



**STAFF REPORT
HOLLISTER CITY COUNCIL
MEETING DATE: November 17, 2025
REPORT # City Manager-2025-50**

AGENDA ITEM: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO PARTNER WITH THE COUNCIL OF SAN BENITO COUNTY GOVERNMENTS (SBCOG) ON A GRANT APPLICATION FOR CALTRANS FUNDING

DEPARTMENT: City Manager
DEPARTMENT HEAD: Jim Pia, Interim City Manager
STAFF CONTACT: Jim Pia, Interim City Manager

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt a resolution authorizing the City of Hollister to be a co-sponsor with the Council of San Benito County Governments (SBCOG) on the Caltrans grant application that offers community benefits and budget savings.

DISCUSSION: The call for applications was released on September 8, 2025. Caltrans released the guidelines for the upcoming grant cycle of the Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant program (STPG). The FY 26/27 program will award approximately \$34.5 million in grants statewide. Through coordination at the Council of San Benito County Governments (SBCOG) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), one priority grant application was identified:

- Zero Emission Bus (ZEB) Clean Fuel Path Strategy

Attachment 1 describes the significant countywide benefits of the grant proposal, as well as the important budget savings for the City of Hollister. The grant is necessary work that fulfills state requirements, so any Caltrans grant funding received will save San Benito County Governments from having to spend locally derived funds to complete these required plans. SBCOG staff will be providing an update to their Board of Directors on November 20, 2025, regarding this matter.

The Caltrans STPG is highly competitive, and the selection criteria favor inter-agency partnerships in choosing award winners. Because of this, SBCOG and the City of Hollister co-sponsoring the grant is a perfect opportunity for both agencies to demonstrate a strong partnership and increase the chances of funding from Caltrans for this important work.

FISCAL IMPACT: None – the local match for the Caltrans grant will be an in-kind staff report from SBCOG staff.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL OR COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

CEQA: N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution
2. Project Description for the SBCOG & City of Hollister Sponsored Grant Application