

## STAFF REPORT

**SUBJECT:** 2007 Federal Transportation Improvement Program

**MEETING DATE:** February 21, 2008

**AGENDA ITEM:** 6F

**STAFF CONTACT:** Sarkes Khachek

### RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt FTIP amendment #16 to increase funding for projects in the Highway Bridge Program Lump Sum Category, add a project to the SHOPP Collision Reduction Lump Sum Category and remove two projects from the SHOPP Roadway Preservation Lump Sum Category.

### SUMMARY:

Caltrans has notified SBCAG of funding changes to programs included in SBCAG's Federal Transportation Improvement Program. SBCAG's role is to amend the funding changes into the Federal Transportation Improvement Program—a single document that the public and government agencies can review to understand how, where and when federal funding and state funding on regionally significant projects will be spent in Santa Barbara County. An accurate project description, including scope and funding allocated, must be listed in the FTIP before federal funds can be expended on the project. The projects affected through this amendment are those that receive funding from the Highway Bridge Program, Collision Reduction Program and Roadway Preservation Category.

### DISCUSSION:

As the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for Santa Barbara County, SBCAG is responsible for preparing and adopting the Federal Transportation Improvement Program. The FTIP identifies all federally funded highway, transit and other surface transportation projects in the county, along with their federal funding sources, that are scheduled for implementation in the next six years. The FTIP serves as the sole reference document that the federal government, Caltrans 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 changes such as project additions, deletions, scope revisions and securing of additional federal funds by SBCAG and other 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.

This staff report includes a formal amendment for the projects or programs described below.

### **Highway Bridge Program Lump Sum – Increase Lump Sum Amount**

Additional federal funding has been made available for Highway Bridge Program in Santa Barbara County. The purpose of the program is to replace or rehabilitate public highway bridges over waterways, other topographical barriers, other highways, or railroads when the State and the Federal Highway Administration determine that a bridge is significantly important and is unsafe because of structural deficiencies, physical deterioration, or functional obsolescence.

The federal government provides funding for bridge repairs by local agencies as authorized by SAFETEA-LU. The funds are administered by Caltrans and local agencies apply to Caltrans to participate in the program and be reimbursed. SBCAG's role in the program is to record the expenditure of federal funds on bridge projects in the county in the FTIP.

Reimbursable scopes of work include replacement, rehabilitation, painting, scour countermeasure, bridge approach barrier and railing replacement, low water crossing replacement, and ferry service replacement. The federal reimbursement rate is 88.53% of the eligible participating project costs including preliminary engineering, right of way, and construction costs. The local match requirement is 11.47%.

Projects in this program are generally not itemized or listed individually in the FTIP. The funding programmed to them is aggregated and treated as a single project entry or "lump sum" in the FTIP. The lump sum listing provides flexibility in advancing projects within this list of projects. The exception is for bridges where there is other state or federal funding sources programmed in addition to federal bridge funds, or when a bridge project is part of a larger project itemized in the FTIP. The city of Goleta currently has one such project, the Hollister Avenue (Ellwood) Bridge over UPRR, which is being delivered by Caltrans as part of a larger project to realign and replace the seismically deficient Hollister Avenue Bridge over Highway 101.

Caltrans has notified SBCAG that an additional \$4.67 million is available for this program, increasing the total amount to \$79.548 million. This new total must be reflected in the FTIP before the additional funds may be spent by Caltrans.

### **SHOPP Collision Reduction Lump Sum – Add Project to Lump Sum**

This federally funded program is administered by Caltrans and the California Transportation Commission. Projects funded through the collision reduction SHOPP program are high priority safety improvements as scored by Caltrans' collision reduction program scoring system or they are specifically warranted by changed roadway or traffic conditions.

Projects in this program are generally not itemized or listed individually in the FTIP. The funding programmed to them is aggregated and treated as a single project entry or "lump sum" in the FTIP. The lump sum listing provides flexibility in modifying projects within this list of projects.

