

SBCAG STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: Federal BUILD Grant Application for U.S. 101 HOV Project

MEETING DATE: June 20, 2019 **AGENDA ITEM:** 4P

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RECOMMENDATION:

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

DISCUSSION:

On March 22, 2019, the Federal Department of Transportation (DOT) announced a nationwide call for projects for the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Transportation discretionary grants program. The BUILD program will make approximately \$900 million available to projects that improve access to reliable, safe, and affordable transportation for communities in rural and urban areas. In addition to providing direct federal funding, the BUILD program aims to increase the total investment by state, local, and private partners.

For this cycle, applications are due by July 15. 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 will be \$20 million.

The recommended action is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to section 15378 of the CEQA Guidelines.

Attachment: None