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CALAVERAS COUNCIL  
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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Council Members

**FROM:** Executive Director

**DATE:** November 15, 2006

**SUBJECT:** **Rim Fee Program Funding Option Study – Approve MOU with County to allow County to hire consultants to proceed with Work Element #16 of the Overall Work Program**

### RECOMMENDATION

**It is recommended that the CCOG enter into a MOU with the County for the County to prepare a Rim Fee Program Funding Option Study. CCOG will provide the funding through its approved OWP budget. The County will be responsible to develop the project.**

### BACKGROUND

The 2006/07 Overall Work Program includes a project to study the various funding options for the unfunded portion of the RIM fee Program. This work also includes public opinion surveying to determine a preferred funding option. A copy of the work element is attached for reference.

### DISCUSSION

On April 24, 2006, the Board of Supervisors held a study session to discuss full implementation of the RIM Fee Program. Of major importance to the program is to identify full funding for the project list. Some of the work in identifying funding options was completed as a part of the initial RIM fee program adoption. The County Public Works Department recently completed updating the land use data to input into the Travel Demand Forecast Model (i.e., Traffic Model). The model update will provide new forecasts on the roads included on the RIM project list. During the April study session, the Board of Supervisors also directed Public Works to apply a cost/benefit analysis to the project list and other roads that may be identified in the new model run.

The Calaveras Council of Governments (CCOG) has a policy that requires any consultants hired to do work related to the Overall Work Program, shall be under contract with the CCOG. The purpose of the policy is to ensure the use of funds adhere to the current Master Fund Transfer Agreement between CCOG and Caltrans. By entering into this MOU, those provisions of the Master Fund Transfer Agreement are protected.

It is recommended that CCOG enter into a MOU with the County for the County to prepare the Rim Fee Program Funding Option Study. CCOG will provide the funding through its approved OWP budget. The County will be responsible to develop the project. The MOU will be reviewed by County Counsel.