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***BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO REVIEW NEW PROPOSAL FOR A REVENUE SHARING AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF UKIAH***

Board Chair Jim Wattenburger and Supervisor Michael Delbar announced today that the County will begin the process of reopening a revenue sharing agreement discussion with the City of Ukiah in the next few weeks. With a change in staff the committee has not met for over six months and during that time the County has developed some new concepts for purposes of discussion.

The Board of Supervisors Standing Committee regarding Tax Sharing has met with the Chief Executive Officer to formulate a new round of discussion with the City of Ukiah regarding a tax sharing agreement in order to explore opportunities for mutual benefit.

In recognizing the existing traffic congestion in the Talmage Road freeway off ramps and lack of a secondary access to the City's major retail center, County staff is no longer proposing that the City share their sales tax revenue being generated in this area. It is assumed that the City will need to expend significant funds toward resolution of traffic circulation issues before further development can occur.

County staff is recommending that the County share a portion of its increase in sales tax over the prior year (period to be defined) with the City under the following guidelines:

The new agreement shall be entitled the "State Street Corridor Revenue Sharing Agreement". It shall be defined as beginning in the Southern most boundary of the County's South State Street Redevelopment Area and run continuously to the Northern most boundary of the North State Street Redevelopment Area.

A portion of any sales tax increase over the previous year for all businesses located within the unincorporated areas along State Street shall be deposited into a designated fund with the County of Mendocino.

The funds shall be appropriated on an annual basis to contribute toward the following projects with regional benefit:

- (1) Regional transportation related projects that benefit the traffic circulation along the State Street Corridor.
- (2) Transit-oriented facilities.
- (3) Streetscape improvements, bicycle corridors, pedestrian friendly traffic calming projects, undergrounding of utilities.
- (4) Local share match to State and Federal funded street projects.
- (5) Downtown Ukiah improvement projects.
- (6) Quality of life projects, including, but not limited to, new public library, park development, and youth oriented facilities.
- (7) Traffic Circulation studies.
- (8) City/County shared use facilities.
- (9) Community redevelopment projects.
- (10) Elimination of blighted properties.

Any project recommended for funding shall be determined by mutual agreement between the City of Ukiah and the County of Mendocino.

In addition, County staff is interested in discussing annexation agreements that will clarify City boundaries and availability of services.

The County looks forward to a new era of positive working relationships with the City of Ukiah during a period of economic

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