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CALL FOR PROJECTS Transportation Enhancement Program

Interested Parties or Agencies:

The Mono County Local Transportation Commission (LTC) is pleased to issue a Call for Projects for the Transportation Enhancement program. Transportation Enhancements (TE) activities are federally funded community-based projects that expand travel choices and enhance the transportation experience by improving the cultural, historic, aesthetic and environmental aspects of our transportation infrastructure. TE projects must be one of 12 eligible activities (see attachment) and must relate to surface transportation systems. Public agencies are encouraged to apply.

The amount programmed for Mono County under the 2010 & 2012 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) cycle is \$2,905,000. An 11.47% local match is required for all projects.

For a more in-depth review of funding, program characteristics, and eligibility requirements, view “A Guide to Transportation Enhancements” at www.enhancements.org/misc/TEGuide2002.pdf. The National Transportation Enhancements homepage is at www.enhancements.org/. This site includes general guidance and examples of successful projects. The Caltrans TE website can be viewed at www.dot.ca.gov/hq/TransEnhAct/TransEnact.htm. This site also contains the required application.

Caltrans Local Assistance Program Guidelines and Mono County Regional Transportation Plan will be used in evaluation of submittals. A completed application form should address the following:

- 1) Relate the proposed project to surface transportation;
- 2) Show that the project can be categorized as one or more of the 12 eligible activities (see attached list);
- 3) Discuss the project’s potential economic, community, cultural, aesthetic, and/or environmental benefits, with data and graphs when applicable;
- 4) Provide maps and data to show how the project will enhance access to local and regional transportation networks, or is the project listed in an adopted local/state/regional plan or capital facilities plan;
- 5) Use maps to show the project site, if applicable, and relate it to other area destinations;
- 6) Demonstrate how the project sponsor will fund 11.47% match or more of project cost;
- 7) Demonstrate that there is community support for the project; and
- 8) Describe the applicant’s ability to manage project implementation (i.e., contract management, construction management, materials testing and/or inspection of various project phases), or will this portion of the project be contracted out?

The attached Eligibility Requirements will be used to evaluate applications in addition to items 1-8 above. Incomplete applications will not be considered unless resubmitted by the due date.

Applications are available at http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/TransEnhAct/app_pgs.htm . Please submit your application package to the Mono County Local Transportation Commission, PO Box 347, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546, or drop it by the Mono County Community Development Department office in Bridgeport or Mammoth Lakes no later than 5 p.m. Thursday, October 27, 2011. Applicants will be advised of recommended rankings prior to adoption of the project list by the Commission.

Please contact Gerry LeFrancois at (760) 924-1800 or Ryan Dermody, Caltrans Local Assistance, at (760) 872-0681 if you have questions.

Respectfully,



Scott Burns
Co-Executive Director

Attachment:
Eligibility Requirements

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The following list of the 12 Transportation Enhancements activities includes project examples that illustrate each activity. This list is not comprehensive. Activities eligible for consideration as Transportation Enhancement Activities are:

- 1. Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety and Education Activities**
Programs designed to encourage walking and bicycling by providing potential users with education and safety instruction through classes, pamphlets and signage.
- 2. Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities**
New or reconstructed sidewalks, walkways, curb ramps, bike lane striping, wide paved shoulders, bike parking, bus racks, off-road trails, bike and pedestrian bridges and underpasses.
- 3. Acquisition of Scenic or Historic Easements and Sites**
Acquisition of scenic land easements, vistas and landscapes; purchase of buildings in historic districts or historic properties; preservation of farmland.
- 4. Scenic or Historic Highway Programs Including Tourist and Welcome Centers**
Construction of turnouts, overlooks, visitor centers, viewing areas, designation signs and markers.
- 5. Landscaping and Scenic Beautification**
Improvements such as street furniture, lighting, public art; landscaping along streets, historic highways, trails, interstates, waterfronts and gateways.
- 6. Historic Preservation**
Preservation of buildings and facades in historic districts; restoration and reuse of historic buildings for transportation-related purposes; access improvements to historic sites and buildings.
- 7. Rehabilitation and Operation of Historic Transportation Buildings, Structures or Facilities**
Restoration of railroad depots, bus stations and lighthouses; rehabilitation of rail trestles, tunnels and bridges.
- 8. Conversion of Abandoned Railway Corridors to Trails**
Acquiring railroad rights-of-way; planning, designing and constructing multi-use trails; developing rail-with-trail projects; purchasing unused railroad property for reuse.
- 9. Control and Removal of Outdoor Advertising**
Billboard inventories or removal of illegal and nonconforming billboards.
- 10. Archaeological Planning and Research**
- 11. Mitigation of water pollution due to highway runoff or reduce vehicle-caused wildlife mortality while maintaining habitat connectivity.**
Research, preservation planning and interpretation; developing interpretive signs, Eligible Project List Environmental Mitigation of Runoff Pollution and Provision of Wildlife Connectivity, runoff pollution studies, soil erosion controls, detention and sediment basins, river clean-ups and wildlife crossings.
- 12. Establishment of Transportation Museums**
Construction of transportation museums, including the conversion of railroad stations or historic properties to museums with transportation themes and exhibits or the purchase of transportation-related artifacts.