



# county of Santa Cruz

## HUMAN RESOURCES AGENCY

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May 4, 1998

AGENDA: May 19, 1998

### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

County of Santa Cruz

701 Ocean Street

Santa Cruz, California

## ADOPT RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF WELFARE-TO-WORK TRANSPORTATION PROPOSAL FOR AB 2766 FUNDS

Dear Members of the Board:

In December 1997, your Board approved the County CalWORKs Plan, including several action plans developed by community task forces which arose out of the welfare reform planning process. One such plan was the Transportation Action Plan, developed by the Transportation Task Force of the Coalition for Workforce Preparation. The Human Resources Agency (HRA) is working with this task force as part of CalWORKs implementation, to ensure that welfare-to-work transportation is available so that parents may go to work or work-related activities while their children are safely transported to and from before and after school programs, child care, recreation programs, and home. The purpose of this letter is to request that your Board support HRA's application to the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District to purchase vans for enhanced welfare-to-work transportation services.

### Reducing Pollution/Enhancing Welfare-to-Work Transportation

Under current regulations, CalWORKs participants are limited to owning automobiles which are valued at less than \$4,000 each. Because the CalWORKs program requires participation in work or work-related activities over 20 hours per week, two concerns emerged: 1) that the older model automobiles which many CalWORKs participants own would be on the road every day for more hours, making multiple trips to drop off and pick up children, thus adding to air pollution in the Monterey Bay Region, and 2) that the 44% of CalWORKs participants who do not own vehicles and for whom fixed route public transportation is not an option would not have transportation for themselves and their children to their required activities.

### Plan for a Connections Shuttle

Members of the Transportation Task Force assisted the Human Resources Agency to develop a plan for a van service, called the Connections Shuttle, to transport welfare-to-work participants and their children to and from areas where fixed route bus service is limited due to the small number of riders, such as certain areas of the San Lorenzo Valley, Pajaro Valley, Aptos,

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Agenda: May 5, 1998

Adopt Resolution in Support of Welfare-to-Work Transportation Proposal

Davenport, and Soquel. The Connections Shuttle would reduce the number of early model vehicles on the road making multiple trips, thereby reducing air pollution. At the same time, it would provide safe, welfare-to-work transportation for parents and their children. In order to secure funding for vans to be used by the shuttle service, HRA has prepared an application to the Monterey Bay Air Pollution Control District for Funds for AB 2766 Motor Vehicle Emissions Reduction Program, a copy of which is attached for your information. Under the proposed project, HRA would act as the fiscal agent, and the service would be contracted out to a transportation provider, at no cost to the County. As an added benefit, the Connections Shuttle would create jobs for CalWORKs participants, who would be trained to earn their Class B driver's license, which can be used to obtain employment in many commercial driver positions at a wage rate of \$8-12 per hour. A decision will be made in August 1998 regarding this grant proposal. In the interim, HRA will continue to develop other funding sources for start-up and initial operation of this new service, which ultimately will be supported by subsidies for CalWORKs participants, other workforce preparation subsidies, and other fares.

A resolution from your Board is required to be submitted as part of the application process. Due to the tight timelines for the application, which was required to be submitted by April 27, 1998, HRA is requesting that your Board adopt the attached resolution retroactively.

IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED that your Board adopt the attached resolution supporting the Human Resources Agency's application for AB 2766 Motor Vehicle Emissions Reduction funds.

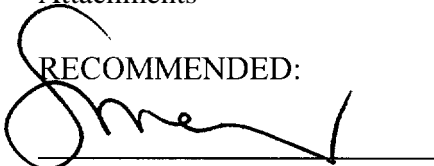
Very truly yours,



CECILIA ESPINOLA  
Administrator

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Attachments

RECOMMENDED:



Susan A. Mauriello  
County Administrative Officer

cc: Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District  
Coalition for Workforce Preparation/Transportation Task Force

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BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_-98

On the motion of Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_  
duly seconded by Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_  
the following resolution is adopted.

