

COUNCIL AGENDA: NOVEMBER 4, 2014

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR PUBLIC BENEFIT GRANTS PROGRAM FUNDING

SOURCE: Public Works Department - Transit

COMMENT: In 2011, San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District's Governing Board approved the creation of the Public Benefit Grants Program (PBG). The PBGP was designed to meet the needs and challenges faced by Valley public agencies in their efforts to secure funding for a wide variety of clean-air, public benefit projects. The PBGP will provide the necessary flexibility and leveraging for local public agencies to ensure the success of these types of projects which provide a direct benefit to the public and encourage innovation at the local level by providing significant funding in the areas where it is needed most.

Available funding is the result of local motor vehicle surcharge fees that were authorized by the District's Governing Board in October 2010. These fees were approved by the District's Governing Board for the purpose of funding projects aimed at reducing air pollution and mitigating emissions from mobile sources in the Valley.

On September 17, 2014, the City received notice of the District's request for proposals from public agencies that will implement enhanced transportation strategies and have the potential to provide broad benefits to San Joaquin Valley residents and to assist the District in meeting its air quality goals.

Staff is requesting authorization to apply for FY 2014/2015 PBGP funds for the purchase of two (2) 40-foot battery electric transit buses and one (1) 500kW quick charger to be installed at the transit center. This project would be the first production of zero-emission, battery electric buses in Tulare County. The zero-emission buses would replace two diesel powered transit buses that have reached the end of their useful life period. The total project is estimated to cost \$2 million with a 20 percent (\$400,000) local match.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council:

1. Approve the attached Resolution authorizing staff to act on behalf of the City to apply for PBGP funding for FY 2014/2015; and

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2. Authorize the Mayor to execute the Resolution.

ATTACHMENT: Resolution

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RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_ - 2014

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF PORTERVILLE AUTHORIZING STAFF TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY  
OF PORTERVILLE FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE  
UNDER THE PUBLIC BENEFITS GRANTS PROGRAM WITH THE SAN JOAQUIN  
VALLEY AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT**

**WHEREAS**, the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District is authorized to make grants to local public agencies through the Public Benefit Grants Program to meet the needs and challenges faced by Valley public agencies in their efforts to secure funding for a wide variety of clean-air, public benefit projects; and

**WHEREAS**, the District believes the projects funded through this Program can secure long-term air quality benefits as the funding will be used to introduce innovative clean-air technology and strategies on the local level; and

**WHEREAS**, the City operates a large-scale public mass transportation system in Tulare County; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Porterville desires to apply for said financial assistance to permit purchase of electric transit buses that incorporate new innovative technology.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Porterville does hereby authorize Baldomero Rodriguez, Public Works Director, or Richard Tree, Transit Manager, to file and execute applications on behalf of the City of Porterville with the District to aid in financial assistance pursuant to the Public Benefits Grants Program; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Baldomero Rodriguez, Public Works Director, or Richard Tree, Transit Manager, are authorized to execute and file all certification of assurances, contracts or agreements or any other document required by the District; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Baldomero Rodriguez, Public Works Director, or Richard Tree, Transit Manager, are authorized to provide additional information as the District may require in connection with the application; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Baldomero Rodriguez, Public Works Director, or Richard Tree, Transit Manager, are authorized to submit and approve request for reimbursement of funds from the District for the project.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 4<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2014.

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Milt Stowe, Mayor

ATTEST:  
John D. Lollis, City Clerk

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By: Patrice Hildreth, Chief Deputy City Clerk