

## STAFF REPORT

**SUBJECT:** Project Study Report Request

**MEETING DATE:** May 18, 2006

**AGENDA ITEM:** 6A

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Authorize the executive director to request that Caltrans prepare a Project Study Report for the Goleta Overpass Improvements project.

**STAFF CONTACT:** Jim Kemp

**DISCUSSION:**

At its April 20 meeting, the SBCAG board adopted a Measure D renewal expenditure plan which included a new Goleta Overpass Improvement project requested by the City of Goleta. The board approved \$7.5 million in measure funds and directed staff to return at the May 18 meeting with a recommendation to program an additional \$2.5 million in STP funds subject to passage of the renewal measure at the November 2006 election (see agenda item 6B).

The board also directed staff to prepare a request for Caltrans to complete a Project Study Report for the project. Staff is seeking board authorization to submit the attached letter requesting the PSR for the Goleta Overpass Improvement project.

**COMMITTEE REVIEW:** None

**ATTACHMENT:**

PSR Request Letter

May 18, 2006

Mr. Rich Krumholz  
Deputy Director  
Caltrans District 5  
50 Higuera Street  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93410-5415

Subject: Project Study Report Candidates

Dear Mr. Krumholz

In response to your March 20, 2006 letter requesting STIP PSR candidates, the SBCAG board has approved a request that Caltrans prepare a Project Study Report for the Goleta Overpass Improvement project. The project is included in the Measure D renewal expenditure plan adopted by the board at its April 20, 2006 meeting. The project need has been identified in the Circulation Element of the draft Goleta General Plan and includes relieving traffic congestion at existing 101 interchanges and improving circulation by creating alternative routes across the freeway in the city.

Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions, please contact me or Steve VanDenburgh of my staff.

Sincerely,

Jim Kemp  
Executive Director

cc: Steve Wagner  
Claudia Espino

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