State of California
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Business, Transportation and Housing Agency

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: May 21-22, 2003

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Information Item

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Ref: **STIP AMENDMENT 02S-064**

The San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG) and the Department of Transportation (Department) have requested that this proposed State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) amendment be noticed at the May 2003 California Transportation Commission (Commission) meeting, and be considered for approval in June. This notice is an informational item allowing the Commission to review the proposal, comment and/or ask questions prior to taking formal action in June 2003 or later.

SLOCOG and the Department propose to delete the Median Barrier Enhancement project (PPNO 1300A) from the STIP, which would unprogram $400,000 of Regional Improvement Program (RIP) funds in FY 2003-04. In addition, SLOCOG and the Department also propose to revise the project scope and reduce $600,000 from the currently programmed RIP funds for the Los Altos Turnouts project (PPNO 0301), and to reprogram $500,000 of the RIP funds in FY 2003-04 for the Harmony Passing Lane project (PPNO 0380A). The total remaining savings of $500,000 in RIP funds will revert back to San Luis Obispo County's unprogrammed share balance. This is a revenue neutral programming action.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the item be placed on the consent calendar for approval at the June 2003 Commission meeting.

BACKGROUND:

The STIP Median Barrier Enhancement project (PPNO 1300A) was originally intended to fund the aesthetic features on a concrete median barrier project programmed in the 2002 State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP). However, the aesthetic features were later identified in the environmental document (Negative Declaration, approved in February 2003) for the SHOPP project as a required mitigation to reduce the visual impacts of the concrete median barrier. The SHOPP median barrier project (PPNO 1300, EA 0A1300) is a safety project that was accelerated and allocated in April 2003. Since the aesthetic features are a required mitigation for the project which must be incorporated during construction of the concrete barrier, the cost of the aesthetic treatment was funded from the original allocation for the SHOPP project.

The Los Altos Turnouts project (PPNO 0301) was originally programmed as a "passing lanes" project in the 1998 STIP. Since then, a number of new private driveway accesses have been built within the project limits. Construction of left turn channelization and associated widening to accommodate the driveways would impact a stream parallel to the highway which would require extensive environmental mitigation. The estimated mitigation cost would also significantly exceed the programmed funding for the project. Consequently, the project scope was revised to provide turnouts at spot locations in lieu of passing lanes, as identified in the project report dated February 8, 2001. This amendment would revise the project scope to be consistent with the project report and would reduce the project funding to reflect the reduced scope. The project savings identified are $250,000 from the Right of Way (R/W) component and $350,000 from the construction component, for a total project savings of $600,000.

The Harmony Channelization and Passing Lane project (PPNO 0308A) is currently programmed in the 2002 STIP for the environmental (PA&ED) component only. This amendment proposes to program an additional $100,000 in FY 2003-04 for the PA&ED component, and to program $400,000 in FY 2003-04 for the design (PS&E) component. The increase for the PA&ED component is primarily due to the added cost associated with studies for hazardous waste, Red-Legged Frogs, archeological and historical studies, and permits to enter mitigation sites. Total construction cost for the project is estimated at $2,861,000 in FY 2004-05. It is anticipated that SLOCOG would provide future funding for the construction component using its Regional Improvement Program (RIP) funds and/or other local 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:

Deletes:

County	CT District	PPNO	EA	Element	Const. Year	PM Back	PM Ahead	Route/Corridor
San Luis Obispo	05	1300A	0A1310	CTCO	2003-04	18.2	23.0	1

Implementing Agency: (by component)					
PA&ED		AB 3090	PS&E		AB 3090
R/W		AB 3090	CON	Caltrans	AB 3090

RTPA/CTC :	San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG)
Project Title:	Camp San Luis Median Barrier Enhancements
Location:	Near San Luis Obispo, north of Westmont Drive to north of Watson Drive
Description:	Aesthetic Enhancements to Median Barrier, and Landscaping

(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)

FUND	TOTAL	Project Totals by Fiscal Year						Project Totals by Component					
		Prior	02/03	03/04	04/05	05/06	06/07	PA&ED (E & P)	PS&E (Design)	R/W SUP	CON SUP	R/W	CON
STIP Programming - RIP													
Existing	$400			$400									$400

And Revises:

County	CT District	PPNO	EA	Element	Const. Year	PM Back	PM Ahead	Route/Corridor
San Luis Obispo	05	0301	345301	CTCO	2003-04	~~10.5~~ **10.8**	~~11.5~~ **11.9**	41

Implementing Agency: (by component)					
PA&ED	Caltrans	AB 3090	PS&E	Caltrans	AB 3090
R/W	Caltrans	AB 3090	CON	Caltrans	AB 3090

