

## STAFF REPORT

**SUBJECT:** 2004 Federal Transportation Improvement Program Amendment No. 18

**MEETING DATE:** February 17, 2006

**AGENDA ITEM:** 7B

**STAFF CONTACT:** Karin Hodin

### RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution approving amendment #18 to the 2004 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) to add two Santa Barbara County SAFETEA-LU earmark projects for roadway rehabilitation and Hollister Avenue reconstruction

### SUMMARY:

Projects using federal transportation funds must be programmed in a Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) adopted and periodically amended by SBCAG. FTIP Amendment No. 18 revises the current FTIP to include two new projects to be funded with federal SAFETEA-LU earmark funding as well as state and local matching funds. The projects are:

1. A Hollister Avenue reconstruction project, between State Route 154 and San Antonio Road, will be programmed for a total of \$2.5 million using \$1.71 million in SAFETEA-LU earmark funds secured by Congressman Capps. County match funds of \$500,000 will come from Goleta Traffic Impact Mitigation Fees (GTIP) for the mandated 20% federal match and \$290,000 in GTIP fees to as a contingency.
2. A series of roadway reconstruction and deep-lift asphalt improvements throughout inland Santa Barbara County comprise the County's other SAFETEA-LU earmark project secured by Congressman Gallegly. This \$5 million project includes \$ 2.823 million in earmark funds, matched with \$1 million in County Measure D funds with \$575,000 (also from Measure D) as a contingency.

### DISCUSSION:

As the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for Santa Barbara County, SBCAG is responsible for preparing and adopting the Federal Transportation Improvement Program. The FTIP identifies all federally funded highway, transit and other surface transportation projects in the county, along with their federal funding sources, that are scheduled for implementation in the next three years. The FTIP serves as the sole reference document that the federal government and the public can review to understand where, when and how federal transportation funds are being spent in Santa Barbara County, including those that SBCAG does and does not have programming discretion over.

#### Member Agencies

Buellton ■ Carpinteria ■ Goleta ■ Guadalupe ■ Lompoc ■ Santa Barbara ■ Santa Maria ■ Solvang ■ Santa Barbara County

The FTIP requires periodic amending following its biennial adoption to reflect program changes such as project additions, deletions, scope revisions and securing of added federal funds by SBCAG and other county agencies. The federal government requires that significant changes to the cost, scope or schedule of a project be approved through a formal amendment to the FTIP voted on by the SBCAG Board. Amendment #18 would make the following changes to the FTIP; financial changes are shown on the subsequent Exhibit A:

1. Reconstruct Segments of Hollister Avenue Between State Route 154 and San Antonio Road

Santa Barbara County has requested that this SAFETEA-LU earmark project, sponsored by Congresswoman Lois Capps, be added to the FTIP to enable widening improvements to Hollister Avenue between State Highway 154 and San Antonio Road and in the Santa Barbara Area. The upgrading will result in two 12-foot travel lanes in each direction, six-foot shoulders for Class II bikelanes and five-foot sidewalks on each side of the roadway, along with turn pockets and planted medians. The Union Pacific Railroad Bridge that crosses Hollister near Modoc Road will be replaced with a longer structure to accommodate the widening, and an additional bridge will be constructed to provide a siding track for Union Pacific Railroad, Amtrak, and possible commuter rail service between Goleta and Ventura County communities. Funding enables anticipated completion of the Project Report and possibly major portions of the project's Environmental Assessment. To achieve these aims, the \$2 million federal earmark, item 1 on the following Exhibit A, is requested for programming for PS&E phasing only. The \$2 million federal and \$500,000 matching funding would be distributed as follows: 40% in fiscal year 2005/06, 20% in fiscal years 2006/07, 2007/08 and 2008/09. The local share of the 20% match and a project contingency would come from Goleta area Traffic Impact Mitigation Fees.

