

Memorandum

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To: DISTRICT DIRECTORS

Date: February 23, 2005

From: 
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Chief

Division of Transportation Programming

Subject: Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP) Transportation Enhancement Programming Guidelines

The adopted California Transportation Commission (CTC) 2004 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Guidelines directs all new Federal Transportation Enhancement (TE) funds into the STIP. During the 2004 STIP cycle, the California Department of Transportation (Department) had the opportunity to program TE projects into the Interregional Improvement Transportation Program (ITIP). The Department programmed approximately \$85,000,000 in ITIP TE projects out of approximately \$101,000,000 available over the five years of the 2004 STIP.

We are beginning the 2006 STIP cycle and need to prepare for programming TE projects into the new cycle. The ITIP may receive approximately \$40 million of additional funding for TE projects in the 2006 STIP. In preparation of programming TE projects, the Headquarters Divisions of Transportation Planning, Environmental Analysis, Local Assistance and Transportation Programming have developed Interregional Transportation Improvement Program Transportation Enhancement Programming Guidelines. These guidelines were developed solely for programming ITIP TE projects into the STIP for the 2006 and future STIP cycles. The guidelines identify the roles and responsibilities of the District, the Division of Local Assistance and Transportation Programming. The guidelines also clarify the process that each proposal will go through to determine ITIP TE eligibility and establishes how projects will be prioritized for ITIP funding.

All ITIP TE project applications submitted for the 2004 STIP cycle will be returned to the District and may be resubmitted for the 2006 STIP cycle. New ITIP TE projects will only be added at time of a STIP adoption. The deadline to submit an application for ITIP TE funding is August 2005.

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The Transportation Programming STIP Office is creating a new website for TE projects. The website will contain the ITIP TE Guidelines, project applications, project nomination sheets, the TE screening sheet, a 2006 STIP schedule, TE training opportunities, and links to related websites. The STIP Office website is:

<http://www.dot.ca.gov.hq.transprog/stip.htm>

Any questions regarding TE eligibility should be directed to John Haynes at (916) 653-8077. Questions related to programming of TE eligible projects should be directed to Kurt Scherzinger at (916) 654-4587.

Attachment

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