RTPA/CTC :	San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG)
Project Title:	Los Altos Turnouts
Location:	Between Morro Bay and Atascadero, from 16.7 km east of Morro Bay to 4.8 km west of Santa Rosa Road
Description:	Construct northbound and southbound ~~passing lanes~~ **pullouts**, widen shoulders, and overlay pavement

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		Prior	02/03	03/04	04/05	05/06	06/07	PA&ED (E & P)	PS&E (Design)	R/W SUP	CON SUP	R/W	CON
STIP Programming - RIP													
Existing	$2,568	$746		$1822				$203	$212	$76	$268	$255	$1554
Change	($600)	($250)		($350)				$0	$0	$0	$0	($250)	($350)
Proposed	**$1,968**	$496		**$1472**				$203	$212	$76	$268	**$5**	**$1204**

And Revises:

County	CT District	PPNO	EA	Element	Const. Year	PM Back	PM Ahead	Route/Corridor
San Luis Obispo	05	0380A	0A3800	CTCO	2004-05	~~42.4~~ **42.9**	~~44.5~~ **44.7**	1

Implementing Agency: (by component)	PA&ED	Caltrans	AB 3090	PS&E	Caltrans	AB 3090
	R/W		AB 3090	CON		AB 3090

RTPA/CTC :	San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG)
Project Title:	Harmony Channelization and Passing Lane
Location:	Near Cambria, at Harmony Valley Road
Description:	Construct southbound left-turn channelization and northbound passing lane

(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)

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		Prior	02/03	03/04	04/05	05/06	06/07	PA&ED (E & P)	PS&E (Design)	R/W SUP	CON SUP	R/W	CON
STIP Programming - RIP													
Existing	$358	$170	$188	$0				$358	$0				
Change	$500	$0	$0	$500				$100	$400				
Proposed	**$858**	$170	$188	**$500**				**$458**	**$400**				
Other – Local (San Luis Obispo County General Fund)													
Existing	$0				$0								$0
Change	$600				$600								$600
Proposed	**$600**				**$600**								**$600**
Future Unfunded Need													
Existing	$0				$0						$0		$0
Change	$2,861				$2,861						$595		$2,266
Proposed	**$2,861**				**$2,861**						**$595**		**$2,266**
TOTALS													
Existing	$358	$170	$188	$0	$0			$358	$0		$0		$0
Change	$3,961	$0	$0	$500	$3,461			$100	$400		$595		$2,866
Proposed	**$4,319**	$170	$188	**$500**	**$3,461**			**$458**	**$400**		**$595**		**$2,866**

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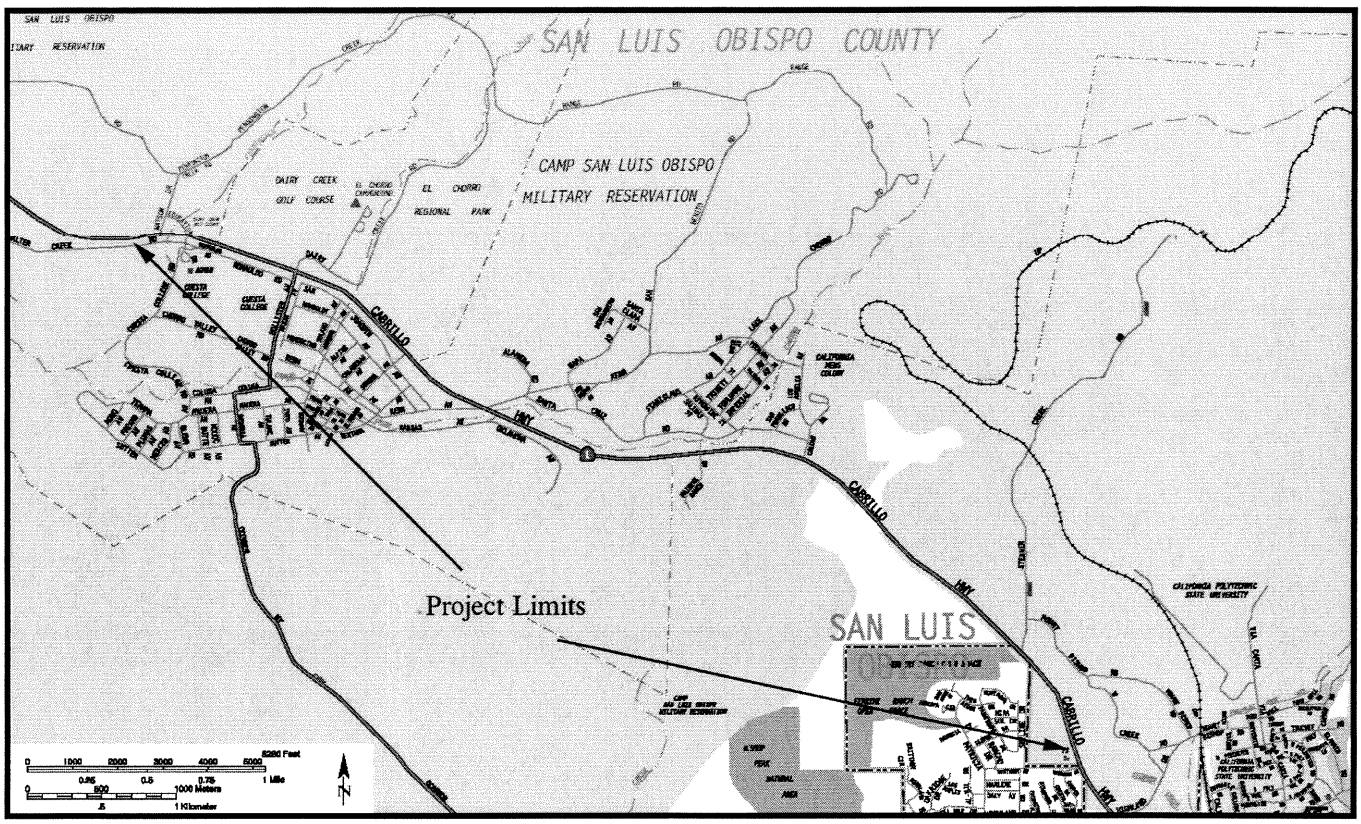
Location Map



