

SBCAG STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: Federal BUILD Grant Program

MEETING DATE: June 21, 2018

AGENDA ITEM: 4E

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize staff to submit a funding application for the Federal Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) discretionary grant program for the U.S. 101 High Occupancy Vehicle lane project.

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DISCUSSION:

On April 27, the Federal Department of Transportation (DOT) announced a nationwide call for projects for the new Federal Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) discretionary grant program. The BUILD Grants solicitation will make \$1.5 billion available to surface transportation projects nationwide. BUILD replaces the pre-existing TIGER grants program. Like TIGER, FY 2018 BUILD Transportation Grants are for investments in surface transportation infrastructure and are to be awarded on a competitive basis for projects that will have a significant local or regional impact.

Following the board's direction to aggressively seek outside funding, SBCAG staff recommends that one application be submitted for the U.S. 101 HOV project. The total amount of federal BUILD funding being requested would be \$25 million which is the maximum grant amount for one project. The U.S. 101 HOV application will be submitted to DOT by the July 18 deadline.

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.transportation.gov/BUILDgrants>

<https://www.transportation.gov/sites/dot.gov/files/docs/policy-initiatives/tiger/308656/build-vs-tiger-fact-sheet-042018-1049am.pdf>

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