

TO: Regional Transportation Commission
FROM: Pat Dellin, Executive Director
RE: Comprehensive Transportation Funding Program Task Force

RECOMMENDATIONS

Commissioners Campos, Norton, Stone and Wormhoudt and staff recommend that the RTC:

1. Approve the recommendations of the subcommittee as outlined in the attached memo (Attachment 1) concerning the establishment and functioning of a Transportation Funding Program Task Force;
 2. Direct staff to return to the next Commission meeting with a resolution formally establishing the Transportation Funding Program Task Force and to the October Commission meeting with a proposed budget;
 3. Direct staff to negotiate an amendment to the contract with Eileen Goodwin consistent with the recommendations in this letter for consideration at the October Commission meeting;
 4. Direct staff to formally invite Fred Keeley to serve as the convener of the Task Force; and
 5. Direct staff to contact the various groups and agencies recommended for membership on the Task Force (Attachment 2) and request that they appoint representatives at their earliest convenience with the intention that the Commission would review the membership roster at its October meeting and that the first Task Force meeting would be held in October 2005.
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BACKGROUND

At your last meeting, Commissioner Wormhoudt suggested that a Task Force on a Comprehensive Transportation Funding Program be formed (see Attachment 3 – letter from Commissioner Wormhoudt). The RTC established a subcommittee of the RTC, consisting of Commissioners Campos, Norton, Stone and Wormhoudt, to propose membership for the Task Force. It was discussed that the membership should be an inclusive list representing all the transportation interest groups willing to work together to address transportation problems facing the County. The RTC noted that in addition to the list of members, a budget, a process and ground rules would be needed.

DISCUSSION

Attached is a memo from the RTC subcommittee members, Commissioners Campos, Norton, Stone and Wormhoudt, with their recommendations (Attachment 1). It is proposed that 57 members be invited to participate, as shown in Exhibit A of Attachment 2. The Commission's consultant, Eileen Goodwin, supports the size and breadth of the proposed membership and has facilitated groups of this size in other counties. Eileen Goodwin will be available at the meeting if the RTC has any questions.

One of the recommendations of the RTC subcommittee is that staff return with a proposed budget. There is a balance of \$30,000 in budgeted funds for this work, but it is likely that more funding will be needed. Staff will be working with the Budget and Administration/Personnel Committee on the major amendment to the RTC's overall budget in September, for approval by the Commission in October, and the budget for this project will be considered on that time frame. In the meantime, budgeted funds are adequate to initiate the project.

SUMMARY

As a first step in implementing the proposal to develop a Comprehensive Transportation Funding Program, a subcommittee of the RTC has developed a proposed membership list. Other implementation tasks, including inviting the agencies to appoint members and consideration of a budget, are proposed to occur over the next two months.

Attachments:

1. Memo from Commissioners Campos, Norton, Stone and Wormhoudt
2. Proposed Membership of Task Force
3. Original Letter from Commissioner Wormhoudt