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE HUMAN RESOURCES AGENCY'S APPLICATION FOR  
AB 2766 MOTOR VEHICLE EMISSIONS REDUCTION PROGRAM FUNDS**

WHEREAS, AB 1542, passed by the State Legislature in 1997, mandates all CalWORKs participants to engage in 20 hours per week of work or work-related activities, increasing to 26 hours per week on July 1, 1998, and 32 hours per week on July 1, 1999, thus creating an urgent need for reliable, affordable transportation for approximately 2,600 adults and 5,400 children in Santa Cruz County to work and work-related activities, before and after school programs, child care, recreation programs and home; and

WHEREAS, CalWORKs participants in Santa Cruz County have identified reliable transportation for themselves and their children as one of the top two barriers for them to enter or reenter the labor market, second only to child care; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that 44% of CalWORKs participants in Santa Cruz County do not own motor vehicles and asset limits on vehicle ownership by CalWORKs participants and their low income make it difficult for parents in welfare-to-work programs to own reliable vehicles which pollute the air less than older cheaper vehicles; and

WHEREAS, existing fixed route public transportation cannot provide cost-effective, timely transportation for parents and children in all areas of the County within two hours as required by AB 1542, however, paratransit vehicles could provide more flexibility for parents needing to make multiple stops.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors strongly supports the Human Resources Agency's application for AB 2766 Motor Vehicle Emissions Reduction Program funds to enhance the public transportation system for CalWORKs families and therefore reduce air pollution in the Monterey Bay region, and urges the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District to approve it.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz, State of California, this 19th day of May, 1998, by the following vote:


AYES:           SUPERVISORS  
NOES:           SUPERVISORS  
ABSENT:        SUPERVISORS

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JAN BEAUTZ, Chair  
Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk of said Board

Approved as to form:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
County Counsel



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AGENCY  
COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

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April 27, 1998

Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District  
24580 Silver Cloud Court  
Monterey, CA 93940

Dear Board Members:

As you may be aware, the passage of AB 1542 in 1997 by the Legislature repealed the former Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) program, and established the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) program. The Human Resources Agency of Santa Cruz County is requesting a AB 2766 Motor Vehicle Emissions Reduction Grant in the amount of \$150,650 to purchase vans for a shuttle service for CalWORKs Welfare-to-Work program participants and their children.

Transportation is the "to" in "welfare-to-work." All CalWORKs recipients must participate in a minimum of 26 hours per week of welfare-to-work activities, increasing to 32 hours per week in July 1999. While these parents go to welfare-to-work activities, their children must either go to child care or school, thus increasing by approximately 9,000 the number of persons needing reliable transportation during peak hours in Santa Cruz County. Given the asset limits built into welfare eligibility rules, the CalWORKs parents who own automobiles tend to own earlier models, which often are in need of repair and which tend to emit a higher level of pollutants. However, it is estimated that 44% of CalWORKs participants currently do not own motor vehicles, and many of them cannot use the fixed route system due to the multiple stops they must make. As the number of riders increases due to new mandatory activities, it is our intention to make reasonable alternatives to the single occupant vehicle available and affordable.

As of January 1998, CalWORKs parents have 18-24 months to become regularly employed before their benefits will be cut. Transportation will have a direct effect on these parents' ability to go to work and support their families. Please consider the need for urgency in developing minimally polluting transportation infrastructure for this population as you review the attached proposal. We urge you to support welfare-to-work transportation initiatives to the fullest extent possible this year. A resolution from the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors supporting this application is pending, and will be forwarded to your office after adoption. Please let me know if you have questions or need further information.

