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## Proposed fee to be debated by supervisors

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County supervisors on Tuesday will discuss whether a plan to create as much as \$7,000 in transportation impact fees per new home is ready to release to the public.

County leaders in December floated the idea of creating the impact fee to help pay for \$164 million in road improvements needed by 2030. Since then, staff has been working out details of the proposed fee and will present it at Tuesday's meeting.

Staff was directed to work with the Solano Transportation Authority - which is also working on a Regional Transportation Impact Fee (RTIF) - to combine efforts and avoid overlapping the two efforts.

Although there will be some overlapping of the two efforts, it was realized the county's scope would cover a far greater portion of the county road system than the STA. When the STA fee structure is eventually established, the county's fees will likely need to be adjusted to address bigger projects such as the Jepson Parkway, Peabody Road and the North Connector.

If supervisors agree with staff's recommendation, they will likely launch a public outreach effort to advise prospective builders and homeowners of the coming changes.

The fees would be broken up into two groups. District A would include projects in rural areas. District B consists only of improvements for Peabody Road in between Fairfield and Vacaville.

The proposal, as it stands, would charge homes in District A \$6,043 for a single-family unit; \$4,119 for a multi-family unit; \$2,958 for retail; \$2,836 for office space; \$1,950 for industrial; and \$1,101 for warehouse.

For District B, those prices would remain, plus an additional charge of \$1,275 for single family; \$869 for multi-family units; \$624 for retail; \$599 for office; \$412 for industrial; and \$232 for warehouse.

The money would be collected countywide on projects outside city limits, to be used to fix roads, accommodate growth and deal with traffic concerns.

During the December meeting, Supervisor Barbara Kondylis said she would rather see a third district, with smaller fees, comprised of Vallejo and Benicia, because those areas have only a few improvements on the list.

The Solano County Board of Supervisors meets at 9 a.m. in the Supervisors Chamber, 675 Texas St., Fairfield.

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