



Memorandum

DATE: March 2, 2011
TO: Programs and Projects Committee
FROM: Matt Todd, Manager of Programming
SUBJECT: Review of Vehicle Registration Fee Program Status

Recommendation

This item is for information only. No action is requested.

Summary

The Measure F Alameda County Vehicle Registration Fee (VRF) Program was approved by the voters on November 2, 2010, with 63% of the vote. The fee will generate about \$11 million per year by a \$10 per year vehicle registration fee.

Staff is compiling material that will be used to inform the VRF Program Guidelines. The initial schedule discussed for the VRF Program Guidelines anticipated Draft VRF Program Guidelines to be discussed in February. This schedule has been delayed due to the impacts of multiple tasks required of Alameda CTC staff, including federal programming issues, Congestion Management Plan (CMP), Countywide Transportation Plan/Sustainable Community Strategy/Transportation Expenditure Plan (CWTP/SCS/TEP) effort, State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) programming issues, Safe Route to School (SR2S) program implementation and ongoing agency merger related tasks. The revised schedule, detailed in Table A, calls for draft VRF Program Guidelines in April.

Based on discussions with the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), the collection of the \$10 per year vehicle registration fee is anticipated to begin the first week of May 2011, six months after the approval of Measure F (as detailed in the enabling legislation). The first revenue is not expected to be received by the Alameda CTC from the fee until the August/September 2011 time period. The revised schedule will allow for the approval of the program guidelines and an initial program of projects within the period of the initiation of the fee revenues.

Background

The goal of the program is to sustain the County's transportation network and reduce traffic congestion and vehicle related pollution. The program included four general categories of projects to achieve this, including:

- Local Road Improvement and Repair Program (60%)
- Transit for Congestion Relief (25%)
- Local Transportation Technology (10%)
- Pedestrian and Bicyclist Access and Safety Program (5%)

Financial Impact:

The VRF funds included in this funding program are anticipated to be available in FY 2011/12 and will be accounted for in the FY 2011/12 budget. Costs associated with the Alameda CTC's administration of the VRF program will be included in the assumptions for the 2011/12 budget.

TABLE A - Proposed Programming Schedule for Measure F – VRF Program

Date	Activity
April 2011	Draft Strategic Plan & Guidelines to Committees/ Board
May 2011	Final Strategic Plan & Guidelines to Committees/ Board
June 2011	Release Call for Projects
July 2011	Draft Program to Committees/Board
September 2011	Final Program to Committees/Board
Fall 2011	Execute Agreements