State of California
**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

Business, Transportation and Housing Agency

# Memorandum

**To:** CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

**CTC Meeting:** April 2-3, 2003

**Reference No.:** 2.1b.(7)
Information Item

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**Ref:** **STIP AMENDMENT 02S-059**

The Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) has requested that this proposed STIP amendment be noticed at the April 2003 Commission meeting, and considered for approval in May. This notice is an informational item allowing the Commission to review the proposal, comment and/or ask questions prior to taking formal action in May 2003 or later.

SBCAG requests that the Commission approve a replacement project per AB 3090, to replace the currently programmed Route 101/135 Interchange Project (PPNO 0840) in the City of Santa Maria. The City of Santa Maria will use its local funds (gas tax) in Fiscal Year (FY) 2002-03 to advance the environmental work (PA&ED) for the Route 101/135 Interchange Project. The PA&ED component is currently programmed in the STIP for $550,000 in FY 2005-06 and for $75,000 in FY 2006-07. This is a revenue neutral programming action.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the AB 3090 request be approved.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Commission Policy on AB 3090 encourages local agencies to use local funds to advance the delivery of projects programmed in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The City of Santa Maria proposes to accelerate the delivery of the Route 101/135 Interchange project with its own local funds and to program a replacement project in the STIP, in accordance with the Commission Policy that gives preference to the programming of AB 3090 replacement projects over AB 3090 direct reimbursement arrangements. The specific AB 3090 replacement project will be amended into the STIP at a later date, using the $550,000 currently programmed in FY 2005-06 and the $75,000 currently programmed in FY 2006-07.

The Route 101/135 Interchange project (PPNO 0840) has been identified in the City of Santa Maria's Capital Improvement Plan. The project's environmental component was originally proposed in SBCAG's 2002 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) for programming in FY 2002-03. Due to insufficient STIP funding capacity in the fiscal year originally proposed, the environmental component of the project was eventually approved for programming in the STIP with the funding delayed to FY 2005-06 and FY 2006-07.

The City of Santa Maria now proposes to use its local gas tax funds to start the project's environmental work in order to advance the delivery of the project back to its original schedule. The City has set aside funds in its current budget cycle to start working on the project's environmental component now. The City intends to accelerate the project because the existing Route 101/135 interchange in its current configuration is inadequate to meet the City's need for future growth, and it is also inadequate to accommodate the planned six-lane widening of Route 101 at both north and south of the interchange.

If the environmental work for the interchange project could proceed now using the City's funds, it is expected that the project's design could begin in FY 2005-06, right of way acquisition in FY 2006-07, and construction could start in FY 2007-08. The estimated costs for the remaining project components are $926,000 for design, $84,000 for right of way acquisition, and $12,000,000 for construction. The Route 101/135 Interchange project is a high priority project for Santa Barbara County, and SBCAG is committed to providing future funding for the remaining project components through its Regional Improvement Program (RIP) funds and/or its local sales tax Measure D funds.

**RESOLUTION:**

Resolved, that the California Transportation Commission (Commission) revise the 2002 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) at the end of the 30-day notice period as follows:

**Replaces**:

| County | CT District | PPNO | EA | Element | Const. Year | PM Back | PM Ahead | Route/Corridor |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Santa Barbara | 05 | ~~0840~~ **1223** | ~~0G8400~~ | ~~LCO~~ | ~~2007-08~~ | ~~90.8~~ | -- | ~~101~~ |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Implementing Agency: (by component)** | PA&ED | City of Santa Maria | AB 3090 | X | PS&E | City of Santa Maria | AB 3090 | X |
| | R/W | City of Santa Maria | AB 3090 | X | CON | City of Santa Maria | AB 3090 | X |

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| **RTPA/CTC :** | Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) |
| **Project Title:** | ~~Rte 101/135 Interchange~~ **AB 3090 Replacement Project** |
| **Location:** | ~~In Santa Maria at the 101/135 Interchange~~ **To be determined** |
| **Description:** | ~~Operational Improvements to existing interchange~~ **To be determined** |

