

To: Administration and Finance Committee

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Reviewed by:

SUBJECT: Prop 1 B Transit Security Funding 2014

Background:

The Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality and Port Security Bond Act of 2006, otherwise known as Proposition 1B provides funding for the California Transit Security Grant Program (TSGP). Funds from this source are made available to project sponsors in California for capital security and safety projects. Funds programmed for County Connection's use amount to \$116,919 each year. In the past funds have been used for perimeter security (lighting), ITS routers on the bus, on-board cameras, and maintenance of the ITS system.

Coming up with capital projects that can be categorized as security projects each year is a challenge. Last year we approached the California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES), the agency responsible for approving the funds, to ask that ongoing maintenance of our ITS system be approved as a security expense. They did approve our use of ongoing maintenance of our radio, onboard computer, CAD/AVL, and BusTime systems as an allowable TSGP expense because the funds are going to maintain a capital system that is directly related to security.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the Committee approve use of the FY2014 TSGP funds in the amount of \$116,919 to defray the ongoing maintenance expenses related to the ITS systems. The attached resolution is required by CalOES as part of the grant process and will be included in the Board packet if approved by the committee.

Financial Implications:

Using FY2014 TSGP funds to pay for ongoing ITS maintenance expenses will directly offset operating expenses. The funds previously were only used to support one-time capital expenses.