acting independently.

In the spring of 2005, the YCTD Board adopted the current project list for STIP funding in the following order (sponsoring agency in parenthesis):

- 1) Harbor Blvd Interchange Project (City of West Sacramento)
- 2) NB I-5/SB SR 113 Project (City of Woodland)
- 3) County Road 98 Project (Yolo County)
- 4) Northbound SR 113/Southbound I-5 Project (City of Woodland)
- 5) Covell Blvd Interchange Project (City of Davis)

The Harbor Blvd Project is already funded for construction. Because the City's I-5/SR 113 project and the County's CR 98 project were next in line on the current list, staff decided to discuss this issue at the City/County 2x2 meeting in November. At the 2x2 meeting, there was general discussion regarding the likelihood of achieving project funding for both projects and it was decided to refer this issue back to City and County staff to come up with acceptable language to summarize an agreement on transportation priorities. City and County staff met on November 25 and agreed to the following language to summarize the priorities:

- Yolo County staff members agree to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that the I5-113 interchange should be the county's top priority for the 2009 federal economic stimulus package, state Corridor Mobility Improvement (CMI) program funds available from Proposition 1B, and the 2009 federal SAFETEA-LU reauthorization. Yolo County staff members agree to work with the City of Woodland and the Yolo County Transportation District to demonstrate unambiguous support for I5-113 funding from these three programs.
- City of Woodland staff members agree to recommend Road 98 as the County's second priority for the 2009 SAFETEA-LU reauthorization. Road 98 is not eligible for economic stimulus or CMI funding.
- City of Woodland staff members agree to recommend Road 98 as the County's top priority for Sacramento Area Council of Government's funding in the 2011-12 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP). Project solicitations for the 2011-12 MTIP will occur in fall 2009.
- Yolo County staff members agree to revisit the agreement outlined in this memo with the Board of Supervisors if one of the following occurs: 1) The City of Woodland receives only partial funding for the I5-113 interchange from the three programs listed above; or 2) Road 98 receives SAFETEA-LU funding, but the I5-113 interchange does not receive SAFETEA-LU funding.

This language was presented to the Yolo County Board of Supervisors and was unanimously approved on December 9, 2008. The Board report is attached for the City Council's reference.

In light of the City/County agreement, the YCTD Board requested that the YCTD TAC (Technical Advisory Committee) recommend a list of priorities for both economic stimulus funding and federal reauthorization. The YCTD TAC is in the process of developing these two priority lists.

Discussion

The main benefit of this agreement is that it establishes a clear priority for both the City and the County regarding the funding of their respective projects. This provides the best opportunity for funding both projects because each project is the number one priority for the most appropriate type of funding. The I-5/SR 113 project is the priority project for the fund sources that are likely to provide a larger amount of funding (\$48 million is the current project need), while the County Road 98 project is the priority when only a smaller amount of funding is available.

It should also be noted that the I-5/SR113 interchange is “shovel ready” as defined by the economic stimulus package requirements that are being discussed in Washington, D.C. At this time the proposed legislation has identified three time periods for project delivery: 1) **120 days**; 2) **six months**; and 3) **one year**. Preparing I-5/SR113 for delivery within 120 days would be very challenging if all of the remaining funding was delivered. However, staff is confident that the project would be ready to go in six months and is engaged with Cal Trans and PG&E to make sure that both agencies extend their full cooperation to complete remaining utility relocation and right of way acquisition.

Fiscal Impact

This action has no impact on the City’s General Fund or other funds.

Public Contact

Posting of the City Council agenda.

Council Committee Recommendation

As noted above, the City/County 2x2 discussed this item at their meeting on November 19, 2008 and requested staff to follow up on a specific agreement.

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Recommendation for Action

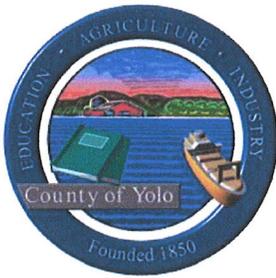
Staff recommends that City Council approve the attached agreement between the City of Woodland and Yolo County regarding transportation funding for the I-5/SR 113 interchange and the County Road 98 projects.