2. Reconstruct and Deep-Lift Asphalt on Various Roads Throughout the Santa Barbara County Portion of the 24<sup>th</sup> Congressional District

The County's second and larger project, sponsored by Congressman Gallegly, consists of reconstructing and rehabilitating roadway segments within the 24<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, generally comprising the County's non-coastal areas. The \$5 million project (\$4 million federal with a \$1 million local match) will be programmed as follows: Preliminary Engineering (\$375,000 is allocated over four fiscal years, with 40% programmed in FY05/06, and 20% in subsequent fiscal years. Funding for Construction Engineering totals \$500,000, and will be distributed evenly over three fiscal years, 2006/07, 2007/08 and 2008/09. Construction funding of \$4,125,000 will also be distributed evenly over the three fiscal years of 2006/07 through 2008/09. The 20% local share match and a project contingency will be provided by the County's Measure D revenue. The following Exhibit A provides funding details for this project.

**COMMITTEE REVIEW:** None

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Exhibit A—2004 FTIP Amendment No. 18  
Resolution

RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA BARBARA  
COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

APPROVING THE 2004 FEDERAL )  
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT )  
PROGRAM (AMENDMENT 18) )

RESOLUTION NO. 06-05

WHEREAS, Title 23 Code of Federal Regulations, part 450, and Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations, part 613, require the preparation and updating of a Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) by the Metropolitan Planning Organization; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) has been designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for Santa Barbara County; and

WHEREAS, SBCAG, through the conduct of a continuing, comprehensive, and coordinated transportation planning process with applicable federal requirements, has prepared a 2004 FTIP; and

WHEREAS, the 2004 FTIP has been prepared in cooperation with state and local government agencies including Caltrans, local transit operators; and the Air Pollution Control District; and

WHEREAS, the 2004 FTIP must be consistent with the Regional Transportation Plan adopted pursuant to Government Code Section 6508; and

WHEREAS, the 2004 FTIP projects have been developed from the 2001 RTP and 2003 Congestion Management Program (CMP); and

WHEREAS, the 2004 FTIP includes only air quality conformity exempt and non-exempt projects; and

WHEREAS, draft copies of the 2004 FTIP and Air Quality Conformity Status were made available and members of the public were given a reasonable opportunity to review the draft

2004 FTIP and a public hearing was held to present the recommended 2004 FTIP and take testimony from the public; and

WHEREAS, all projects proposed for federal funding or approval under Title 23 Code of Federal Regulations and the Federal Transit Act must be included in a transportation improvement program; and

WHEREAS, the 2004 FTIP must conform with the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP) as required by the federal Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. Section 7401 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, the 2004 FTIP is financially constrained and funds needed to complete the 2004 FTIP are reasonably expected to be available.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the SBCAG Board of Directors amends the 2004 FTIP to include the changes identified in the Staff Report and summarized in its Exhibit A.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SBCAG Board of Directors finds that the 2004 FTIP is consistent with, and one and the same as, the 2004 MTP.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SBCAG Board of Directors finds that development of the 2004 FTIP is made in accordance with public involvement procedures originally adopted by SBCAG on November 10, 1994 and updated on March 24, 2002; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the adoption of the 2004 FTIP constitutes the Intergovernmental Review Procedures for those projects listed in the Biennial Element. The 2004 FTIP approval does not constitute project level design or environmental approval which is conducted separately according to state and federal regulations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the inclusion of any federally-funded projects in the 2004 FTIP, including all amendments, constitutes the federal project selection procedures for Santa Barbara County, and any projects programmed in the FTIP may proceed to implementation without further project selection action by SBCAG.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that SBCAG's approval of the 2004 FTIP including all amendments also constitutes the federal transit "designated recipient" approval of all grant applications filed by the transit operators that are consistent with the FTIP project programming.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that minor modifications as specified in the 2004 FTIP will be handled as administrative amendments that may be approved at the discretion of the SBCAG Executive Director and that all other amendments require formal approval of the SBCAG Board of Directors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that SBCAG has executed a Comprehensive Transportation Planning Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Caltrans excluding rehabilitation and safety projects from the FTIP as provided in said MOU.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 2004 FTIP is the applicable FTIP for Santa Barbara County and supersedes all preceding FTIPs and their amendments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SBCAG Board of Directors certifies that the urban transportation planning process is being carried on with applicable federal requirements as described in the "Statewide Planning; Metropolitan Planning; Rule" dated October 28, 1993.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 16<sup>th</sup> day of February 2006 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ATTEST:

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Jim Kemp  
Executive Director  
Santa Barbara County  
Association of Governments

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Joe Centeno  
Chair  
Santa Barbara County  
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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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