Very truly yours,

*Cecilia Espinola*  
CECILIA ESPINOLA

Administrator

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Attachment

**ATTACHMENT 1 - PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

FY 1998-99 AB 2766 MOTOR VEHICLE EMISSIONS REDUCTION PROGRAM

**A. Applicant:** Name Santa Cruz County Human Resources Agency  
 Address 1000 Emeline Avenue  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060  
 Telephone 408.454.4130 (Area Code 831 after 7/11/98)  
408.4544642

**B. Application Submission Date:** April 27, 1998

**C. Budget:** Total Project Amount \$804,850  
 AB 2766 Request \$150,650

**D. Project Title:** Santa Cruz County Connections Shuttle

**E. Project Timeline:** Start Date: November 1998 End Date: November 2003

**F. AB 2766 Funds Activity Breakdown:**

<u>Activity #</u>	<u>1st Period</u>	<u>2nd Period</u>	<u>3rd Period</u>	<u>4th Period</u>
	<u>10/98 to 12/98</u>	<u>1/99 to 3/99</u>	<u>4/99 to 6/99</u>	<u>7/99 to 9/99</u>
1. <u>Purchase 5 vans</u>	\$ 135,000	\$	\$	\$
2. <u>Purchase equipment</u>	\$ 15,650	\$	\$	\$
3. _____	\$	\$	\$	\$
4. _____	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total	\$ 150,650	\$	\$	\$

Activity 1: Purchase 5 vans @ \$27,000 each

Activity 2: Purchase communications equipment and car seats

Activity 3: \_\_\_\_\_

Activity 4: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>G. Budget Breakdown:</b>	<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Other Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
Capital	\$ 150,650	\$	\$ 150,650
Personnel	\$	\$ 577,200	\$ 577,200
Other	\$	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
Grant Administration	\$XXXXXXXXXX	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Total	\$ 150,650	\$ 654,200	\$ 804,850

Grant Application For: Santa Cruz County Connections Shuttle

### H. Other Match Funding Sources:

<u>Funding: Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>U</u>	<u>P</u>
1. <u>CalWORKs Transportation Funds</u>	<u>\$ 75,000</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
2. <u>ITPA Transportation Funds</u>	<u>\$ 24,000</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
3. <u>ITPA (OTT) 50% Training Funds</u>	<u>\$250,000</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
4. <u>Dept. of Labor Funding (15% Funds)</u>	<u>\$100,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>-</u>
5. <u>Packard Foundation</u>	<u>\$150,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>-</u>

S=Secured funds: Available by September 1, 1998 or guaranteed within FY 1998-99

U=Unsecured funds: To be applied for and availability unsure

P=Previous AB 2764 funding

### I. Monitoring Program

1. Type of Program (i.e. survey, data count, records): Rider counts, periodic surveys, tracking of trained drivers for retention, performance
2. Frequency of Data Collection: Daily rider counts, quarterly surveys
3. Reporting Frequency (i.e. monthly, quarterly, annually): Quarterly
4. Anticipated Number of Units Reported (i.e. number of cars reduced, VMT reduced, number of people served): Expect to serve at least 20 families each day of operation (260 days annually).

### J. Contact Person:

#### a. Program

Name: Gail Groves

Telephone: 408.454.4036

Fax: 408.454.4642

#### b. Billing

Name: Gail Groves

Telephone: 408.454.4036

Fax: 408.454.4642

### K. Emissions and Cost Effectiveness Calculations: (Record Attachment 1C Calculated Results Here)

	<u>R O G</u>	<u>N O x</u>	<u>P M</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>Total</u>
Total Calculated Emissions (Tons Per Useful Life)	<u>3.107</u>	<u>3.790</u>	<u>1.366</u>	<u>'</u>	<u>8.263</u>

\$ 18,232 = \$ 150,650 divided by 8.263 tons  
(Cost Effectiveness) (Project Total Costs) (Useful Life Emissions Total)

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ATTACHMENT 1A - PROJECT NARRATIVE  
FY 1998-99 AB 2766 MOTOR VEHICLE EMISSIONS REDUCTION PROGRAM

Project Title: Santa Cruz County Connections Shuttle Agency: Santa Cruz County HRA

