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PROGRAM AMENDMENTS
STIP Amendment 02S-035
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STIP AMENDMENT 02S-035 NOTICE

SUMMARY

This amendment programs a total of \$72,974,000 in Regional Improvement Program (RIP) funds from Tulare County's Unprogrammed Share Balance for two State Highway projects and ten local road projects, with a net increase of \$45,338,000 in FY 2004-05, and \$27,636,000 in FY 2005-06.

RECOMMENDATION

The Department of Transportation (Department) and Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) are requesting this amendment. The Department has reviewed the local road projects in the amendment and found them to be consistent (except as noted for Project #3) with the California Transportation Commission (Commission) adopted State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) guidelines. These projects have not received State only funding approval. Commission staff has indicated that the only available STIP capacity is in FY 2006-07.

RESOLUTION

Resolved, that the California Transportation Commission (Commission) revise the 2002 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) at the end of the 30-day notice period as shown on Attachment A.

BACKGROUND

This amendment programs a total of \$72,974,000 in Regional Improvement Program (RIP) funds from Tulare County's Unprogrammed Share Balance for two State Highway projects and ten local road projects, with a net increase of \$45,338,000 in FY 2004-05, and \$27,636,000 in FY 2005-06.

TCAG is very conscious of the fact that STIP programming capacity may not be available in the fiscal years requested, but would like to request that the proposed projects be programmed, even if the fiscal years are moved out. In order to program the STIP funds needed for other projects in the first two fiscal years of the 2002 STIP, TCAG proposes that currently programmed STIP funds for Project No. 3 be shifted out from FY 2002-03 and FY 2003-04 to later fiscal years. This proposed shifting of funds would result in no net change of funding in the first two fiscal years, after the programming needs of the other projects are met. TCAG requests a waiver of the provision in the STIP guidelines to shift programmed funds for Project No. 3 out of current fiscal year.

The proposed funding for the two State Highway projects (Projects No. 1 and No. 2) are jointly requested by the Department and TCAG. In addition, TCAG is requesting to fund the other nine existing local road projects (Projects No. 3 through No. 11) and a new local traffic signal project (Project No 12).

The proposed funding changes for all twelve (12) projects are listed in Attachment A. Attachment B identifies other non-STIP funding commitments to the revised projects, and Attachment C shows the unfunded future needs of the projects.

A summary of the twelve (12) projects are listed below:

Project #1 Route 63 Widening, from Route 198 to Packwood Creek – Caltrans (PPNO 6220)

This amendment programs an additional \$18,538,000 in RIP funds to fully program the Route 63 widening project in the City of Visalia.

Project #2 Route 65 Widening, from Kern County Line to Route 190 - Caltrans (PPNO 8650)

This amendment programs \$3,195,000 in RIP funds for the right of way component to widen Route 65 from two lanes to a four-lane expressway, from Kern/Tulare County line to Route 190.

Project #3 Road 80 – Tulare County (PPNO 6L11)

This amendment programs an additional \$18,719,000 in RIP funds to widen Road 80 from two to four lanes between Avenue 304 (Goshen) and Avenue 416 (El Monte Way in Dinuba). Road 80 is the major route between the City of Visalia and the City of Dinuba. The proposed project will address high traffic volumes and traffic safety issues in this area.

The proposed shift of currently programmed funds in FY 2002-03 and FY 2003-04 to FY 2004-05 would free up the STIP programming capacity in the first two fiscal years in order to program other projects.

Project #4 Road 108 – Tulare County (PPNO 0101)

This amendment programs \$11,697,000 in RIP funds to widen Road 108 from two to four lanes between Leland Avenue and Caldwell Avenue. Road 108 (Demaree Road) is the primary north-south route serving the southern portion of the City of Visalia and the northern portion of the City of Tulare. The improvements include the widening and realignment of Road 108 from a two-lane roadway to a four-lane divided highway.

Project #5 Visalia-Caldwell Avenue 280/Visalia Road – City of Visalia (PPNO 0103)

This amendment programs \$5,667,000 in RIP funds to widen Caldwell Avenue from two to four lanes, between Route 99 and Route 63.

Project #6 Plaza Drive – City of Visalia (PPNO 0105)

This amendment programs \$686,000 in RIP funds to widen Plaza Drive from two lanes to four lanes, between Route 198 (Airport Drive) and Goshen Avenue. This project will improve traffic circulation and safety in the City of Visalia.

