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STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: 2009 Federal Transportation Improvement Program

MEETING DATE: August 21, 2008 **AGENDA ITEM:** 6B

STAFF CONTACT: Sarkes Khachek

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution approving the 2009 Federal Transportation Improvement Program.

SUMMARY:

In July, the SBCAG Board adopted the 2009 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP). The FTIP was submitted to Caltrans for incorporation into the statewide FTIP and approval by the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration. Caltrans has requested that the Board adopt a resolution approving the 2009 FTIP.

BACKGROUND:

As the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for Santa Barbara County, SBCAG is responsible for biennially preparing and adopting the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP). The 2009 FTIP is required to be adopted and submitted to Caltrans in July 2008. It will cover projects programmed in fiscal years 2008/09 – 2012/13. It must identify, at a minimum, 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 four years, FY 2008/09 to FY 11/12. Projects with funding anticipated beyond the quadrennial period are included for information purposes only.

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. It is required to be financially constrained – programmed expenditures must be balanced with estimated revenues.

SBCAG's FTIP is not required to include an air quality conformity analysis due to Santa Barbara County attaining the federal 8-hour ozone standard and the federal one-hour ozone standard being revoked (effective June 2005).

The FTIP was adopted by the board at its July meeting in order for Caltrans, the Federal Transit Administration and the Federal Highway Administration to review and approve it by September 30, 2008, the end of the federal fiscal year.

Although the 2009 FTIP was approved by the SBCAG Board, Caltrans has requested that the Board adopt a resolution approving the 2009 FTIP.

Recommendation

SBCAG staff recommends that the Board adopt resolution 08-16 approving the 2009 FTIP as requested by our state and federal partners.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: Resolution 08-16

A RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA BARBARA
COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

APPROVING THE 2009 FEDERAL)
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT)
PROGRAM)

RESOLUTION NO. 08-16

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 2009 FTIP; and

WHEREAS, the 2009 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 2009 FTIP must be consistent with the Regional Transportation Plan adopted pursuant to Government Code Section 6508; and

WHEREAS, the 2009 FTIP projects have been developed from the 2001 RTP, 2003 CMP, 2004 MTP and 2008 STIP; 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, because Santa Barbara County attained the federal eight-hour ozone standard, it is no longer required to follow air quality conformity measures nor 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 2009 FTIP must be financially constrained and funds needed to complete the 2009 FTIP are reasonably expected to be available; and

WHEREAS, the 2009 FTIP was made available for public review and members of the public were given a reasonable opportunity to review the 2009 FTIP and a public hearing was held on July 17, 2008 to present the recommended 2009 FTIP and take testimony from the public; and

WHEREAS, the SBCAG Board adopted the 2009 FTIP on July 17, 2008;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the SBCAG Board of Directors adopts the 2009 FTIP; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SBCAG Board of Directors finds that development of the 2009 FTIP was made in accordance with public involvement procedures originally adopted by SBCAG on November 10, 1994 and updated on March 24, 2002 and December 20, 2007; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SBCAG Board of Directors finds that 2009 FTIP is consistent with metropolitan planning regulations from 23 Code of Federal Regulations Part 450; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SBCAG Board of Directors finds that the approved 2009 FTIP is consistent with the 2001 RTP and 2004 MTP; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 2009 FTIP as approved is financially constrained and funds needed to complete the 2009 FTIP are reasonably expected to be available; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that because Santa Barbara County attained the federal eight-hour ozone standard, the 2009 FTIP is not required to follow air quality conformity

measures nor the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP) as required by the federal Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. Section 7401 et seq.); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the inclusion of any federally-funded projects in the 2009 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.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 21st day of August 2008 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ATTEST:

Jim Kemp
Executive Director
Santa Barbara County
Association of Governments

Brooks Firestone
Chair
Santa Barbara County
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