

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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Action Item

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Subject: **ALLOCATION FOR SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS FOR PREVIOUSLY VOTED LOCALLY ADMINISTERED PROJECT RESOLUTION FP-13-**

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission) not approve this request to allocate an additional \$70,000 to Lake County for the locally administered State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Transportation Enhancement (TE) Bridge Arbor Bikeway. The request is not consistent with STIP Guidelines. The project is described below.

ISSUE:

Additional funds are being requested for the previously voted locally administered Bridge Arbor Bikeway STIP TE Reserve project (PPNO 3036C) to complete the Project Approval and Environmental Document (PA&ED) phase.

Project #	Allocation Amount	Project Title	PPNO Program/Year	Budget Year	Amount by
Recipient	RTPA/CTC	Location	Phase	Item #	Fund Type
District-County	Project Description	Project ID	Amount	Fund Type	Program Code
2.5c.(3b) Supplemental Financial Allocation for Locally Administered STIP TE Projects off the State Highway System			Resolution FP-13-__		
1	\$70,000	Bridge Arbor Bikeway. Between the Nice Lucerne Cutoff at Westlake Drive and Bridge Arbor North/State Route 20 intersection at Upperlake. Construct Class I and Class III bikeways.	01-3036C RIP TE/14-15 PA&ED \$70,000 0100020311	2012-13 101-0890 FTF 20.30.600.731	\$70,000
County of Lake LAPC 01-Lake		(Supplemental Allocation for \$70,000 from FY 14-15 TE Reserve PPNO 01-3036.) <u>Outcome/Output:</u> Provide a safe facility for bicycle commuters.			
THE DEPARTMENT DOES NOT RECOMMEND THE APPROVAL OF THIS REQUEST AS IT IS NOT CONSISTENT WITH STIP GUIDELINES					

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

This project is located in Lake County between the Nice Lucerne Cutoff at Westlake Drive and the Bridge Arbor North/State Route 20 intersection near the Town of Upper Lake. The project will construct Class I and Class III bikeways to provide a safe route for bicycle commuters and provide a facility for recreational purposes.

FUNDING STATUS:

On January 19, 2011, the Commission allocated \$50,000 for PA&ED for this project.

REASONS FOR COST INCREASE:

The Bridge Arbor Bikeway project experienced a \$70,000 cost increase to the environmental phase for two reasons.

The first reason is a bad estimate. The initial environmental estimate grossly underestimated the effort required to complete the environmental process. This is due to the project being different from the standard projects that Lake County typically has constructed.

The second reason is the need for additional environmental documentation. This includes biological, archaeological, geotechnical, hydraulic, surveying and preliminary design work. Since the initial estimate for this project was submitted Lake County has had time to go more in depth into what was required to complete environmental studies. There will be a fairly long pedestrian bridge over Middle Creek and the project transverses quite a distance through environmentally sensitive areas. These areas include extensive wetlands and riparian habitat, which require detailed environmental studies and environmental surveys that require more time and are more costly to complete. The need for many of these advanced studies and surveys cannot be predicted until after the environmental work begins, which makes the environmental efforts very difficult to estimate.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department recommends that the Commission not approve the request for \$70,000, as it is not consistent with STIP Guidelines.