

**CITY OF ALBANY
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
STAFF REPORT**

Agenda Date: 09/06/05
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Reviewed by: _____

SUBJECT: Participate in funding for West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee's Casino Transportation Impact Study

REPORT BY: Judy Lieberman, Assistant City Administrator

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Allocate \$3,500 for participation in the West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee's (WCCTAC) Casino Transportation Impact Study.

BACKGROUND

There are three proposed Indian casino projects currently being contemplated in West Contra Costa County. Contra Costa County, the cities of El Cerrito, Hercules, Pinole, Richmond, and Orinda, along with other public agencies, including AC Transit, BART and WestCAT have agreed that it is extremely important to conduct a transportation impact study to assess baseline conditions and impacts on traffic, public transit, and emergency response services. The West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee (WCCTAC) has agreed to be the lead agency for the study.

DISCUSSION

The study is estimated to cost approximately \$300,000. WCCTAC and Contra Costa County have solicited financial participation in the study from neighboring cities and other public agencies, as well as local businesses and institutions.

The draft scope of work includes the possibility of including intersections in both Marin and Alameda Counties at additional cost. The Managing Director of WCCTAC suggested that a contribution of \$3,500 would allow the study to include the Albany freeway interchanges at Buchanan and at Cleveland.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Funds would come from the Non-departmental professional services budget line item.

Attachments

Letter from Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors, July 22, 2005, including Draft Scope of Work for Analyzing the Transportation Impacts of Casinos in West Contra Costa County.