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TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

THRU: Larry Rubio, Chief Executive Officer 

FROM: Craig Fajnor, Chief Financial Officer 

SUBJECT: Request Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) to fund additional \$12.5K for Western Riverside County of Governments (WRCOG) Community Based Transportation Planning Survey

Summary:

WRCOG was recently awarded a Community Based Transportation Planning Grant by Caltrans. Under this grant is a \$25,000 budget to conduct a study of opportunities for transit oriented development (TOD) in western Riverside County. A key focus of the study will be an assessment of the relative importance that western Riverside County residents place on various solutions for accommodating growth, as well as their willingness to support key land use patterns that are identified. The survey results will be used to inform policymakers, encourage discussion, and raise public awareness about these issues as they pertain to transit.

Current grant funding for this study is \$25,000. WRCOG believes that a total of \$50,000 is needed to complete a comprehensive study. WRCOG has requested that the Agency contribute \$12,500 of the additional \$25,000 needed to supplement the current grant funding. RCTC was also asked to contribute a like amount. RCTC has agreed to provide their \$12,500. RCTC has also agreed to fund the \$12,500 requested of the Agency.

With the current \$25,000 grant, WRCOG will survey approximately 400 - 500 western Riverside County residents to determine their views on growth, land use, and development. However, WRCOG believes that an additional \$25,000 is required to boost the survey sample size to 900 – 1000, allowing WRCOG to perform a more comprehensive survey and obtain more meaningful survey results by including residents in sub-areas where regional transit centers exist or are planned. These transit centers include Corona, Riverside, Hemet, and Temecula. RCTC has agreed to provide

their \$12,500. A more comprehensive survey will ensure more meaningful survey results and potential actionable information.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no impact. RCTC's funding on behalf of the Agency will come from the Western County Apportionment LTF and will not adversely impact the Agency's currently adopted and approved mid-year operating or capital projects budget. Further, the funding provided by RCTC to WRCOG on behalf of the Agency will not deplete Agency reserves held at RCTC. Rather, RCTC will fund the Agency \$12,500 and the Agency will, in turn, fund WRCOG the \$12,500.

Recommendation:

Authorize staff to request RCTC to fund the Agency's \$12,500 supplement to WRCOG's Community Based Transportation Planning Survey Grant with Western County Apportionment LTF.