



BCAG Transportation Advisory Committee

Item # 4 Information

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2020 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (RTIP) DEVELOPMENT

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ISSUE: BCAG is required to prepare and adopt a Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) by December 31, 2019 for the 2020 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

DISCUSSION: The purpose of the RTIP is to identify programming recommendations for the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The STIP is adopted by the California Transportation Commission (CTC).

The STIP is comprised of two components including the Regional Improvement Program and Interregional Improvement Program:

STIP:

- 1) 75% - Regional Improvement Program (RIP). Projects nominated by the Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPAs) like BCAG as part of the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP Document)
- 2) 25% - Interregional Improvement Program (IIP). Projects nominated by Caltrans as part of their Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP).

In developing the RTIPs and ITIP, Caltrans prepares a "Fund Estimate" (FE) which identifies the amount of funding or programming capacity for new projects. The FE is identified for each county in California and is referred to as the "County Shares". Below is a summary of the County Shares for Butte County:

2020 Fund Estimate:

County	2020 STIP Programming		
	Base	Total Target	Maximum
	Share Through FY 2023-24	Share Through FY 2024-25	Estimated Share Through FY 2027-28
Butte	\$1,278,000	\$3,542,000	\$7,955,000

2020 STIP Schedule

August 14-15, 2019	CTC Adopts the 2020 Fund Estimate and STIP Guidelines
August 2019	Caltrans Develops Draft ITIP for Caltrans Executive Review
October 1, 2019	Caltrans submits Final Draft ITIP to the CTC
October 3, 2019	Draft RTIP to BCAG TAC
October 8, 2019	North ITIP Hearing
October 24, 2019	Draft RTIP to BCAG Board of Directors
December 12, 2019	BCAG Board Adoption of 2020 RTIP
December 13, 2019	Final 2020 ITIP submitted to the CTC
December 20, 2019	BCAG Submits adopted 2020 RTIP to CTC
January 30, 2020	North STIP Hearing
February 28, 2020	CTC Staff Recommendations Released
March 25-26, 2020	CTC Adopts the 2020 STIP

Prior Projects for BCAG Funding Consideration

Midway Bridge Replacement across Butte Creek – This project is located on the Midway approximately 0.2 miles south of White Ave to approximately 0.7 miles south of White Ave. spanning Butte Creek and Butte Creek Overflow. The scope of this project is to replace 2 bridge structures with one longer bridge to address flooding and structural deficiencies. Most of the funding for this project is federally funded through the local Highway Bridge Program (HBP).

This project originally received a RIP funding commitment from BCAG of \$1,499,000 to be used as leverage and as the local match requirement for \$13,991,000 in federal HBP funding. Due to the unexpected complex environmental process as a result of investigating new route alignments, the County was unable to meet its original project delivery deadlines. The funding has subsequently lapsed and is available for reprogramming as part of the 2020 RTIP/STIP cycle.

Project alignment issues have been resolved and the environmental review has been completed. This project will be ready for construction in 2020. **Staff will be recommending the BCAG Board consider reprogramming its original commitment of \$1,499,000 for the project as part of the RTIP.**

2020 Fund Estimate:	\$7,955,000
Midway Bridge Commitment:	\$1,499,000
Balance of RIP Shares:	\$6,456,000

2020 RTIP ISSUES – State Route 70 Corridor

The State Route 70 Corridor Project (Segments 1, 2 & 3) represent the segments which are left to be widened to 4 lanes in Butte County. These segments were fully funded and programmed in the 2018 STIP Cycle. The only projects on the State Route 70 Corridor currently not fully funded are Segments 4 & 5 in Yuba County. These segments are only programmed to add a center turn lane and 8-foot shoulders. The additional 2 lanes to provide a four-lanes with a continuous center left-turn lane (5 total lanes) is not funded. **The funding shortfall to complete the widening requires \$32 million.**

During the past two years, BCAG and Caltrans have had numerous meetings with representatives from Yuba County and SACOG requesting their funding support to finish these last two projects in Yuba County.

Caltrans had proposed the remaining \$32 million shortfall could be shared among the three agencies. Various funding participation splits have been discussed including Caltrans to contribute \$16 million from the IIP program, Yuba County/SACOG and BCAG would each contribute \$8 million from their respective RIP programs.

To date, Yuba County and SACOG have not provided any indication they will contribute the \$8 million as proposed by Caltrans. For this to occur, the Yuba County Board of Supervisors needs to make a recommendation to SACOG programming the \$8 million in RIP funds, an action they have not taken. BCAG staff has indicated a recommendation to the BCAG Board would be made to contribute \$8 million from BCAG, if Yuba County would do the same.

Fully funding Segments 4 & 5 in the 2020 STIP cycle is critical. If the full project is not completed at the same time as the SHOPP Safety Project and the widening is delayed, project costs will increase significantly with an increased risk of further fatalities along this section of the SR 70 corridor.

With BCAG's 2020 RTIP nearing a Final Draft and with the lack of funding support provided by Yuba County and SACOG for Segments 4 & 5, it is possible these projects will not have a funding plan to be completed.

Should funding support from Yuba County and SACOG not occur, BCAG staff will recommend the \$4 million programmed by BCAG for Segments 4 & 5 to develop environmental documents be unprogrammed in the 2020 STIP cycle. These RIP funds would return to Butte County for other project needs.

Staff will continue to work with Caltrans, Yuba County and SACOG on resolving this issue. However, if Yuba County, SACOG and BCAG cannot agree to a funding plan to complete Segments 4 & 5, there is no purpose supporting preparation of the considered environmental documents.

Attached for the committee's information is the SR 70 Segment Corridor Map and a summary of programming for each project.

REQUESTED ACTION: This item is presented for information and discussion. A complete RTIP document will be presented at the October TAC meeting.

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