



MEMORANDUM
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
TRANSPORTATION DIVISION
County of Placer

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Ken Grehm, Director of Public Works
By: Katie Jackson, Associate Civil Engineer

DATE: August 6, 2019

SUBJECT: Transportation / Authorize Professional Services Agreement / Senate Bill 743 (SB 743) Implementation Plan

ACTION REQUESTED

Authorize the Director of Public Works, or designee, to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Fehr & Peers for consultant services associated with preparation of the SB 743 Implementation Plan, upon County Counsel and Risk Management concurrence, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.

BACKGROUND

In 2013, California's Governor signed SB 743, which changes the metric for transportation impacts for most projects under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). In December 2018, California's Natural Resources Agency certified and adopted revisions to the CEQA Guidelines, including changes under SB 743. The new transportation metric applies statewide starting July 1, 2020.

Currently, the metric "Level of Service" is used to identify impacts under CEQA, which is a measure of congestion on a roadway. The revised CEQA Guidelines identify Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) as the most appropriate measure of transportation impacts. VMT is a measure of the number of trips and the trip length of automobile travel on the roadway network. In order to implement SB 743, Placer County needs to identify an analysis methodology and significance thresholds for various projects types and land use settings. The consultant would assist the County in evaluating available models, preparing impact analysis guidelines, customizing a VMT tool, and identifying feasible mitigation measures appropriate for Placer County.

A Request for Proposals (RFP) for the SB 743 Implementation Plan was advertised by the Procurement Division in May of 2019, which resulted in three proposals from qualified transportation firms. The three proposals were reviewed by the RFP panel members. Two firms were invited to interview and Fehr & Peers was determined to be the most qualified firm.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The award of a professional services agreement does not constitute a project and is therefore exempt from the requirements of CEQA, Section 15378(b)(5).

FISCAL IMPACT

Funding for consultant services associated with the SB 743 Implementation Plan (PJ01051) was allocated during the Mid-Year Budget Revision from the County Executive Office FY 2018-19 Budget to the Department of Public Works FY 2018-19 Budget. Funding will be included in the Department of Public Works FY 2019-20 Proposed Budget.

ATTACHMENT

None

On file with Clerk of the Board: Professional Services Agreement

