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## STAFF REPORT

**SUBJECT:** Federal Transportation Improvement Program Amendment No. 19

**MEETING DATE:** March 16, 2006

**AGENDA ITEM:** 7C

**STAFF CONTACT:** Karin Hodin

### RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution approving Amendment No. 19 to the 2004 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) to program a \$250,000 State Parks and Recreation Grant, and other local and public funding, for the Santa Maria River Nature Trail.

### SUMMARY:

The city of Santa Maria has been awarded a \$250,000 grant by the State of California to purchase 248 acres along the Santa Maria riverbed which, combined with local and other public funding, will be used to construct a nature trail. The project must be reflected in the FTIP in order for Santa Maria to access the state grant funds.

### 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 #19 would make the following change to the FTIP; the financial changes are shown on subsequent Exhibit A:

Santa Maria River Nature Trail

The City of Santa Maria has requested the addition and programming of a new project, the Santa Maria River Nature Trail. The project recently secured \$250,000 in State Parks and Recreation - Recreational Trails grant funding from federal highway funds for recreational trails. These funds will be used for acquisition of 248 acres along and in the Santa Maria riverbed, and the project must be added into the FTIP for it to qualify for fund reimbursement. These funds will be programmed for the 2005-2006 fiscal year. Plans for the Nature Trail site include an interpretive nature trail, protection of sensitive habitat areas and open space preservation.

**Exhibit A - 2004 FTIP Amendment # 19**

Changes in ~~strike through~~ and bold type

(\$1,000s)

Board Action Date: 3/16/06

MPO ID # SM022

**In the City of Santa Maria: Santa Maria River Nature Trail**

Project Description – \$250,000 CA Parks & Recreation Trails grant programming and other funding for land acquisition and improvement purposes

Agency	Project	Phase	FY 05/06	FY 06/07	FY 07/08	Source of Funds				Total Project Cost
						City Dev. Fees	CA Trails Grant	Other Public	Private/ Foundation	
Santa Maria	SM River Nature Trail	PE	\$218			\$218				\$218
		RW		\$585			\$250	\$335		\$585
		CON			\$165			\$100	\$65	\$165
		Total	\$218	\$585	\$165	\$218	\$250	\$435	\$65	\$968

**COMMITTEE REVIEW:** None

**ATTACHMENTS:** Resolution

RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA BARBARA  
COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

APPROVING THE 2004 FEDERAL )  
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT )  
PROGRAM (AMENDMENT 19) )

RESOLUTION NO. 06-07

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 March 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  
Association of Governments

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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