

AGENDA: September 1, 2005

TO: Regional Transportation Commission
FROM: Cory Caletti, Senior Transportation Planner
RE: FY 2005/06 AB2766 Grants Awarded by the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District

RECOMMENDATION

This item is for information only.

BACKGROUND

Each year the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District (Air District) approves grants to qualifying projects from its AB 2766 DMV Surcharge Fund. The funds are generated from a \$4 fee on vehicle registrations and qualifying projects must demonstrate that they will contribute to auto emission reductions and help improve air quality.

For this year's grant cycle, the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) approved submitting applications on behalf of Community Bridges for the purchase of two hybrid sport utility vehicles (SUV) and on behalf of the Santa Cruz Area Transportation Management Association (SCATMA) for the Folding Bikes in Buses Program.

DISCUSSION

At its August 17, 2005 meeting, the Air District awarded \$1.4 million in AB2766 grants to 24 projects in San Benito, Monterey, and Santa Cruz Counties. Six of these projects, totaling \$410,495, specifically address air quality in Santa Cruz County while an additional two projects, totaling \$151,103, address multi-county air quality.

The approved project list ([Attachment 1](#)) includes the following projects:

- Vamonos/Let's Go! Program (producing and distributing bilingual information regarding alternative transportation programs and incentives in Monterey and Santa Cruz Counties) for the Pajaro Valley TMA/City of Watsonville (\$71,103);
- County of Santa Cruz's Watsonville Superior Court Relocation – II (\$120,000);
- County of Santa Cruz Public Works' El Rancho Drive Restoration (\$81,592);
- Monterey-Salinas Transit/Santa Cruz Metro Transit District's Monterey Bay Bus Rapid Transit Study (\$80,000);
- Santa Cruz County Health Services Agency Bike to School Expansion and Promo Campaign (\$65,700);
- Santa Cruz County Health Services Emeline Campus Commuter Bike Parking (20,099);
- Folding Bikes in Buses Program for Santa Cruz Area TMA/RTC(\$67,350); and
- Purchase of Two Hybrid SUVs for Community Bridges/RTC (\$55,754).

The RTC will serve as the pass through agency for the last two projects, as approved by the RTC in June, 2005. The Santa Cruz Metro Transit District agreed to the Folding Bikes in Buses Program in late Spring, 2005.

Santa Cruz County projects that were not approved for funding in this cycle include a UCSC Congestion-Based Parking Management Study; Three CNG Commuter Vans for UCSC Employees; Hacienda Drive Bike Lanes in the City of Scotts Valley; Sims Road Bike Lanes in Santa Cruz County; Repower 1 Diesel School in the San Lorenzo Valley Unified School District; Repower 3 Crown School Buses in the Pajaro Valley Unified School District; Traffic Signal Coordination at Ocean and Water Streets in the City of Santa Cruz; and Purchase EV Tram for Parking Shuttle for the Santa Cruz Port District.

SUMMARY

The list of FY 05-06 AB2766 grants awarded by the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District is attached. The Air District allocated a total of \$1.4 million, of which \$410,495 was to specifically address air quality in Santa Cruz County while an additional \$151,103 was allocated for multi-county projects.

Attachment 1: FY 2005/06 Grant Awards

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