

**REPORT TO THE
CITY COUNCIL**
City of Salinas, California

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SUBJECT: **MASTER AGREEMENT FOR THE USE OF REGIONAL SURFACE
TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (RSTP) FUNDS**

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council adopt a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with the Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) for the use of Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funds.

DISCUSSION:

The Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) administers the Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funding program for the City which helps to fund various transportation projects in the City through the years. The City receives a portion of the funds according to population and the rest of the funds are made available through a competitive grant process. The program has funded portions of the East Market Street project, the City's pavement rehabilitation program, sidewalk repairs and bicycle facilities.

RSTP initially goes to the State from the federal Department of Transportation. The State then passes these funds to TAMC for regional transportation funding. TAMC, in support of member agencies, makes portions of the fund available to member agencies for their use in local projects that support regional travel goals. The State therefore has oversight over the use of RSTP funds which are administered by TAMC.

Recently, the State has required TAMC to enter into agreements with member agencies for the use of the RSTP funds. TAMC reimbursed local agencies for their costs in TAMC-approved local projects. The attached list shows the Salinas Projects that have received funding from RSTP.

In order to continue to receive reimbursement of City costs, the attached Master Agreement must be executed by the City. The agreement only has to be executed once and will cover existing and future projects funded by the RSTP program.

Council is requested to authorize the Mayor to execute the Master Agreement so that the City may continue to be reimbursed for its costs and for the City to be eligible for future RSTP funding.

ISSUE:

Shall the Council adopt a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Master Agreement with the Transportation Agency for Monterey County for the use of RSTP funds?

FISCAL IMPACT:

There are no fiscal impacts. Executing the agreement will meet new requirements that will allow the City to be reimbursed for TAMC-approved local projects and allow the City to receive its share of funding based on population.

TIME CONSIDERATIONS:

Staff would like to have an executed agreement so that future reimbursement requests for City costs are not delayed.

ALTERNATIVES/IMPLICATIONS:

The Council may choose to not approve execution of the proposed Master Agreement. This action makes the City ineligible to use RSTP funds and will delay reimbursements for currently funded projects.

CITY COUNCIL GOALS:

Ensuring eligibility to use all available sources of funding for transportation projects, including RSTP, supports the Council’s goal of Excellent Infrastructure, which includes effective mobility.

CONCLUSIONS:

The City Council is recommended to authorize the execution of a Master Agreement with TAMC for the use of RSTP funds. The will allow the City to maintain its ability to use RSTP funds and seek reimbursement for costs of TAMC-approved RSTP projects.

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