

STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: 2008 State Transportation Improvement Program Funding Cycle

MEETING DATE: October 4, 2007 **AGENDA ITEM:** 4

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RECOMMENDATION: Receive an update regarding the STIP fund estimate, funding cycle schedule, status report on a potential call for projects for STIP-TE funding and discuss next steps for programming funds.

DISCUSSION:

On September 19th SBCAG staff received a very preliminary estimate of new funding that is expected to be available for programming for the next 5-year STIP period, FY 2008-09 to FY 2012-13. The late adoption of the budget and uncertainty about the fate of bills on the Governor's desk that affect spending continue to delay the CTC's adoption of a fund estimate. The Fund Estimate we have been given so far specifies the amount of Regional STIP funding that each region may be permitted to program. Regional STIP Transportation Enhancement (TE) shares for each county were also included in the Fund Estimate. Unfortunately, the estimates received thus far are aggregate numbers, so we do not know how much funding is actually available in each fiscal year. The aggregate numbers are shown in the table below.

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2008 STIP Fund Estimate Summary of Santa Barbara Targets (\$1,000s)	
Regional STIP Target Through 2012-2013	TE Target Through 2012-2013
19,797	1,130

We expect to receive year-by-year programming targets in the next 2-3 weeks.

SBCAG is required to develop and submit a Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) as part of the STIP process. The RTIP identifies projects selected by SBCAG that are to be funded with our RIP and TE funds for the same 5-year period. The RTIP is submitted to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) for approval and incorporation into the new STIP. SBCAG is required to adopt its 2008 RTIP and submit it to the state no later than February 19, 2008. The CTC is currently scheduled to adopt the final 2008 STIP at the end of May 2008. The attached revised schedule outlines how the RTIP development process will unfold if this schedule is affirmed by the CTC on October 24.

At the September TTAC meeting, SBCAG staff requested that before programming STIP-TE funding in the 2008 RTIP that local agencies submit their shortfall estimates for current STIP-TE

Member Agencies

Buellton ■ Carpinteria ■ Goleta ■ Guadalupe ■ Lompoc ■ Santa Barbara ■ Santa Maria ■ Solvang ■ Santa Barbara County

projects and propose new projects to determine countywide STIP-TE funding need for this STIP cycle. The results of this initial project inquiry are summarized in the section below.

Summary of STIP-TE Project Proposal Submittals

Currently Programmed STIP-TE Projects			
Agency	Name and Brief Description	PPNO	Funding Shortfall
SB City	Loma Alta Hill Sidewalk: construct pedestrian sidewalk and lighting on Loma Alta Drive between Coronel Place and Canon Perdido Street	1195	\$1,185,623
Lompoc	Allan Hancock Bikepath: construct a Class I bicycle facility from Allan Hancock College to Lompoc City Center	1906	\$800,000
Currently Programmed STIP Projects that are TE eligible			
Agency	Name and Brief Description	PPNO	Funding Shortfall
Goleta	Hollister Ave\Cathedral Oaks Interchange and UPRR Bridge Reconstruction: Enhanced landscaping for the reconstructed interchange	1840	\$125,000
SBCAG	Highway 101 Milpas to Cabrillo Hot Springs Operational Improvement: Replace existing railroad bridge over Cabrillo Blvd with a wider structure that will allow for a multi-purpose path to improve non-motorized transportation in the Santa Barbara waterfront area. This is a requirement of the Coastal Development Permit issues by the city of Santa Barbara	478	\$5,000,000
Total Shortfall on currently programmed projects			\$7,110,000
New STIP-TE Project Proposals			
Agency	Name and Brief Description	Total Project Cost	
Buellton	Highway 246 Streetscape Project: Improvements including landscaped medians, pedestrian facilities, and lighting	\$1,517,000	
Carpinteria	Carpinteria Avenue to Rincon County Park Bikepath: construct a Class I bicycle facility that will connect Carpinteria Avenue, Hwy 101 and Hwy 150 to the Ventura County line	\$2,500,000	
Carpinteria	Palm to Linden Multipurpose Trail: construct Class I multipurpose path between Carpinteria State Beach and Carpinteria City Center	\$470,000	
SB County	Summerland Beautification: Ortega Hill Streetscape enhancements including benches, bike racks, artwork, fountains, and informational signage	\$250,000	
SB County	Old Town Orcutt Streetscape Plan Implementation: Streetscape beautification, and improved pedestrian facilities	\$1,450,000	
Goleta	Hollister Avenue Reconstruction Amenities in Old Town Goleta: Landscaping, streetscape, pedestrian and bicycle facility improvements	\$400,000	
MTD	Bus Stop Pedestrian Improvements: construct pedestrian improvements at MTD bus stops	\$100,000	
SB City	Carrillo Pedestrian Walkway Phase II: complete sidewalk link between Chino Street and Cliff Drive	\$1,000,000	
SB City	Mission Street Bikeway Phase II: street lighting between Modoc Road and Castillo Street	\$300,000	

We received several proposals for new STIP-TE projects; however currently programmed projects demonstrate shortfalls that far exceed the estimated TE capacity. Given the limited amount of additional TE capacity and uncertainty of the schedule of statewide funding availability, SBCAG staff recommends that a call for projects not be issued at this time. We recommend that the estimated \$1.13M available be programmed to currently programmed projects.

Staff will continue to contact local agencies regarding shortfalls on Regional STIP projects as the 2008 RTIP development process continues.

Revised: 2008 RTIP Development Schedule

Here is a revised schedule that SBCAG staff intends to follow for the 2008 STIP cycle. The changes from the schedule that was submitted last month and are shown in bold italic.

September 6, 2006	Discuss Fund Estimate w\TTAC; initiate preview of STIP-TE needs
September 24, 2007	Deadline to submit STIP-TE funding needs and project proposals to SBCAG
October 4, 2007	At TTAC meeting, discuss outcome of preview and decide if call for projects is necessary for STIP-TE programming.
October, November 2007	SBCAG develops draft 2008 RTIP
November 1, 2007	At TTAC, discuss SBCAG draft of recommended programming to current STIP <i>and STIP-TE</i> projects
December 6, 2007	Receive 2008 Draft RTIP
December 20, 2007	SBCAG Board review of Draft 2008 RTIP
January 3, 2008	Approve 2008 RTIP
January 17, 2008	SBCAG Board approval
<i>February 19, 2008</i>	<i>Deadline to submit RTIP to CTC</i>
March 18, 2008	CTC South 2008 STIP hearing
May 28-29, 2008	CTC 2008 STIP adoption

Questions about the RTIP development process should be directed to Brittany Odermann at 961-8915 or bodermann@sbcag.org.

RECOMMENDATION:

SBCAG staff does not recommend a call for projects at this time for STIP-TE because the information provided to us by local agencies demonstrates that the shortfalls on programmed projects exceeds the amount of TE available; however, staff will monitor the next draft of the fund estimate and examine the year-by-year targets. If that new information changes our recommendation, we will notify TTAC members immediately. Otherwise, in November we will bring forward a recommendation for how to program the new STIP-TE funds to existing projects with shortfalls.