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STAFF REPORT
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TO: Board of County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve: 1) an Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between Washoe County, the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC), and the City of Reno; and 2) approve an Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between Washoe County, the RTC and the City of Sparks, for the approval of the RTC's FY2020 Program of Projects that were identified and approved in the RTC FY2020 Regional Transportation Plan Update. (All Commission Districts.)

SUMMARY

The Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) and the subject local agencies enter into Interlocal Cooperative Agreements (ICA) for the design, property acquisition (where necessary), construction engineering, and construction of specific projects contained in the RTC's annual Program of Projects. Until now a single agreement between the agencies has been used to approve the annual Program of Projects as required per NRS 373.140.

As requested and developed by the RTC, beginning this fiscal year, individual agreements between the RTC and Washoe County and each of the cities are being used. The terms and conditions of both ICAs are the same except that those prior approved regional projects identified in the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) that are specific to either the City of Reno or City of Sparks, have been identified separately within each ICA Exhibit A – New Projects list. The Exhibit A also identifies region-wide programs with specific improvements that are located in both the City of Reno and the City of Sparks.

On January 18, 2019, the RTC Board approved the FY 2020 Program of Projects which identifies the proposed uses of the net fuel tax revenues for the RTC's upcoming FY 2020 budget. The Program of Projects also describes planned projects, delivery phases and funding from all available funding sources including RTC-5 fuel taxes and bonds, sales taxes, Regional Road Impact Fees, and federal sources. This Program has been developed and prioritized in accordance with priorities established as part of the Unified Planning Working Program, Regional Transportation Plan and the regional road pavement preservation program.

Staff has reviewed the list of recommended regional roadway projects and is in concurrence with those recommendations.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Safe, secure and healthy communities.

PREVIOUS ACTION

On January 19, 2019, the RTC Board approved the FY 2020 Program of Projects.

On July 10, 2018, the Board of County Commissioners (Board) approved the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement for FY 2019 Program of Projects.

On July 11, 2017, the Board approved the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement for FY 2018 Program of Projects.

On May 24, 2016, the Board approved the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement for FY 2017 Program of Projects.

On October 14, 2014, the Board approved the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement for FY 2016 Program of Projects.

On October 8, 2013, the Board approved the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement for FY 2015 Program of Projects.

On October 23, 2012, the Board approved the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement for FY 2014 Program of Projects.

On November 8, 2011, the Board approved the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement for FY 2013 Program of Projects.

On October 26, 2010, the Board approved the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement for FY 2012 Program of Projects.

On November 10, 2009, the Board approved the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement for FY 2011 Program of Projects.

On October 28, 2008, the Board approved the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement for FY 2010 Program of Projects.

BACKGROUND

The RTC's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), which includes planning and public works representatives from Reno, Sparks, and Washoe County, recommends to the RTC Board an annual Street and Highway Program of Projects to be funded using fuel tax funds, sales tax funds and Regional Road Impact Fees. The TAC also recommends amendments to the programs as necessary to meet changing conditions and regional needs. This program identifies specific projects and proposed funding allocations for various activities such as design, construction/right-of-way, construction engineering, etc. Pursuant to the provisions of NRS 373.140, agreements between the RTC, City of Reno, City of Sparks, and Washoe County, are necessary to proceed with the work contained in these programs. The specific agreements brought forward at this time will authorize certain work activities contained in the current Street and Highway Program of Projects.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with the approval of this Interlocal Cooperative Agreement.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the Board of County Commissioners approve: 1) an Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between Washoe County, the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC), and the City of Reno; and 2) approve an Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between Washoe County, the RTC and the City of Sparks, for the approval of the RTC's FY2020 Program of Projects that were identified and approved in the RTC FY2020 Regional Transportation Plan Update.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to approve: 1) an Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between Washoe County, the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC), and the City of Reno; and 2) approve an Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between Washoe County, the RTC and the City of Sparks, for the approval of the RTC's FY2020 Program of Projects that were identified and approved in the RTC FY2020 Regional Transportation Plan Update."