

STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: Federal Transportation Improvement Program

MEETING DATE: March 18, 2010

AGENDA ITEM: 6D

STAFF CONTACT: Sarkes Khachek

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve FTIP amendment #23 programming urbanized area transit projects that could be funded from the Jobs for Main Street Act bill.

SUMMARY:

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) notified Caltrans and regional agencies that \$8.4 billion could be available out of the potential Jobs For Main Street (J4MS) Act of 2010 which is being debated in Congress. This is similar to transit funding levels in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Caltrans is expected to provide regional agencies and transit operators with estimated apportionments for programming J4MS to transit projects based on formulas used for distributing ARRA transit funding. In the interim, SBCAG staff has provided transit operators with working estimates based on formulas used for ARRA to allow transit operators to identify projects for funding. Each transit operator eligible for the small urbanized area formula funding has submitted a list of projects to be programmed into the Federal Transportation Improvement Program. The remaining non-urbanized funding will be programmed at a later date once additional guidance is provided by Caltrans. The board's approval of an FTIP amendment at this time using "speculative" estimates will help ensure that the jobs creation benefits intended by J4MS will be expedited if the bill is enacted.

DISCUSSION:

SBCAG staff has been monitoring the progress of the Jobs for Main Street Act of 2010 (J4MS), which passed the House of Representatives on December 16, 2009. The bill's intent is to create or save jobs with targeted investments for highways and transit, school renovation, hiring teachers, police, and firefighters, small business, job training and affordable housing.

Based on funding estimates provided by FHWA and Caltrans for roadway projects, SBCAG approved an amendment to the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) to program the potential new roadway funding at the February board meeting. At the time, the Federal Transit Administration had not provided any estimates on available J4MS funding for transit agencies and operators.

On February 17th, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) notified Caltrans and regional agencies that \$8.4 billion could be available out of J4MS for transit projects, based on the House version of the bill. This the same amount of funding distributed nationally as through the

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. If J4MS passes, the transit funding is expected to be distributed by the FTA 5307 and 5311 formulas similar to ARRA. Caltrans Division of Mass Transportation is expected to provide Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) with estimates available for programming in March. FTA has requested that regional agencies approve “speculative” FTIP amendments as soon as possible to program projects based on revenue estimates they and Caltrans will distribute. Since the J4MS proposal for transit funding nationally is the same amount as ARRA, and the formulas for distribution would be the same, SBCAG staff has estimated that the apportionment available for J4MS will be the same as for ARRA and has provided these estimates to transit operators.

SBCAG Staff Working Estimates -- J4MS (Based on ARRA Apportionments)		
Urbanized Area – Program as part of Amendment #23		
Lompoc Urbanized Area 5307 Apportionment	COLT	\$750,000
Santa Barbara Urbanized Area 5307 Apportionment	MTD	\$4,590,000
Santa Maria Urbanized Area 5307 Apportionment	SMAT	\$2,860,000
Non-urbanized Area – Await further guidance \ program at a later date		
Santa Barbara County FTA 5311 Apportionment (Distribution based on population)	Guadalupe SYVT	\$60,000 \$220,000
Total		\$8,480,000

SBCAG staff recommends that the FTA 5307 urbanized funding estimates be programmed at this time to Lompoc\COLT, Santa Barbara MTD, and Santa Maria\SMAT. SBCAG has received a list of projects from each of these operators to be amended into the FTIP using their estimated share of funding and they are listed in Attachment A.

Staff is recommending that non-urbanized area funding NOT be programmed as part of amendment #23. Our non-urbanized operators, Guadalupe Transit and Santa Ynez Valley Transit, indicate that funding for operations rather than capital is a higher priority at this time. There is the potential that operations could be an eligible J4MS expenditure which would therefore benefit these non-urbanized operators. Once additional guidance is provided by FTA and Caltrans regarding the uses of non-urbanized funding, staff will work with the eligible transit operators to identify prospective operating or capital and bring forward a new FTIP amendment for board adoption.

