



## SAFE Board of Directors

## Item #06-6-2 Action

June 8, 2006

### Final SAFE Budget and Work Program for FY 2006-07

**Issue:** The final budget and work program for FY 2006-07 (attached) has been prepared.

**Recommendation:** Because there was no quorum, the Transportation Committee did not take an official vote, but it was the consensus of those attending that they recommend that the SAFE Board of Directors approve the final budget and work program for FY 2006-07.

**Discussion:** The SAFE bylaws require that a work program and budget be approved before July 1 of each fiscal year. The final budget and work program are identical to the draft budget and work program that was approved by the Transportation Committee and SAFE Board of Directors in May for public review and comment.

There are two key work program activities planned for FY 2006-07:

- The conversion of 1,300 call boxes from analog to digital phone service. Analog service will no longer be available next year.
- The installation of TTYs in 1,300 call boxes and the removal of 216 call boxes.

Other activities scheduled to occur during FY 2006/07 include: Contractor auditing and monitoring, preparation of call box statistics and characteristics, knockdown damage recovery, investigating the expansion of call boxes on bike trails, and working to expand the Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) capabilities of our call boxes. In addition, SAFE provides substantial funding (\$680,000) to the Sacramento Transportation Authority (STA) for the Freeway Service Patrol (FSP) in both Sacramento and Yolo Counties, continued funding for the 511 traveler information system (\$300,000) that was launched on September 1, 2004, matching funds (\$285,000) for a federal earmark for ITS coordination and ongoing administration and maintenance of the call box system (approximately \$990,000).

Total income for the year is estimated to be \$2.4 million. This is comprised of revenues from vehicle registration fees, interest, knockdown recovery and transfers from Glenn County SAFE fund. Total expenditures for the year are projected to be \$5.3 million, including \$2.4 million annual operating budget plus one-time expenditures of \$2.9 million for digital conversion and TTY installation. SAFE's cash position is estimated to be approximately \$585,000 at the end of FY 2006/07, which represents about four months of normal ongoing expenses.

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**SERVICE AUTHORITY FOR FREEWAYS AND EXPRESSWAYS (SAFE)**

**PROJECT: SAFE - REGIONAL SERVICE AUTHORITY FOR FREEWAYS AND EXPRESSWAYS**

**OBJECTIVE:** To operate a call-box program in the SAFE region.

**DISCUSSION:** Staff's primary focus during FY 2006/07 will be the conversion of analog phone service to digital service, installation of TTYs, 216 call box removals due to declining call volumes, and the conversion over to a private call answering service.

Staff will continue to ensure that the call box system operates efficiently and effectively. At the Board's direction, staff will also explore on a case-by-case basis the expansion of bike trail call box projects and "smart" call box technologies.

**WORK ACTIVITIES:**

**STAFF ACTIVITIES:**

1. Conversion of phone service from analog to digital in 1,300 call boxes. (25%)
2. Installation of TTY's in 1,300 call boxes. Removal of 216 call boxes. (25%)
3. Work with Caltrans, the California Highway Patrol (CHP), and the private call answering service on the continued operation of the call-box system. (5%)
4. Work toward the operation of call boxes on Class I bikeways and the expansion of "smart" ITS call box technologies (i.e., 511 Program). (10%)
5. Pursue insurance companies and individuals for knockdown damage recovery. (5%)
6. Manage contractor and consultant contracts. (10%)
7. Continue with implementation of a public education program that includes the following: Distribution of the SAFE video and Call Box User's Guides to local high school driver education classes and local driver training schools within the SAFE service area, provide presentations on the Call Box program to local groups as requested, and prepare articles as necessary for the SACOG Regional Report. (5%)
8. Participate on statewide SAFE Committee (CalSAFE) and monitoring of all call-box issues and technologies. (5%)
9. Track revenues and expenditures and prepare quarterly financial reports on revenue and expenditures. (10%)

**CONSULTANT ACTIVITIES:**

1. Prepare monthly and quarterly call statistics, information, and graphics for SAFE staff using cellular phone billing tapes. This will include information on the number of calls made, length of calls, lost calls, time of day of calls, and a record of preventive maintenance provided.
2. Add additional boxes in Glenn County as funds become available.

**END PRODUCTS:**

1. Quarterly statistical reports on call box activity and performance, including: number of calls, duration of calls, knockdowns, vandalism, and malfunctions. (June 2007)
2. Quarterly financial reports. (June 2007)