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To: Regional Transportation Planning Agencies
County Transportation Commissions

2006 STIP Hearings

The California Transportation Commission has scheduled the following two hearings on the 2006 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

Southern California STIP Hearing
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Board Room
One Gateway Plaza
Los Angeles, California
Thursday, March 9, 2006
10:00 a.m.

Northern California STIP Hearing
Department of Water Resources
Auditorium, First Floor
1416 9th Street
Sacramento, California
Wednesday, March 15, 2006
2:00 p.m.

The purpose of the hearings, as specified in statute, is "to reconcile any objections by any county or regional agency to the department's program or the department's objections to any regional program."

Given the financial constraints of the STIP fund estimate, the 2006 STIP will consist primarily of rescheduling and updating costs for projects carried forward from the 2004 STIP. Statements of advocacy for these individual projects are generally not necessary or appropriate. The Commission asks that any regional presentations focus on any new projects being proposed and on any changes in regional priorities. Presentations should explain the relationship of current proposals to the region's long-range transportation plan, making reference to the performance and cost-effectiveness evaluation of the regional program.

If you wish to make an oral presentation to the Commission at one of the hearings, please call Glenda Hixson at 916-654-4245 to schedule a time. Please call after February 14 for the South hearing and after February 21 for the North hearing.

Sincerely,

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