05-San Luis Obispo

PPNO 1300A

Location: Near San Luis Obispo, north of Westmont Drive to north of Watson Drive

Description: Aesthetic enhancements to median barrier, landscaping

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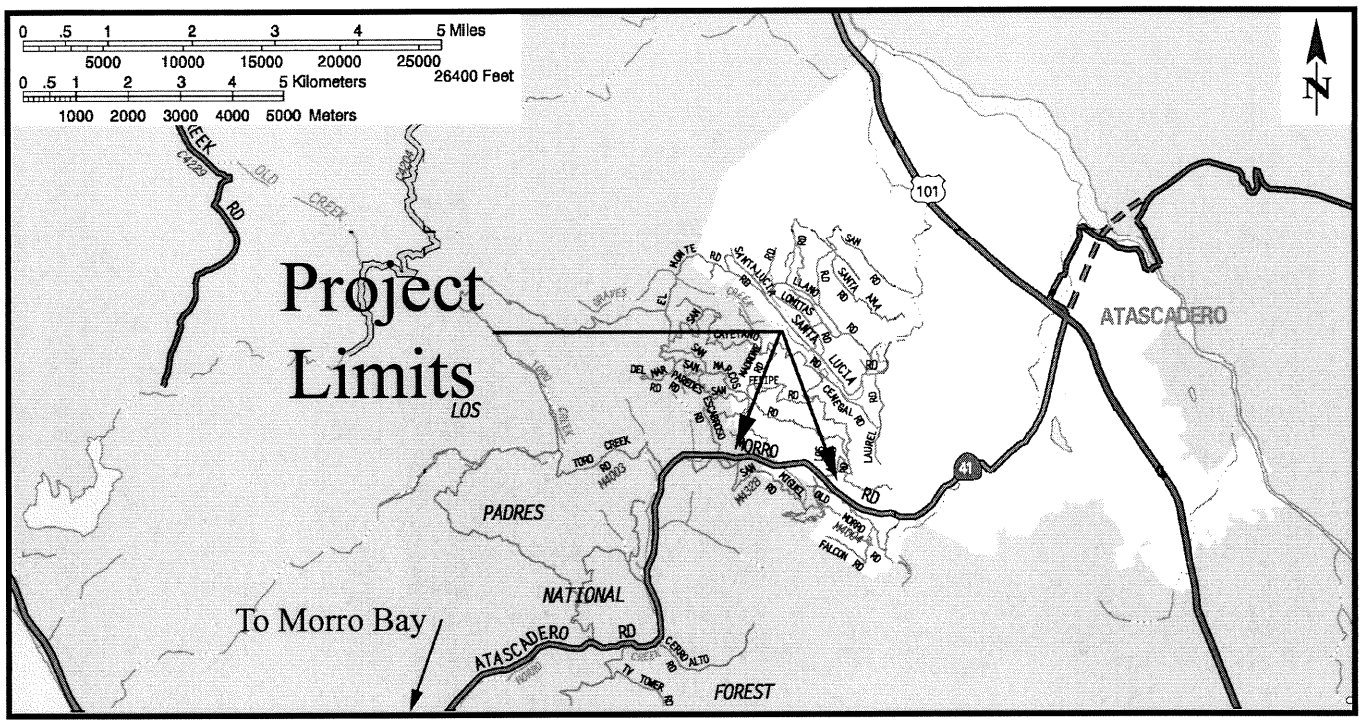