The County of Santa Cruz Human Resources Agency proposes to purchase 5 12-passenger vans that will be used to provide shuttle service for those families served in CalWORKs programs (formerly known as "welfare" or AFDC programs). This new dial-a-ride - type service will provide a low-cost alternative to single-occupant vehicles. The service will run from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and will be operated by a nonprofit transportation provider under contract with the Human Resources Agency. Each van will provide rides on demand from CalWORK's participants' homes to worksites, child care, school facilities, and Metro centers or carp001 meeting sites. Initially, services will be provided in areas where high numbers of CalWORKs participants and other public assistance clients reside (based on Geographic Information System data), and where existing public transportation does not meet identified needs. Initial route structures will be based on a comprehensive transportation needs survey of CalWORKs participants, Medi-Cal, food stamps, and General Assistance clients, to be completed in May 1998 by the Santa Cruz Area Transportation Management Agency and the Human Resources Agency. Fares will be paid in cash or by vouchers, which will be supported by CalWORKs and JTPA (on-the-job training programs) transportation funding.

The service will transport parents and children to before and after school child care, work and work-related activities and home. As the CalWORKs program is implemented, more than 2,500 families will required to work, potentially putting at least 1,000+ more cars on the road on a daily basis. And, there is good chance that many of these additional cars might be older, more-polluting cars. The typical CalWORKs client in Santa Cruz County is a 32 year old woman with 2 children: one school age, and one preschool age. Therefore, in order for these families to travel to and from their required work activities, transportation with at least 6 stops are necessary to get one family to and from work, school and **daycare** and home again each day. These multiple stops make traditional fixed route transportation not feasible for many families. A transportation survey is currently underway with CalWORKs clients, with results expected in late June 1998.

It is expected that each van in this shuttle service will be able to serve at least 4 CalWORKs families 5 days each week, thus eliminating 3 separate automobile round trips per van per day, including 18 daily stops. Additionally, shuttle destinations will help consolidate trips and stops, further reducing emissions from vehicles by reducing the number of vehicles traveling to the same destinations daily.

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FY 1998-99 AB 2766 MOTOR VEHICLE EMISSIONS REDUCTION PROGRAM

Project Title: Santa Cruz County Connections Shuttle Agency: Santa Cruz County HRA

The service will employ CalWORKs participants, who will be trained by Liftline to obtain their Class B driver's licenses. The Human Resources Agency will work in collaboration with the JTPA programs (offering on-the-job training as shuttle drivers), and the Santa Cruz Area Transportation Management Association, providing management and coordination assistance.

The requested \$200,000 will purchase 5 12-passenger vans at a cost of \$27,000 each, for a total of \$135,000. In addition, \$15,000 will be used to purchase communications equipment for each vehicle. Ten child car seats will be purchased at \$65 each, totaling \$650, to equip each van with two car seats. Matches to this grant will come from CalWORKs funding to operate the shuttle, and JTPA participation in recruiting and training shuttle drivers. Approximately \$75,000 is expected to be offset by partial fares paid by shuttle riders. Other potential funding sources include Department of Labor funds, the David and Lucile Packard Foundation, and rider fares.

This shuttle will result in immediate, significant, quantified and cost-effective reduction in air pollution from motor vehicles as such, directly benefits the achievements for the goals set in the 1991 Air Quality Management Plan for the North Central Coast Air Basin and the criteria established for the 1998-99 fiscal year. It directly meets the California Clean Air Act statutory requirement of more than one pollutant within a one year period of time. Project funds will be expended within one year of the award date.



**ATTACHMENT 1B - PROGRAM CRITERIA CHECKLIST**  
**FY 1998-99 AB 2766 MOTOR VEHICLE EMISSIONS REDUCTION PROGRAM**

Project Title Connections Shuttle Agency Santa Cruz County Human Resources Agency

Check those that apply. If all Section A boxes checked, or demonstration project box checked, go to Section B. If all Section A boxes or demonstration box cannot be checked, project does not qualify for funding.

