

STAFF REPORT

Board Meeting of September 22, 2021

AGENDA ITEM: 7-C

PREPARED BY: Troy McNeil, Deputy Director/Fiscal Supervisor

SUBJECT:

Billing Agreement for Administration of Valley-wide Lobbyist Contracts

Enclosure: Yes

Action: Approve Billing Agreement for Valley-wide Lobbyist Contracts

SUMMARY:

The Madera County Transportation Commission is part of the San Joaquin Regional Policy Council. The Policy Council has retained Gus Khouri of Khouri Consulting, LLC to assist with state lobbying efforts and Jen Covino with Simon & Company, Inc. to assist with federal lobbying efforts. The Stanislaus Council of Governments will administer these contracts on behalf of the Policy Council and act as the fiscal agent. The billing agreement included with this report is to formalize the billing arrangement of all participating agencies to pay their fair share of the costs. The Commission's share of the lobbying costs is \$12,000. These costs have already been included in the budget.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact to the approved 2021-22 Overall Work Program and Budget.