



STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: 2006 Federal Transportation Improvement Program

MEETING DATE: May 18, 2006

AGENDA ITEM: 6B

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution approving an FTIP amendment, contingent upon passage of the Measure D Renewal in November 2006, to program \$2.5 million in Regional STP funds in FY 10/11 to the Goleta Highway 101 Overpass Improvement Project and \$2.5 million in Regional STP funds in FY 10/11 to the Regional Bicycle Program.

STAFF CONTACT: Steve VanDenburgh

SUMMARY:

This item is a follow-up to the Board's approval of the Measure D Renewal Expenditure Plan last month, making good on a promise to program \$2.5 million in STP funds to the city of Goleta's Highway 101 Overpass Improvement Project that was added to the Expenditure Plan and the Regional Bicycle Program which had its measure funds reduced by \$2.5 million in the expenditure plan to provide funding for the Goleta project. Staff is recommending that \$2.5 million in Regional STP funds be programmed to each project in FY 10/11.

DISCUSSION:

At the April 20 Board meeting, as part of the Board's discussion of the Measure D Renewal Expenditure Plan, the city of Goleta requested \$10 million in Measure D Renewal funds for the Highway 101 Goleta Overpass Improvement Project. The Coalition for a Fair Measure D proposed that the project be added to the expenditure plan with \$7.5 million in measure funding by reducing the Regional Bicycle Program by \$2.5 million, the Rural Highways Safety Program by \$2.5 million, the Local\Regional Bus Program by \$1.5 million, and the Safe Routes to School program by \$1 million. They also suggested that \$2.5 in Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds be programmed to the project to provide Goleta with \$10 million for their project and that \$2.5 million in STP funds be used to backfill the Regional Bicycle Program. Finally, the Coalition proposed that the measure funds be returned to the programs that were reduced 15 years after the Measure takes effect if the overpass project hasn't made progress. The Board incorporated the entire proposal into its motion approving the expenditure plan.

SBCAG staff is returning to the Board with a recommendation for programming Regional STP funds to the Highway 101 Goleta Overpass Improvement Project and the Regional Bicycle Program.

Member Agencies

In consultation with TTAC, SBCAG staff has estimated that \$14.1 million in revenues will be available for the Regional STP program from FY 07/08 to FY 2010/11 (Regional STP is fully programmed through FY 06/07) and approximately \$7.5 million will be used to fund local rehab projects deleted from the STIP leaving sufficient revenues to program the projects in FY 10/11. Fiscal year 10/11 is the first full fiscal year if the Measure D Renewal program takes effect on April 1, 2010. This recommendation assumes that the STP program will continue in the federal transportation reauthorization bill succeeding SAFETEA-LU when it expires at the end of FY 2008/09. This seems to SBCAG staff to be a reasonable assumption because the STP program was included in the original TEA-21 bill in 1990, the ISTEA bill in 1996, and the SAFETEA-LU bill in 2005. Staff recommends that a qualifier be attached to this recommendation. If the FTIP amendment is approved at the May 18 meeting, the amendment would not be processed through Caltrans and FHWA unless voters pass the Measure D Renewal on November 7, 2006. If the renewal passes, the FTIP amendment would be submitted to Caltrans and FHWA for their concurrence and incorporation into the FTIP. If the measure fails, the FTIP amendment would not be processed and the \$5.0 million in funding in 2010/11 would be available for programming to other projects.

Approving this FTIP amendment programming STP funds at the May 18 SCBAG Board meeting will allow the City of Goleta to see, before the city council votes on the expenditure plan, that the \$10 million the city requested for its overpass project will be available upon passage of the Measure D Renewal.

RECOMMENDATION:

SBCAG staff recommends that the Board approve an FTIP amendment to program \$2.5 million in Regional STP funds in FY 10/11 to the Goleta Highway 101 Overpass Improvement Project and \$2.5 million in Regional STP funds in FY 10/11 for the Regional Bicycle Program, contingent upon the passage of the Measure D renewal.

COMMITTEE REVIEW:

This recommendation was unanimously supported by TTAC on May 4.

RSTP Revenues \ Programming FY 07/08 - 10/11

FTIP Amendment for Measure D Expenditure Plan Projects, May 2006

Agency	Project	Total					Project Totals by Component					
			07/08	08/09	09/10	10/11	R/W	Const	Env. & Pl.	PS&E	R/W Sup	Con Sup
All Agencies	Anticipated Programming of Local Rehab Projects Deleted from STIP (Recommendation Coming to Board in June\July 2006)	7,453	3,264	3,378	811	0	0	7,060	17	376	0	0
Goleta	Goleta Highway 101 Overpass Improvement	2,500	0	0	0	2,500	0	2,500	0	0	0	0
SBCAG	Measure D Regional Bicycle Program	2,500	0	0	0	2,500	0	2,500	0	0	0	0
Total Funding Needed, Priority Projects		12,453	3,264	3,378	811	5,000						
Estimated RSTP Funding, FY 07/08-FY 10/11		14,107	3,378	3,471	3,575	3,682						
Cumulative Estimated RSTP			3,378	6,849	10,424	14,107						
Cumulative, Total Funding Needed			3,264	6,642	7,453	12,453						
Cumulative Uncommitted Funding			114	207	2,971	1,654						

RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA BARBARA
COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

APPROVING THE 2004 FEDERAL)
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT)
PROGRAM - AMENDMENT NO. 21)

RESOLUTION NO. 06-13

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 6B, May 18, 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 18th day of May 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:

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