

STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: 2006 State Transportation Improvement Program

MEETING DATE: March 16, 2006

AGENDA ITEM: 11

STAFF CONTACT: Jim Kemp or Steve VanDenburgh

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive a report on the status of development of the 2006 STIP.

DISCUSSION:

On January 25, SBCAG submitted its 2006 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) to the California Transportation Commission. The Commission and its staff are in the process of reviewing the RTIPs from around the state, including evaluating requests to reprogram existing STIP-funded projects or add new projects to the 2006 STIP. They are taking testimony from Regional Agencies at two hearings in March.

On March 9, Boardmember Donna Jordan, Executive Director Jim Kemp, and Deputy Director Steve VanDenburgh will be attending the CTC's 2006 STIP Southern California hearing in Los Angeles to request that the CTC include in the STIP funding for the New Start project to widen Highway 101 on the South Coast to six lanes between Milpas Street and the Ventura County line. The SBCAG representatives will also be requesting that the CTC provide STIP funding to match a federal earmark SBCAG and SLOCOG secured for the design of the Highway 101\Santa Maria River Bridge widening project.

At the March SBCAG board meeting, SBCAG staff and Boardmember Jordan will provide a verbal report on the March 9 STIP hearing.

On March 15, the CTC will hold a STIP hearing for Northern California counties to take testimony.

The staff of the CTC is expected to release a recommended draft 2006 STIP on or around April 7. The STIP is to be adopted at the CTC's April 27 meeting.

COMMITTEE REVIEW: None