Project #7 Avenue 416 – Tulare County (PPNO 0107)

This amendment programs \$3,575,000 in RIP funds to widen Avenue 416 from two lanes to a divided four-lane facility from Fresno County Line to Road 92. Avenue 416 is a rural arterial located in northern Tulare County in and around the City of Dinuba. The project includes a bridge or bridges across the Kings River as well as the widening of the Union Pacific Railroad grade crossing. This is the primary route between State Highway 99 and this section of Tulare County and the City of Dinuba. High traffic volumes and safety issues are reasons for the proposed project.

Project #8 Avenue 280 (Visalia Road) – City of Farmersville (PPNO 0108)

This amendment programs \$1,275,000 in RIP funds for operational improvements on Visalia Road (Avenue 280) between Steven Avenue and Brundage Avenue in the City of Farmersville.

Project #9 Betty Drive – Tulare County (PPNO 8683)

This amendment programs \$8,375,000 in RIP funds to realign and widen Betty Drive and Riggin Road from two to four lanes, between Route 99 and Road 80. The proposed project will incorporate reconstruction and widening of existing county and city roads and construction of a new diagonal to link the Betty Drive Interchange traffic with a direct route to Road 80 and the Visalia Industrial Park. The project will provide a four lane divided road facility to be designated as a truck route which will have limited access to prevent stop and go traffic movements.

Project #10 Scranton/Indiana/Gibbons Corridor – Tulare County (PPNO 8681)

This amendment programs \$116,000 in RIP funds to widen Scranton (Avenue 136) from Route 65 to Indiana (Road 240) and on Indiana to Scranton from Avenue 136 to Gibbons Avenue in the City of Porterville. This roadway has a need to be increased from two lanes to four lanes capacity to accommodate the projected traffic counts anticipated in 2020. This route is a logical connection to the Porterville Industrial Area for trip destinations headed northbound on Route 99. This would help reduce truck traffic northbound on Jaye Street through the existing residential areas near Montgomery Avenue. In addition, Gibbons within the City of Porterville is currently being planned for four lanes in the future.

Project #11 Route 63 Street Tree Landscaping – City of Visalia (PPNO 8689)

This amendment programs \$768,000 in RIP funds for a tree planting/landscaping project adjacent to State right-of-way along both sides of Route 63 (Mooney Boulevard) in the City of Visalia, from Packwood Creek north to Route 198. This project will be constructed along with the other Route 63 widening project (Project No. 1).

Project #12 Traffic Signal and Operational Improvements on Bardsley and “O” Street – City of Tulare (PPNO D001)

This amendment programs \$363,000 in RIP funds for installation of a fully-actuated traffic signal at the intersection of Bardsley Avenue and “O” Street, and right of way acquisition and road construction necessary to eliminate a severe offset in “O” Street. Bardsley Avenue and “O” Street, minor arterials on the Federal Aid System, have been established as the number one priority in the City of Tulare’s list of intersections warranting signalization.

ATTACHMENTS

**STIP AMENDMENT 02S-035
FUTURE FUNDING NEEDS
(\$1,000)**

ATTACHMENT C

Project #	Fund	County	Agency	Rte	PPNO	Project Description	Total	Prior	Project Totals by Fiscal Year					Fut	Project Totals by Component						
									FY 02/03	FY 03/04	FY 04/05	FY 05/06	FY 06/07		R/W	Const	E & P	PS&E	R/W Sup	Con Eng	
2	Future Need	Tulare	Caltrans	65	8650	SR 65 Expressway from Kern Co. line to SR 190, Ave 56 to SR 190 - widen from 2 to 4 lane expressway	38,731							38,731		34,000					4,731
5	Future Need	Tulare	City of Visalia	Local	0103	Caldwell Ave. 280 / Visalia Rd. from SR 99 to SR 63 - widen from 2 to 4 lanes with improvements	22,751							22,751	1,284	19,860		1,607			
6	Future Need	Tulare	City of Visalia	Local	0105	City of Visalia Plaza Dr. from SR 198 to Goshen Ave. - widen from 2 to 4 lanes	8,230							8,230		8,230					
7	Future Need	Tulare	Tulare Co. Resource Mgmt Agency	Local	0107	Ave. 416 from Fresno Co. line to Road to Road 92 - widen from 2 lanes to a divided 4 lane	28,284							28,284		28,284					
10	Future Need	Tulare	Tulare Co. Resource Mgmt Agency	Local	8681	City of Porterville - Scranton / Indiana / Gibbons Corridor - Scranton (Ave. 136) from SR 65 to Indiana (Rd. 240) and on Indiana to Scranton from Ave. 136 to Gibbons Ave. - widen & improvement	1,174							1,174		1,174					