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Memorandum

TO: Administration Committee

DATE: March 3, 2010

FR: Executive Director

W. I. 1121

RE: Resolution No. 3947 – Contract Authorization for FY 2010-11 Caltrans Planning Grants on behalf of the National Indian Justice Center

As part of the FY 2010-11 Caltrans Planning Grants cycle, Caltrans is requiring applicants for the Environmental Justice grant program to adopt a local resolution authorizing the agency to enter into a contract with Caltrans, should they be awarded a grant. Grant awards will be announced in late Summer 2010. The National Indian Justice Center is applying as a sub-applicant through MTC for an Environmental Justice Planning grant not to exceed \$250,000 for the Native Environmental Justice Ventures program. The grant would develop an outreach and training program to increase participation by Native American Tribes in the Caltrans planning grant program, thereby providing opportunities to enhance tribal government capacity for transportation planning as well as opportunities to meet transportation planning needs.

Caltrans requires the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) in each region to apply on behalf of non-profits for the environmental justice grant program. Once Caltrans has selected projects for funding, Caltrans directs the funds through the MPOs to the selected sub-applicants who are responsible for performing the work. Should this grant be awarded, MTC will enter into annual funding agreements with the National Indian Justice Center under the Executive Director's signature authority (Resolution 3619) to pass the awarded monies through to them.

Recommendation

We recommend that the Administration Committee authorize the Executive Director or his designee to enter into a contract with Caltrans on behalf of the National Indian Justice Center, should their grant request be awarded, and subject to future amendment of the Agency Budget and the Agency Overall Work Program (OWP).



Steve Herlinger

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Date: March 24, 2010
W.I.: 1121
Referred by: Administration

ABSTRACT

Resolution No. 3947

The Resolution authorizes the Executive Director or his designated representative to enter into a contract to accept funds from the State of California for a Caltrans Environmental Justice Planning Grant, should the Native Environmental Justice Ventures grant application be awarded a grant.

Further discussion of this action is contained in the MTC Executive Director's Memorandum dated March 3, 2010.

Date: March 24, 2010
W.I.: 1121
Referred by: Administration

RE: Acceptance of Funds from the State of California for Native Environmental Justice Ventures

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
RESOLUTION NO. 3947

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) is the regional transportation planning agency for the San Francisco Bay Area pursuant to Government Code Section 66500 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the State of California, through the State Department of Transportation (Caltrans), administers an Environmental Justice grant program; and

WHEREAS, the National Indian Justice Center (NIJC), a non-profit organization, is proposing funding a Native Environmental Justice Ventures program that will increase participation by Native American tribes in the Caltrans planning grant program; and

WHEREAS, MTC, NIJC, and Caltrans are undertaking a cooperative effort to increase the capacity of Native American tribal governments to participate in state and regional transportation planning processes and promote government to government consultation within those processes; and

WHEREAS, authorization is now being requested by MTC staff to accept and administer State funds in the amount not to exceed \$250,000 for the NIJC project should the grant be awarded by Caltrans; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that MTC Executive Director or his designee, is authorized to enter into a contract to accept State funds for the project in the amount specified above or as awarded by Caltrans.

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Scott Haggerty, Chair

The above resolution was entered into by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission at a regular meeting of the Commission held in Oakland, California, on March 24, 2010.