



## **Memorandum**

**To:** MSN Policy Advisory Group  
**From:** Suzanne Smith, SCTA Executive Director  
**Re:** Marin/Sonoma Narrows Update  
**Date:** May 14, 2007

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TAM and SCTA submitted a request for 2006 STIP augmentation funds that exceeded each county's share of funds based on the historic formula for STIP distribution. The STIP augmentation process is a result of \$2B in funds being made available with the passage of Prop 1B.

SCTA and TAM need an advance on STIP funds in order to match \$82M in CMIA and fully fund a portion of work in the Marin/Sonoma Narrows (MSN). An advance is allowed as long as other counties in the region or State come in under their respective STIP targets.

Statewide, the STIP augmentation came in 25%, or \$500M, over programmed. The Bay Area was \$58M over programmed for highway projects. Sonoma County is \$25M over programmed and Marin is \$30M over programmed. San Francisco also came in over its target and Santa Clara came in significantly under target.

At the STIP hearing on May 2, the CTC asked that MTC work with the counties to reduce the region's programming to come within their target for highway projects. The CMA Directors met on May 11 on this subject and agreed to put forward the following proposal to our respective Boards.

- San Francisco will defer its proposal for programming \$54M to Doyle Drive to the 2008 STIP as long as all parties in the Bay Area agree it is the priority project. In so agreeing six of the eight other counties will have an impact on funding available to them in the 2008 STIP. Sonoma and Marin will not be impacted as they will have no new capacity in the 2008 STIP given the advance for the Narrows. There may be an impact to the funding available to Marin and Sonoma in 2010.
- Alameda will swap a \$5M project out of the 2006 STIP augmentation and fund it with regional funds.
- With these cuts to the programming proposal, Marin and Sonoma can advance funds and fully fund the MSN proposal totaling approximately \$200M.
- Marin and Sonoma, along with other interested parties, will pursue creative funding approaches for future phases of the MSN project including GARVEE bonds.
- A regional approach to future STIP cycles will be developed that will include Marin and Sonoma deferring to other regional priorities in the next two STIP cycles.