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## Board Agenda Item

TO: Air Pollution Control District Board

FROM: Terry Dressler, Air Pollution Control Officer

CONTACT: Gary Hoffman, 961-8818

SUBJECT: Santa Barbara County Association of Governments: Clean Air Express Expanded Service

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### RECOMMENDATION:

Execute a Grant Agreement (Attachment 1) with Santa Barbara County Association of Governments for \$35,000 as an operating subsidy for two new expansion routes for the Clean Air Express commuter bus service in Santa Barbara County for fiscal year 2004/2005.

### DISCUSSION:

Pursuant to a April 19, 2001 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG), the District is currently providing an operating subsidy for the Clean Air Express commuter bus service for the purpose of reducing emissions and traffic congestion from commuter automobiles in the county. In September 2004, SBCAG added two expansion routes to the bus service that were not included in the fiscal year 2004/05 funding request to the District for the on-going operational subsidy of the bus service, as discussed in the MOU. The new routes, serving Santa Maria and Lompoc, offer bus service to employees working an 8-5 schedule to/from downtown Santa Barbara, a market previously not served by the Clean Air Express. Details of this expanded service are included in SBCAG's proposal letter to the District (Attachment 2).

The proposed Grant Agreement provides supplemental funding of \$35,000 to SBCAG towards their operational cost for the two Clean Air Express expansion routes in this fiscal year

(2004/05) only. District funding for this program complies with the California Air Resources Board (CARB) cost-effectiveness criteria for motor vehicle registration fee projects (i.e., must not exceed \$20,000 per ton). As part of our annual review for program funding under the MOU, the District will consider the expanded service in SBCAG's request for funding for its oversight of the Clean Air Express commuter bus service for fiscal year 2005/06.

Under this Agreement, SBCAG will provide coach type buses (i.e., MCI D4500) capable of carrying 55 passengers per bus, and ensure that the service provides at least one round trip between Santa Maria and downtown Santa Barbara, and one round trip between Lompoc and downtown Santa Barbara, during peak weekday commute times. All buses will utilize engines certified by CARB to have emissions of 2.5 g/bhp-hr (NO<sub>x</sub>+NMHC) or less.

Funding for this grant in an amount not-to-exceed \$35,000 will come from fiscal year 2004/05 DMV Surcharge Fees.

**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

Please return one fully executed copy of the Grant Agreement for this item to the contact named above.

Attachment 1: Grant Agreement with Santa Barbara County Association of Governments  
Attachment 2: Proposal letter for CAE Expansion from SBCAG