



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 8/18/2026

File #: 26-858

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Public Works

Agenda Section: Consent - Received Too Late For Review (TLFR)

Vote Requirement: 4/5th

SUBJECT:

Approve Appropriation Transfer for \$4,000,000 to Increase Expenditures in Roads Maintenance Budget, 1200325, and Decrease Expenditures in Roads Engineering Budget, 1200321 for Fiscal Year 2025-26 (4/5 Vote Required)

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the appropriation transfer (Attachment 1) in the amount of \$4,000,000 to increase Rents & Leases - Equipment Long Term (LT) and Salaries in fiscal year (FY) 2025-26 in the Roads Maintenance budget, 1200325 and reduce Infrastructure in FY 2025-26 in the Roads Engineering budget, 1200321 (4/5 Vote Required).

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This action supports the following areas of your Board's Strategic Plan.

Area of Focus: Workforce & Operational Excellence

Strategic Plan Category: 9999 - Core Services/Other

DISCUSSION:

In FY 2025-26, the Humboldt County Department of Public Works experienced an increase in expenditures for Rents & Leases - Equipment LT that were over the appropriation in the Roads Maintenance budget, 1200325. This increase was partially due to the significant change in the rental cost of equipment related to bringing fleet equipment up to California Air Resources Board (CARB) compliance by replacing thirty (30) year old equipment. The increase was also due to material and equipment costs to prepare for construction contracts that were paid out of the Roads Measure O budget. Public Works is requesting that your Board approve the appropriation transfer to provide funding necessary to cover increased expenditures within the Roads Maintenance budget, 1200325 and reduce Infrastructure in the Roads Engineering budget, 1200321 for FY 2025-26.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Road Fund (1200)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Expenditures	FY25-26 1200321	FY25-26 1200325
Budgeted Expenses	<u>\$21,495,040</u>	<u>\$ 8,780,139</u>
Additional Appropriation Requested	<u>\$ -4,000,000</u>	<u>\$ 4,000,000</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$17,495,040</u>	<u>\$ 12,780,139</u>

**Projected amounts are estimates and are subject to change.*

Funding Sources	FY25-26 1200321	FY25-26 1200325
Use of Fund Balance	<u>\$17,495,040</u>	<u>\$ 12,780,139</u>
Total Funding Sources	<u>\$17,495,040</u>	<u>\$ 12,780,139</u>

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Narrative Explanation of Financial Impact:

The attached Appropriation transfer will decrease \$4,000,000 from the fixed asset expenditure line for infrastructure in the Roads Engineering budget, 1200321, and increase the services and supply line for rents and leases and salaries in the Roads Maintenance Budget, 1200325. There are sufficient funds budgeted to effectuate this transfer. Overall total expenditures for the Roads Fund will not increase.

STAFFING IMPACT:

The approval of this item will not impact current staffing levels.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None.

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Your Board could choose not to approve the appropriation transfer. However, this is not recommended as it would result in expenditures in excess of appropriations.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Appropriation Transfer

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Meeting of: N/A

File No.: N/A