

STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: 2004 Federal Transportation Improvement Program Amendment

MEETING DATE: June 15, 2006

AGENDA ITEM: 6D

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution approving 2004 FTIP Amendment No. 22 programming \$7.543 million of RSTP funds for local road rehabilitation projects and \$1.375 million in FTA Section 5307 funds for Santa Maria Area Transit.

STAFF CONTACT: Steve VanDenburgh

SUMMARY:

The SBCAG Board in January directed staff to return with a recommendation to program local agency road rehab projects using RSTP funds to replace funding for delayed and deleted STIP-funded projects. SBCAG staff is recommending that \$7.453 million in RSTP be programmed from FY 07/08 – 09/10 for that purpose. The recommendation also includes a sharing of RSTP funding between the city of Goleta and County for the deleted STIP rehab projects, including a revision to a programming recommendation approved in May 2005. Finally, FTA section 5307 operating funds for FY 05/06 are programmed to SMAT.

DISCUSSION:

As the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for Santa Barbara County, SBCAG is responsible for preparing and adopting the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP). The FTIP identifies all federally funded highway, transit and other surface transportation projects in the county (and 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.

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 #22 would make the following changes to the FTIP.

Regional Surface Transportation Program

In adopting the 2006 Regional Transportation Improvement Program in January 2006, the SBCAG Board deleted from the STIP, pending California Transportation Commission

concurrence, 17 local agency projects including road rehabilitation, bicycle projects, and park and ride lots. The Board directed staff to return with a recommendation to fund the deleted road rehabilitation projects with Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funding as a first priority. Now that the STIP has been adopted by the CTC, and the projects are officially deleted, staff is recommending that the Board program \$7.453 million in RSTP to the deleted rehab projects over fiscal years 07/08, 08/09, 09/10. The Board partly funded many of these rehab projects with RSTP in May 2005. Therefore, SBCAG staff is recommending that RSTP be programmed to the balance of the projects according to Table A. The recommended funding shown in Table A was reviewed and unanimously approved by TTAC in early June 2006.

The original County STIP rehabilitation project was programmed prior to the Goleta's incorporation, and was partly intended to complete rehab projects in what is now the city of Goleta. The public works staffs of the city of Goleta and County have agreed that Goleta's share is approximately 20% of the total amount originally programmed in the STIP for the County rehab project. Therefore, this FTIP amendment programs a proportionate amount of RSTP funding to the City of Goleta for local road rehab projects.

The staffs of Goleta and the County also have requested that the May 2005 programming action of RSTP by the Board should be revised to include cost sharing between Goleta and the County. Funding was programmed by the Board to the County, and other agencies, for rehab purposes, to partly compensate for delayed STIP funding for road rehabilitation projects. The staffs of Goleta and the County, with SCBAG staff's support, recommend that \$316,250 in funding programmed to the County in May 2005 be reprogrammed to Goleta, and \$253,000 in funds for the County for 06/07 also be reprogrammed to Goleta. A joint letter requesting this programming revision has been submitted by the staffs of the two agencies and is on file at SBCAG.

FTA Section 5307

With the passage of the new federal transportation bill, SAFETEA-LU (Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users), transit agencies became eligible to receive funds for operating assistance for federal fiscal year 2005/2006. To assure that Santa Maria Area Transit (SMCAT) can access these funds from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), the agency has asked that \$1,375,000 in new FTA §5307 federal funds, matched with \$1,375,000 in TDA funds be added into the 2004 FTIP for the FY 2005/06.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. SBCAG staff recommends that the Board program \$7.453 million in RSTP funds, according to table A, to cover the unfunded balance of the STIP road rehabilitation projects not funded in May 2005.
2. Reprogram \$316,250 in FY 05/06 and \$253,000 in 06/07 in RSTP from County to the City of Goleta, representing a pro-rated share of funding that would have been expended by the County on Goleta unincorporated area through a deleted STIP project funded instead with RSTP. The County's share of RSTP funding would be reduced from \$1,614,590 to \$1,298,340 and from \$1,159,843 to \$906,843 for those fiscal years.
3. Program \$1,375,000 in FTA §5307 funds and \$1,375,000 in TDA funds for SMAT operating service in FY 2005/06.

COMMITTEE REVIEW: The recommendation for the programming of RSTP for 07/08, 08/09, 09/10 (Table A) was unanimously supported by TTAC on June 1.

RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA BARBARA
COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

APPROVING THE 2004 FEDERAL)
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT)
PROGRAM - AMENDMENT NO. 22)

RESOLUTION NO. 06-17

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 2007 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 Item 6D, June 15, 2006.

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 2007 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 15th day of June 2006 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ATTEST:

Jim Kemp
Executive Director
Santa Barbara County
Association of Governments

Joe Centeno
Chair
Santa Barbara County
Association of Governments

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Kevin E. Ready, Sr.
Deputy County Counsel

TABLE A
New RSTP Programming to Deleted STIP Rehab Projects
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Agency	PPNO	Project	Balance to be Funded	Funding			Project Totals by Component								
				07/08	08/09	09/10	R/W	Const	Env. & Pl.	PS&E	R/W Sup	Con Sup			
Priority Projects: Rehab Deleted From STIP : Balance to be Funded															
Buellton	1189	Pavement rehab, 7 locations	221	221	0	0	0	221	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carpinteria	1192	Local street rehab, 7 locations	302	302	0	0	0	302	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Solvang	1213	Various Streets rehab	228	228	0	0	0	228	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Barbara	1194C	Local street rehab, 8 locations	865	865	0	0	0	865	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lompoc	1208	Local street rehab, 8 locations, 3.7 mi	709	709	0	0	0	709	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Guadalupe	1207	Obispo St, 11th St, rehab	231	231	0	0	0	205	2	24	0	0	0	0	0
S B County	1199	Local road rehab, 34 locations	2,856	358	1,687	811	0	2,856	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Goleta*	n/a	Local road rehab	696	350	346	0	0	696	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Maria	1211	N Blosser, S Miller rehab	944	0	944	0	0	811	0	133	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Maria	1211B	Hanson Wy, W Morrison, E Morrison, rehab	401	0	401	0	0	401	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
			7,453	3,264	3,378	811	0	7,294	2	157	0	0	0	0	0
		Estimated RSTP Funding	10,424	3,378	3,471	3,575									
		Uncommitted Funding	2,971	114	93	2,764									

* Represents Goleta's share of deleted County STIP project