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Attachment: 12/9/08 County Staff Report



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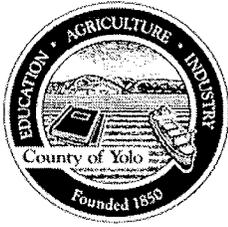
From: Petrea Marchand, Manager of Intergovernmental Affairs
John Bencomo, Director of Planning and Public Works

Re: Agreement regarding funding strategy for I5-113 interchange and Road 98

Date: November 26, 3008

This memo summarizes the November 25, 2008 agreement between the City of Woodland and Yolo County staff members regarding a strategy to solicit funding to complete both the I5-113 interchange and the Road 98 widening project in the next five years:

- Yolo County staff members agree to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that the I5-113 interchange should be the county's top priority for the 2009 federal economic stimulus package, state Corridor Mobility Improvement (CMI) program funds available from Proposition 1B, and the 2009 federal SAFETEA-LU reauthorization. Yolo County staff members agree to work with the City of Woodland and the Yolo County Transportation District to demonstrate unambiguous support for I5-113 funding from these three programs.
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TO: Supervisor Duane Chamberlain, Chairman
Members of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Dirk Brazil, Deputy County Administrator
Petrea Marchand, Manager of Intergovernmental Affairs

DATE: December 9, 2008

SUBJECT: Approve fiscal year 2010 federal legislative and appropriations priorities and approve agreement between the City of Woodland and Yolo County regarding transportation funding for the I5-113 interchange and the Road 98/99 Safety Improvement and Neighborhood Electric Vehicle Project.
(No general fund impact)

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

- A. Approve fiscal year 2010 federal legislative and appropriations priorities (Attachment A).
- B. Approve agreement between the City of Woodland and Yolo County regarding transportation funding for the I5-113 interchange and the Road 98/99 Safety Improvement and Neighborhood Electric Vehicle Project (Attachment B).

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

The actions provide direction to staff and Akin Gump, Inc., the county's federal lobbyist, regarding Yolo County's fiscal year 2010 federal legislative and appropriations priorities. These priorities include direction regarding reauthorization of SAFETEA-LU, the federal transportation bill. The actions will result in aggressive efforts to secure federal funding for county priorities or changes to legislation, as appropriate.

BACKGROUND

On January 8, 2008, the Board of Supervisors (Board) adopted federal appropriations priorities for the 2009 fiscal year. These appropriations requests were as follows, in

order of priority: 1) emergency communications improvements (\$900,000); 2) Davis Communications Site building demolition (\$750,000); 3) gang violence prevention (\$330,000) and 4) obesity prevention (\$225,000). On February 26, 2008, the Board updated these priorities to reflect changes in the appropriations requests and approve support positions on flood control appropriations requests sponsored by other jurisdictions. During 2008, staff worked with Akin Gump, Inc., to secure funding for these requests. The county secured \$750,000 from the Air Force for the Davis Communications Site, but was unsuccessful with the other requests.

On January 8, 2008, the Board also directed staff to develop a foster care appropriations request for the 2010 fiscal year. Staff worked with the Yolo County Children's Alliance and the Department of Employment and Social Services to develop this request and is recommending it as the county's third priority, after emergency communications and gang violence prevention. Akin Gump recommended the county only pursue one request in the Labor-Health and Human Services (Labor-HHS) appropriations bill. Since the obesity prevention request and the foster care request both are only eligible for funding through the Labor-HHS bill, staff is recommending dropping the obesity prevention request from last year and instead pursuing grant funding for this program.

Staff is recommending two additional changes to the federal legislative and appropriations priorities from last year: 1) the addition of legislative priorities to provide direction regarding legislation of interest to the county; and 2) the elimination of a separate list of appropriations requests the county supports of other jurisdictions. Senator Feinstein's office has suggested that if an appropriations request is important to the county, it should be included on the county's list of requests regardless of whether the request is sponsored by another jurisdiction. As a result, staff is recommending the addition of the Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District's request for additional funding to complete the Cache Creek flood management feasibility study as the county's fourth priority.

Finally, staff is recommending approval of an agreement between the City of Woodland and Yolo County regarding transportation funding for the I5-113 interchange and Road 98, as well as adoption of Yolo County priorities for SAFETEA-LU reauthorization. Akin Gump has indicated the county should work with the cities and the Yolo County Transportation District to set priorities for SAFETEA-LU reauthorization since the county is unlikely to receive funding for more than two transportation projects.

According to an agreement made years ago at the Yolo County Transportation District, the City of Woodland's I5-113 interchange project and Yolo County's Road 98 widening projects are next in line for state and federal transportation funding. Staff met with City of Woodland staff to reach an agreement on funding these two projects in the next five years. Staff recommends supporting the 15-113 interchange project as Yolo County's top priority for SAFETEA-LU reauthorization, economic stimulus, and state Congestion Management Improvement bond funding. In exchange, the City of Woodland will

recommend Road 98 as the top priority for the next round of Sacramento Area Council of Government's funding.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

The following agencies and jurisdictions contributed to this board letter:

Planning and Public Works Department
District Attorney
Alcohol, Drug, and Mental Health Department
General Services Department
Department of Employment and Social Services
Natural Heritage Program
Yolo County Children's Alliance
Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District
Yolo Emergency Communications Agency
City of Woodland
City of Davis

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment A: Fiscal year 2010 federal legislative and appropriations priorities.
- Attachment B: Proposed agreement between the City of Woodland and Yolo County regarding transportation funding.