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Honorable Board Members,

This letter addresses concerns regarding agenda item 08-0757; "Department of Transportation recommending the Board of Supervisors approve and authorize the Chairman to sign Amended Cooperative Agreement A-1 (County AGMT 08-1766), amending Caltrans Cooperative Agreement 03-ED-50 PM 0.0/2.9 (County AGMT 08-1685) increasing the allocation of federal funds, and clarifying funding requirements and responsibility for the associated environmental documents."

This item was submitted to the Chief Administrative Office late and incomplete. As of June 23, 2008, the amended agreement was not attached to the document or available for review. Concerns have been expressed by County Counsel regarding the provisions for a fiscal out clause within the agreement.

The Director of the Department of Transportation (DOT), Richard Shepard, has indicated that this item needs to go forward on the July 1st, Board of Supervisors meeting. According to the DOT, the July 1st date is necessary because the deadline for submission of federal funds Requests for Authorization (RFA) submission is July 3rd for the current fiscal year. These forms are already in Caltrans hands, and have been reviewed by Caltrans, however they need the approved coop to transmit them to FHWA. If the July 3rd date is missed we risk losing the approximate \$6.2M in RSTP funds acquired by SACOG.

Therefore, the Chief Administrative Office is recommending that the item move forward for the July 1st, Board of Supervisors meeting on Department Matters. The item has been noted as "approved" in order to process the item through Legistar to allow for placement on the July 1st agenda. This "approval" does not constitute a CAO recommendation for BOS approval of the item. The Director of Transportation has assured the Chief Administrative Office that he will be available to discuss the item in more detail and answer any Board concerns at that time.

Sincerely,

Laura Schwartz
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Principal Administrative Analyst