**(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)**

| FUND | TOTAL | Project Totals by Fiscal Year | | | | | | Project Totals by Component | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 02/03 | 03/04 | 04/05 | 05/06 | 06/07 | 07/08 | PA&ED (E & P) | PS&E (Design) | R/W SUP | CON SUP | R/W | CON |
| **STIP Programming – RIP** | | | | | | | | **(May later be programmed for different components)** | | | | | |
| **Existing** | $625 | | | | $550 | $75 | | $625 | | | | | |

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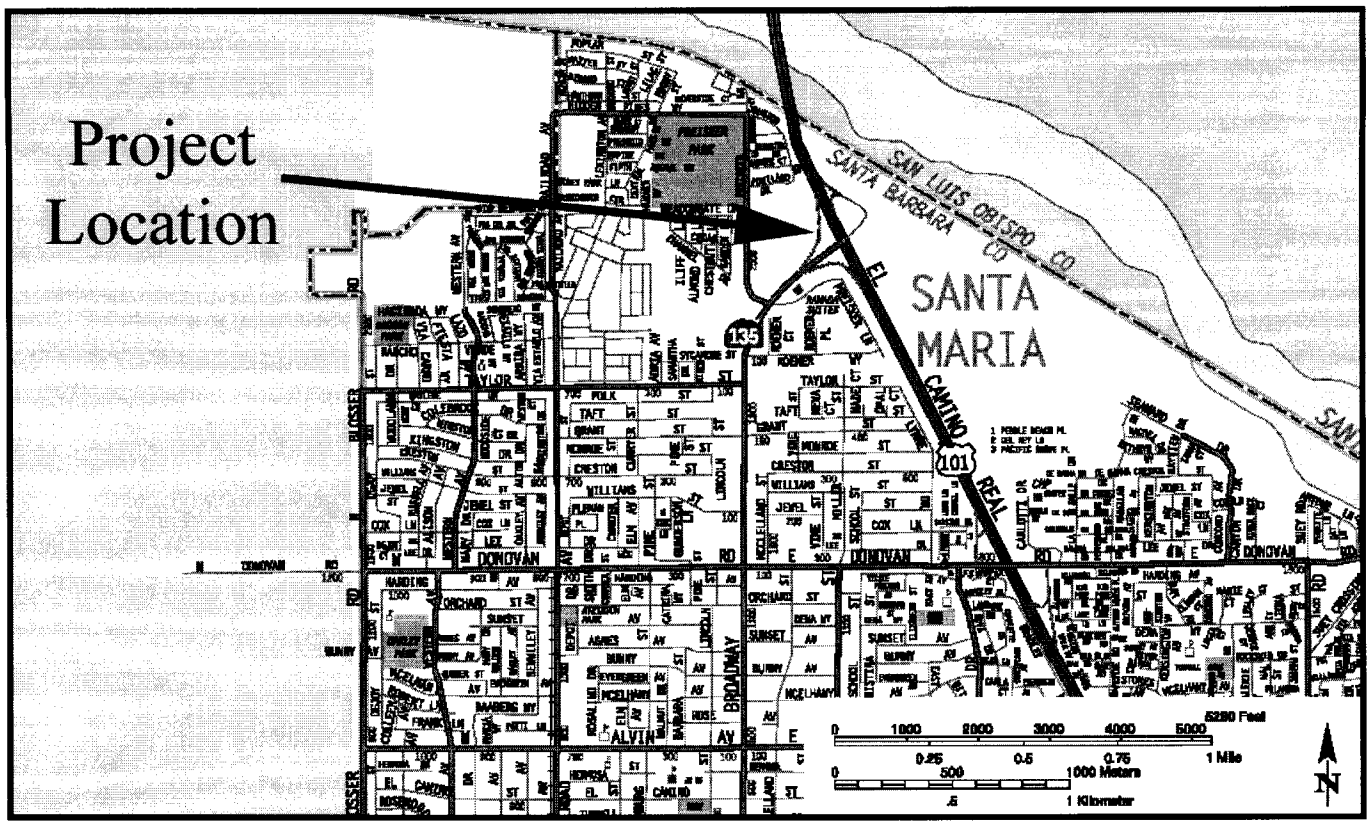
Location Map

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PPNO 0840

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Description: Operational improvements to existing interchange