**A. Selection Criteria - Tier 1**

All projects submitted for consideration must meet the following Tier I criteria to qualify for funding consideration. Check each that applies:

- X 1. Project results in mobile source emission reductions that assist the District in moving expeditiously to full implementation of the California Clean Air Act (as amended in 1992) and/or should achieve emission reductions that fulfill the enforcement, implementation and planning/monitoring requirements of Health & Safety Code Section 44220 to 44247. Project emissions must be quantifiable unless identified as a qualifying demonstration project (see below).
- X 2. Projects will be conducted within the North Central Coast Air Basin.
- X 3. Application is complete in a format acceptable to the District and has been submitted during the open application period.
- X 4. Proposal does not request more than \$200,000 from grant funds.
- X 5. Proposal has been submitted by a public agency or is a private sector applicant sponsored by a public agency with that public agency's formal resolution of support.
- X 6. Project proposal indicates that project will be operational and provide emission reductions within 5 years of the grant award date.

       **DEMONSTRATION PROJECT** - Projects that introduce new technologies or lead to long term emission reductions, such as education, public information and liveable community type projects.

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(Agency Name & Project Title)

### Selection Criteria - Tier II

Projects that have answered yes to all Tier I criteria or been defined as a demonstration project may then be evaluated at the Tier II level. Tier II requires that projects considered for rating at Tier III are part of a policy or program incorporated into the process of community or regional program development as approved by a public agency. Tier II also establishes minimum qualifying information that must be provided to allow assessment of project emission and congestion reduction benefits while assuring that projects, if funded, will accomplish the goals as set out in the application for the project's useful life. Check each that applies:

- ☒ 1. Project proposal is consistent with 3 comprehensive, targeted program to either reduce overall mobile source emissions or reduce the use of the single occupant vehicle as included in, or consistent with, adopted state, regional or local plans. Project proposal must be consistent with the policy direction of the relevant plan if that plan does not go into a sufficient level of detail that specifically lists the proposed project. (See Attachment 1).
- ☒ 2. Project proposal must provide a level of information and definition of assumptions adequate to permit District staff to assess mobile source emission reductions for ROG, NO, and PM<sub>10</sub> (including entrained dust). Information may include, but is not limited to, definition of vehicles miles travelled, trips reduced, average speeds for each part of the trip, number of trips on a daily basis, number of days of use per year, fuel type used for trip, number of people served, and other information that may be pertinent to a particular type of project. For alternative fuels, a definition of engine type, vehicle odometer reading and engine group should be included;
- ☒ 3. Project proposals for retrofits, replacement of equipment and purchase of new equipment must meet or exceed approved California Air Resource Board standards for engines and vehicle classes in the target year (average year of project useful life) of the proposed project.
- ☒ 4. Project proposal does not include any funds for preparation of application, preliminary work related to obtaining a grant or for project administration if awarded a grant.

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 (Agency Name & Project Title)  
Connections Shuttle

- X 5. Project proposal clearly indicates all contributors to the project, and funds have been affirmed by a formal action of a policy board with the authority to commit those funds.
- X 6. Project applicant has submitted a written commitment and shown to have the ability to maintain the funded project for the stated useful life.

C. List of Program Documents where project is supported:

<u>Document Title</u>	<u>Publication Date</u>	<u>Page(s) Where Cited</u>
<u>Congestion MGMT Plan</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>2,3,7,8,9,11,12,20,47</u>
<u>Regional Transp. Plan</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>2-3,2-5,2-12,2-13,2-32,2-33,2-39,2-40</u>
<u>AQMP</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>5-10,5-11</u>
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Note: Meeting Criteria requirements does not guarantee funding for those projects that have previously received an AB 2766 Motor Vehicle Emissions Reduction Program allocation or for projects designed to request multiple funding cycle allocations. Allocation decisions are the sole responsibility of the Board of Directors who use these criteria as guidance when granting awards.