05-San Luis Obispo

PPNO 0301

Location: Between Morro Bay and Atascadero, from 16.7 km east of Morro Bay to 4.8 km west of Santa Rosa Road

Description: Construct pullouts, widen shoulders, and overlay pavement

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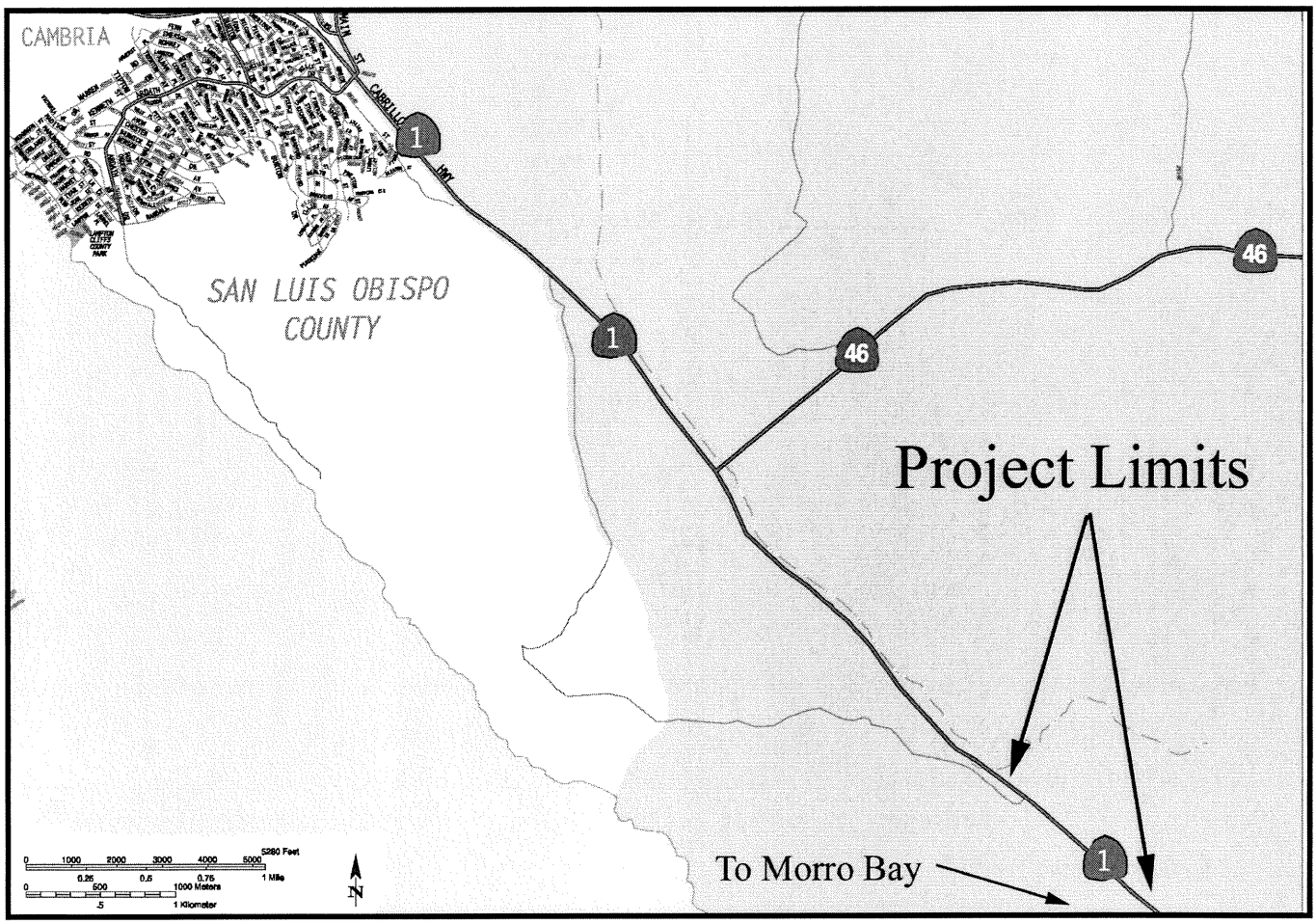

05-San Luis Obispo

PPNO 0380A

Location: Near Cambria, at Harmony Valley Road

Description: Construct southbound left-turn channelization and northbound passing lane