Caltrans has notified SBCAG that the following project was added to the Collision Reduction Lump Sum category:

**PPNO 1941** – Cold Spring Canyon Bridge Suicide Barrier – Project Cost: \$3.256 million

The project must be reflected in the FTIP as part of the lump sum program, and the lump sum allocation total increased by \$3.256 million, before funds can be spent on this project.

### **SHOPP Roadway Preservation Lump Sum – Delete Projects from Lump Sum**

This federally funded program is administered by Caltrans and the California Transportation Commission. Funds are used to rehabilitate pavement, conduct preventive maintenance and modify/construct sidewalks and curb ramps on state highways.

Projects in this program are generally not itemized or listed individually in the FTIP. The funding programmed to them is aggregated and treated as a single project entry or “lump sum” in the FTIP. The lump sum listing provides flexibility in modifying projects within this list of projects.

Caltrans has notified SBCAG that the following two projects were removed from the Roadway Preservation Lump Sum category and transferred out of the SHOPP program:

**PPNO 4029** – Near Vandenberg – main gate of Vandenberg AFB to north of Soloman Road – seal coat. Project Cost: \$3.188 million

**PPNO 4038** – In and near Santa Barbara – Las Positas overcrossing to Castillo St. – seal coat. Project Cost: \$1.873 million

The projects must be removed from the lump sum project listing in the FTIP, and the lump sum funding allocation reduced by \$5.061 million, so that the public will continue to have an accurate description of how funds in this program are being spent in the county.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a resolution approving amendment #16 to the 2007 Federal Transportation Improvement Program which adds additional funding for the SHOPP Highway Bridge program, adds funding and projects to the Collision Reduction program, and reduces funding and deletes projects from the SHOPP Roadway Preservation program.

### **Attachments:**

**Attachment A - Amendment #16 Resolution 08-01**

**Attachment B.1 - EZTrak Report Sheet – Highway Bridge Program Lump Sum**

**Attachment B.2 - EZTrak Report Sheet – Cold Spring Canyon Bridge**

A RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA BARBARA  
COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

AMENDING THE 2007 FEDERAL )  
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT )  
PROGRAM TO INCREASE FUNDING IN )  
HIGHWAY BRIDGE PROGRAM LUMP)  
SUM CATEGORY, ADD A PROJECT TO)  
COLLISION REDUCTION LUMP SUM)  
AND REMOVE TWO PROJECTS FROM)  
THE ROADWAY PRESERVATION LUMP SUM)

RESOLUTION NO. 08-01

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 2007 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 2007 FTIP must be consistent with the Regional Transportation Plan adopted pursuant to Government Code Section 6508; and

WHEREAS, the 2007 FTIP projects have been developed from the 2001 RTP, 2003 CMP and 2006 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 2007 FTIP was made available for public review and members of the public were given a reasonable opportunity to review the 2007 FTIP before it was adopted by the SBCAG Board on July 20, 2006; and

WHEREAS, revisions to the FTIP requested by Caltrans in order to incorporate the FTIP into the statewide FTIP by the end of the federal fiscal year were adopted by the SBCAG Board on September 30, 2006 after public review;

WHEREAS, the 2007 FTIP is financially constrained and funds needed to complete the 2007 FTIP are reasonably expected to be available.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the SBCAG Board of Directors amends the 2007 FTIP to include the changes identified in the Staff Report Item 6F, February 21, 2008.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SBCAG Board of Directors finds that development of this amendment was 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 SBCAG Board of Directors finds that the amended 2007 FTIP is consistent with the 2004 MTP.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 2007 FTIP as amended is financially constrained and funds needed to complete the 2007 FTIP are reasonably expected to be available.

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.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February 2007 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ATTEST:

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Jim Kemp  
Executive Director  
Santa Barbara County  
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Brooks Firestone  
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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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