**ATTACHMENT 1C - EMISSIONS REDUCTION WORKSHEET**  
**FY 1998-99 AB 2766 MOTOR VEHICLE EMISSIONS REDUCTION PROGRAM**

Project Title Connections Shuttle Agency Santa Cruz County Human Resources Agency

Use this worksheet to provide emissions reduction calculations and assumptions used to calculate reductions of ROG, NO<sub>x</sub> and PM<sub>10</sub>.

**I. Final Emission Reduction Results:**

8.	Useful Life (in years)	<u>5</u>	
b.	VMT & Trips Saved Over Useful Life:	<u>2,340,000</u>	<u>156,000</u>
		(VMT)	(Trips)
c.	Year Emission Savings Start:		<u>1999</u>
d.	Emission Savings (tons):	ROG <u>3,107</u>	
		NO <sub>x</sub> <u>3,790</u>	
		PM <sub>10</sub> <u>1,366</u>	
	Total	<u>8,263</u>	

e. Methodology Used Vanpools & Shuttles  
 (Cite Section Of Emissions Calculation Document Or As Proposed Methodology)

**II. Assumptions:**

Days of operation: 5 days/week x 52 weeks = 260 days  
 Ridership: 48 riders/day (both directions) x 5 vans = 240 total trips per day  
 Annual trips: 4 trips per day per van x 260 days = 5200 annual trips  
 Annual miles: 80 miles/day/van x 5 vans x 260 days = 104,000 annual miles  
 Auto trip length: 15 miles one direction/trip

**III. Calculations:**

Length of auto trips reduced: default 15 miles one way set for shuttles  
 Adjustments for auto trips to shuttle stop set at zero, as the service will be from door-to-door or door-to-bus stop service.

Methodologies to find Cost-Effectiveness of Air Quality Projects

**XV: Cost Effectiveness:**

On Grant Request Amount: \$ 150,650 (Divided By) 8.263 = \$ 18.232  
 (Grant Request Dollars) (Savings In Tons) (CE)

On Total Project Costs: \$ 804,850 (Divided By) 8.263 = \$ 97.404  
 (Total Project Cost Dollars) (Savings In Tons) (CE)

(Use Additional Blank Worksheet Pages As Needed. Label Each In Order of Presentation)

**ATTACHMENT 1D - DISTRICT SCORING PARAMETERS**  
**FY1998-99 AB2766 MOTOR VEHICLE EMISSIONS REDUCTION PROGRAM**

Project Title Santa Cruz County Agency Santa Cruz County Human  
Connections Shuttle Resources Agency

Tier III - Project Scoring  
 (The Maximum Score Is 100 Points)

Projects that have passed the minimum qualifications test of Tier I and Tier II and provide a complete Attachment 1C worksheet can be rated on a points basis in Tier III. Point assignment levels include:

Point Score

1. Cost of reducing emissions in tons of pollutants over the useful life:
 

\$	I-	s 2,000	50
	s 2,001 -	s 3,500	30
	\$ 3,501 -	\$10,000	20
	\$10,001 -	\$15,000	16
	\$15,001 -	~20,000	0 3
	\$20,001 -	Greater	0
  
2. Project reduces annual Vehicle Miles Travelled By:
 

1,000,000	- Or More		16
500,001	1,000,000		3 3
250,001	~00,000		6
100,001	250,000		4
50,001	100,000		2
I	50,000		0
  
3. Is project a Transportation Control Measure (TCM) in 1994 AQMP:
 

Yes			20
No			0
  
4. Grant Request is percent of total project costs:
 

0%	- 10%		20
11%	- 20%		15
21%	- 35%		8
36%	- 50%		2
51%	- Or More		0

CHECK HERE IF DEMONSTRATION PROJECT - DO NOT SCORE CATEGORIES