

From: henkinp@earthlink.net
To: [Desmond, Jim](#); [Anderson, Joel](#); [MontgomerySteppe, Monica](#); [Vargas, Nora \(BOS\)](#); [Lawson-Remer, Terra](#)
Cc: [FGG, Public Comment](#)
Subject: [External] CONTRACTS FOR AS-NEEDED DESIGN, MANAGEMENT, SURVEYING (Please include with docs. for Land Use agenda #1)
Date: Thursday, September 19, 2024 7:58:58 PM

Hi Supervisors,

There are two big issues:

One - Do we need contracts of this magnitude? The board letter says "growth, along with inflationary pressures, are driving the need for additional as-needed contracted professional service capacity." Not very specific. The background section has a list of projects, but no justification for the expense's growth over several years. In fact, the list totals to \$41.5 mil while the Board Letter says this year's budget for these projects is \$180 mil.

Two - Are financing options in order?

The listed potential funding sources are State of California Gas Tax, available prior year Road Fund fund balance, TransNet, Transportation Impact Fees, and State and federal grants. And these are only potential. So why should we involve ourselves in potentially \$50 million worth of unfunded obligations?

TransNet is meant for transportation. Moreover, since it is administered by SANDAG, an agency with a record of breaking contracts, wasting funds, and it does not even allow the East County rep. to vote (that is, taxation without representation,) I would not count on this funding.

Transportation Impact Fees, the one-time fees charged to new development projects to help pay for transportation infrastructure improvements. Probably 50 projects per year averaging about 50K sqft (I believe the average developer fee on a 50K sqft development was about \$10K) bringing in possibly \$500,000/year — not much off a \$2.5 mil contract.

State and Federal grants are not likely to be as much as anticipated either, since both are basically broke (California: 68 billion deficit; Feds: a \$31 trillion debt.)

It would be very irresponsible to shoulder a financial burden of this magnitude given the data and financial sources in the letter.

Regards,

Paul Henkin