



BCAG BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Item #8 Information

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2012 STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (STIP) 2012 FUND ESTIMATE FOR BUTTE COUNTY

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ISSUE: The California Transportation Commission (CTC) adopted the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Fund Estimate (FE) on August 10, 2011. The FE identifies the project funding levels that may be nominated by each regional agency in their Regional Transportation Improvement Programs (RTIPs), and includes the funding target for Caltrans Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP).

DISCUSSION: The 2012 RTIP is scheduled to be adopted by the BCAG Board of Directors at the January 2012 Board meeting. The RTIP is then submitted to the California Transportation Commission for programming consideration into the 2012 STIP. The 2012 RTIP and STIP cover the five year period between FY 2012-13 through FY 2016-17.

The 2012 FE identifies a funding level of **\$15.7 million** for Butte County. These funds will be available starting in the 2015/16 FY. This \$15.7 million funding level includes a prior unprogrammed fund balance of \$9.6 million, which has not been available for project programming as a result of insufficient cash flow at the state level.

In order for a project to be eligible for RTIP/STIP programming, an approved Project Study Report (PSR) or Project Initiation Document (PID) must be completed.

A portion of the 2012 FE for Butte County also includes a funding target for Transportation Enhancement (TE) projects, which typically include bicycle or pedestrian projects. BCAG's funding target for TE projects is **\$863,000**. BCAG is able to program 5% towards the administration of STIP projects for project Planning, Programming and Monitoring (PPM) activities.

2012 RTIP/STIP RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff is recommending to the BCAG Board of Directors that the \$15.7 million in STIP funding be reserved for a future State Route 70 project, which will be nominated for the 2014 STIP cycle. Currently, there are no projects for State Route 70 with a completed PSR/PID.

During the 2011/12 fiscal year, BCAG staff will begin developing the required PSR/PID documents for the remaining segments of SR 70 in Butte County that need to be widened with dual passing lanes.

These PSR/PID documents will be prepared using \$2.8 million in federal funds that were secured under a prior Congressional Earmark for the SR 70 Bypass. These funds, which have not been expended, must be used for projects and or studies along the SR 70 corridor. The PSR/PID documents will be prepared in cooperation with Caltrans District 3, and will identify future projects for SR 70 that will be jointly funded by BCAG and Caltrans in future STIPs. Staff anticipates a project will be ready for funding by the 2014 STIP cycle, at which time BCAG can program the \$15.7 million in STIP funding that is available starting in the 2015/16 FY.

TE Project Programming

Staff will recommend in January that the BCAG Board of Directors program approximately \$2 million for Transportation Enhancement (TE) projects. While BCAG's target is \$863,000, staff believes that the California Transportation Commission would program additional funding for TE projects if they are identified in the earlier years of the 2012 STIP cycle.

Staff will be issuing a call for TE projects to the cities and county and present a priority list of projects for the BCAG Board of Directors consideration as part of the draft 2012 RTIP document at the October Board meeting.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: This item is presented for information and discussion. This item will be presented to the BCAG TAC at the September committee meeting.

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