

TO: Transportation Policy Workshop

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REGARDING: Budget Amendment to Carryover Funds for the Electric Bicycle
Commuter Incentive Program and Emergency Ride Home Program and
Contract Authorization

RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the Regional Transportation Commission approve the attached resolutions (Attachments 1 and 2) to:

- 1) Amend the FY 06/07 Budget and Work Program to reflect carry-over funds for the Emergency Ride Home and Electric Bicycle Incentive Programs; and
 - 2) Authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with the Santa Cruz Area Transportation Management Association to implement the Emergency Ride Home Program.
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BACKGROUND

The Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) occasionally acts as public agency sponsor or awards competitive grants to area non-profits implementing transportation programs and projects.

Electric Bicycle Commuter Incentive Program – Ecology Action

As a result of the RTC's Major Transportation Investment Study (MTIS), the Electric Bicycle Commuter Incentive Program was launched in August of 2000 by Ecology Action. The program has been funded through Commission reserves, state and federal Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funds, and AB 2766 funds to fulfill the \$1 million commitment made as part of the MTIS approved program of projects.

Emergency Ride Home Program – Santa Cruz Area Transportation Management Association (SCA TMA)

In June 2004, the Regional Transportation Commission authorized public agency sponsorship of the Santa Cruz Area Transportation Management Association's application to the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District (Air District) for funding of an Emergency Ride Home program. The Air District granted the SCA TMA \$18,250 to implement the Emergency Ride Home Program with the RTC as the Grantee and the SCA TMA as the implementing agency.

DISCUSSION

FY06/07 Budget Amendment

Toward the beginning of each new Fiscal Year, unspent funds budgeted for ongoing programs in the prior fiscal year are carried over into the next budget. Sufficient fund balances remain for the Emergency Ride Home and Electric Bicycle Programs to allow these programs to continue into FY06/07. In order to continue payment of funds previously committed to these two programs, **staff recommends that RTC approve a resolution (Attachment 1) amending the FY 06/07 Budget and Work Program to carry over the remaining funds.** Fund balances for other projects and programs listed in the FY05/06 Budget and Work Program will be carried over as part of future FY06/07 budget amendments, as needed.

Emergency Ride Home Program

In August 2004, the Air District approved the Santa Cruz Area Transportation Management Association's (SCA TMA) grant application for developing and implementing an Emergency Ride Home Program through RTC public agency sponsorship. SCA TMA applied to the Air District's AB2766 competitive grant program for a \$70,750 grant and was awarded \$18,250. Commission staff was previously authorized by the RTC to sign a contract with the Air District on behalf of the SCA TMA to receive the funds and implement the program. Commission staff needs additional authorization to enter into an agreement with the SCA TMA for program administration, implementation, reporting, and transfer of funds. **Staff recommends that the RTC approve a resolution (Attachment 2) to enter into a contract with the SCA TMA for the Emergency Ride Home Program.**

SUMMARY

Staff recommends that the Regional Transportation Commission authorize the Executive Director to amend the FY 06/07 Budget and Work Program to reflect carry-over funds for the Electric Bicycle Commuter Incentive Program and Emergency Ride Home Program. Staff also recommends that the Regional Transportation Commission authorize the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with the Santa Cruz Area Transportation Management Association for implementation of a Emergency Ride Home Program, as funded by the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District through SCCRTC public agency sponsorship

Attachments:

1. Resolution to Amend the FY 06/07 Budget and Work Plan to reflect Electric Bicycle Commuter Incentive Program and Emergency Ride Home Program Carry-Over Funds
2. Resolution to Enter into an Agreement with the SCA TMA for the Emergency Ride Home Program