COMMITTEE REVIEW:

The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC), at its March 4 meeting, recommended that the board program the estimated J4MS urbanized area funding through an FTIP amendment and program the non-urbanized area funding at a later date when guidance on eligible projects has been received.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve FTIP amendment #23 programming transit projects to be funded from the proposed Jobs for Main Street Act legislation.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: J4MS Transit Grouped Lump Sum

Attachment B: EZ Trak FTIP Report for Amendment #23

Attachment C: FTIP Amendment #23 – Resolution 10-09

**FTIP Amendment #23 - Jobs For Main Street (J4MS) Projects Lump Sum Back-up List
Transit (SBCAG FTIP ID: VAR12)**

Project ID	Implementing Agency	Project Title	Project Description	J4MS Allocation
VAR12A	City of Lompoc Transit (COLT)	COLT J4MS Bus Purchase	Purchase of four (4) 30' buses	\$464,000
VAR12B	City of Lompoc Transit (COLT)	COLT Computerized Vaults/Pass Reader Purchase	Purchase of seventeen (17) Computerized vaults/pass readers to be installed on COLT buses	\$286,000
VAR12C	Santa Barbara MTD	SBMTD J4MS Bus Purchase	Purchase of eleven (11) 40' buses & related equipment	\$4,590,000
VAR12D	Santa Maria Area Transit (SMAT)	SMAT J4MS 35 Foot Bus Replacement Purchase	Purchase of four (4) 35' diesel buses	\$1,848,716
VAR12E	Santa Maria Area Transit (SMAT)	SMAT J4MS 40 Foot Bus Replacement Purchase	Purchase of one (1) 40' diesel bus	\$480,529
VAR12F	Santa Maria Area Transit (SMAT)	SMAT J4MS Trolley Purchase	Purchase of two (2) trolley vehicles	\$530,755
TOTAL				\$8,200,000

Santa Barbara County Association of Governments
2009 Federal Transportation Improvement Project List

SBCAG ID **VAR12**

Implementing Agency **Various Agencies**

SBCAG ID # **VAR12** Last Revised **Amendment 23**

Fiscal Year	Revenue Source	Engineering	Right of Way	Construction	Total Revenue
09/10	Other Fed - Economy Recovery II			\$8,200,000	\$8,200,000
		\$0	\$0	\$8,200,000	\$8,200,000

Project Manager **Sarkes Khachek** Phone **(805) 961-8913**

Estimated Total Project Cost **\$8,200,000** RTP ID Number **n/a**

Project Title **Santa Barbara County Jobs For Main Street (J4MS) Grouped Projects: Transit Projects**

Project Description **Jobs For Main Street (J4MS) Lump Sum for Transit Projects in Santa Barbara County**

Federal

Total Cost **\$8,200,000**

A RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA BARBARA
COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

AMENDING THE 2009 FEDERAL)
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT)
PROGRAM TO ADD TRANSIT PROJECTS)
FUNDED THROUGH JOBS FOR MAIN STREET)
ACT OF 2010)

RESOLUTION NO. 10-09

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, 2008 RTP, and the 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 was made available for public review and members of the public were given a reasonable opportunity to review the 2009 FTIP before it was adopted by the SBCAG Board on July 17, 2008; 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 July 17, 2008 after public review;

WHEREAS, the 2009 FTIP is financially constrained and funds needed to complete the 2009 FTIP are reasonably expected to be available.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the SBCAG Board of Directors amends the 2009 FTIP to include the changes identified in the Staff Report Item 6D, March 18, 2010.

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 amended 2009 FTIP is consistent with the 2008 RTP.

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

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 18th day of March 2010 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ATTEST:

Jim Kemp
Executive Director

Salud Carbajal, Chair
Santa Barbara County
Association of Governments

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Steve Underwood
Chief Assistant County Counsel