

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-085

The Council of Fresno County Governments (Fresno COG) 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.

Fresno COG and the Department propose to shift a portion of the currently programmed Regional Improvement Program (RIP) funds to address the suspension of the Traffic Congestion Relief (TCR) funding for the Sequoia Freeway project on Route 180 East – Clovis Avenue to Temperance Avenue segment (PPNO 0090F). It is proposed to shift \$6,379,000 of RIP funds in FY 2003-04 from the Construction component to the following components: \$400,000 to Design (PS&E), \$300,000 to Right of Way support (R/W SUP), and \$5,679,000 to Right of Way Capital (R/W). This is a revenue neutral STIP programming action. A TCR Program amendment will be submitted to the Commission for approval in June 2003 to correspond with the TCR funding changes proposed in this STIP amendment.

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:

This Sequoia Freeway project (PPNO 0090F) proposes to construct a six-lane freeway from Clovis Avenue to Fowler Avenue and a four-lane freeway from Fowler Avenue to 0.8 km east of Temperance Avenue, with interchanges at Fowler Avenue and Temperance Avenue, and undercrossings at Belmont Avenue and Armstrong Avenue. This project is the third in a series of freeway projects, which will convert Route 180 from local surface streets in the City of Fresno to a full freeway facility from Route 41 in the city, and continue east to out beyond the city limits. The first segment of the freeway projects has been completed, and the second segment is currently under construction with a scheduled completion in the summer of 2005. The third segment is this proposed project from Clovis Avenue to east of Temperance Avenue (Segment 3). These freeway projects will be followed by three expressway projects, which will convert approximately 13 miles of rural two-lane conventional highway to four-lane expressway on Route 180.

The design for Segment 3 of the freeway project is nearly 80% complete, and the project is currently scheduled to be delivered in March 2004. However, the progress of the project may have to be halted due to the recent suspension of Traffic Congestion Relief Fund (TCRF). To accommodate the funding shortfall resulting from the suspension of TCRF, Fresno COG and the Department propose to transfer a portion of the currently programmed RIP funds from the Construction (CON) component to the Design (PS&E) and Right of Way (R/W) components. The proposed transfer of RIP funds would provide the immediate funding need for the project and allow the project to proceed with design and right of way acquisition in FY 2003-04. The transfer of funding is needed to cover the costs of project design and right of way acquisition in order to keep this project on schedule for the planned delivery in March 2004.

It is proposed that \$6,379,000 of the RIP funds in FY 2003-04 be shifted from the construction component to the following components: \$400,000 to Design (PS&E), \$300,000 to Right of Way Support (R/W SUP), and \$5,679,000 to Right of Way Capital (R/W). In return, a total of \$6,079,000 of the remaining unexpended TCRF originally programmed for the PS&E and R/W components will be reprogrammed for the construction component. It is anticipated that allocation of TCRF may resume when the project is ready for construction, which may have to be delayed to FY 2004-05 if the suspension of TCRF allocation is not lifted by the end of FY 2003-04. In addition, Fresno COG and the Fresno Transportation Authority are currently exploring the option of funding the construction shortfall with other funding sources. The potential funding sources being considered are: transferring currently programmed RIP funds from other segments of the Route 180 expressway project and/or funding from the County's Measure C Program.

RESOLUTION:

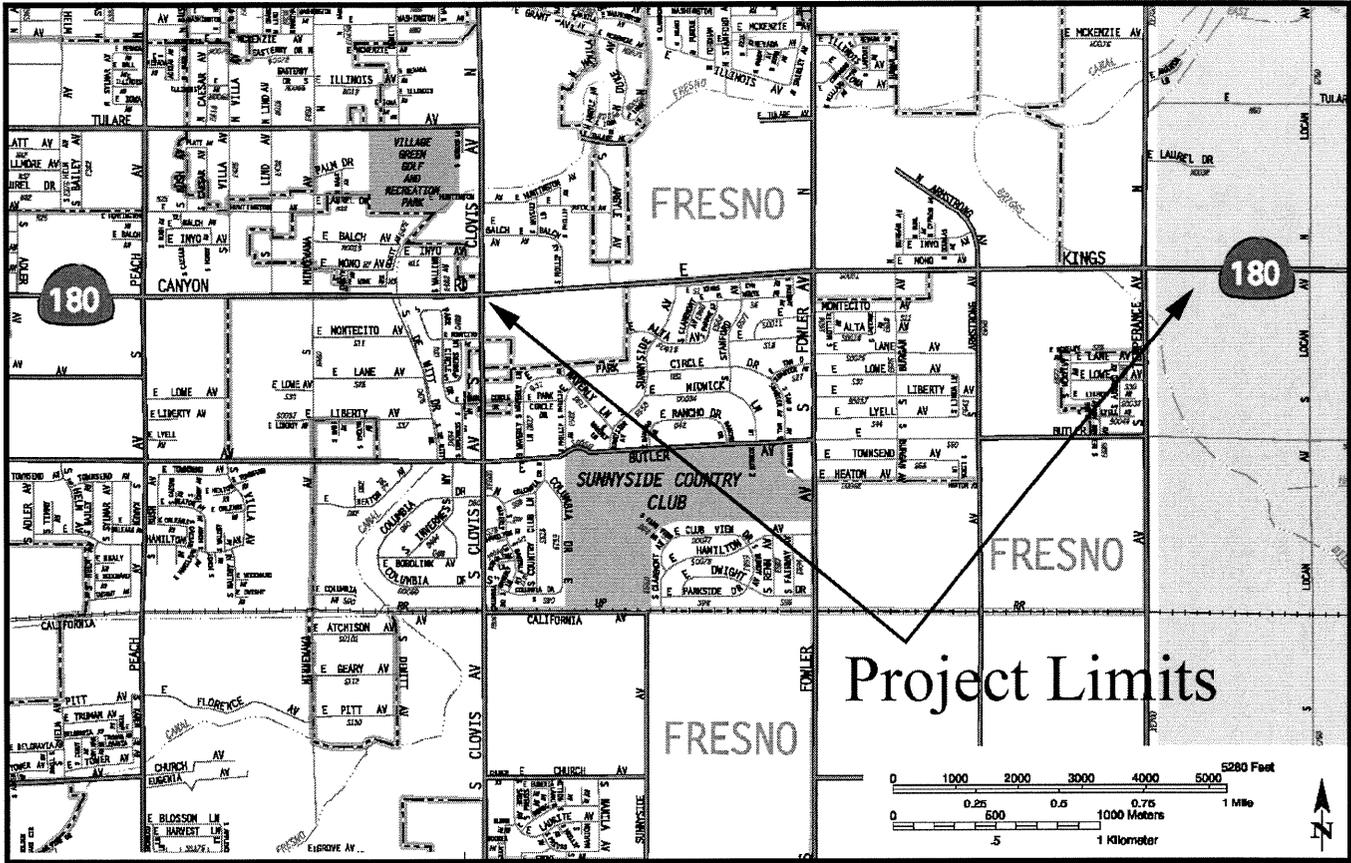
Resolved, that the California Transportation Commission (Commission) revise the 2002 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) at the end of the 30-day notice period as follows:

Revises:

County	CT District	PPNO	EA	Element	Const. Year	PM Back	PM Ahead	Route/Corridor					
Fresno	06	0090F	342431	CTCO	2003-04	R63.1	R66.4	180					
Implementing Agency:		PA&ED	Caltrans		AB 3090	PS&E	Caltrans	AB 3090					
(by component)		R/W	Caltrans		AB 3090	CON	Caltrans	AB 3090					
RTPA/CTC :	Council of Fresno County Governments												
Project Title:	Sequoia Freeway – Segment 3 (Clovis Avenue to Temperance Avenue)												
Location:	In and near Fresno, from Clovis Avenue to east of Temperance Avenue												
Description:	Construct a six-lane freeway on eight-lane R/W from Clovis Avenue to Fowler Avenue and a four-lane freeway on six-lane R/W from Fowler Avenue to east of Temperance Avenue												
(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	\$36,781			\$36,781				\$0	\$0			\$0	\$36,781
Change	\$0			\$0				\$400	\$300			\$5,679	(\$6,379)
Proposed	\$36,781			\$36,781				\$400	\$300			\$5,679	\$30,402
Other – Traffic Congestion Relief (TCR) funds													
Existing	\$20,000	\$8,175	\$4,386	\$7,439				\$3,121	\$940	\$2,930	\$8,500	\$4,509	
Change	\$0	(\$1,693)	(\$4,386)	\$6,079				(\$400)	\$0	\$0	(\$5,679)	\$6,079	
Proposed	\$20,000	\$6,482	\$0	\$13,518				\$2,721	\$940	\$2,930	\$2,821	\$10,588	
TOTALS													
Existing	\$56,781	\$8,175	\$4,386	\$44,220				\$3,121	\$940	\$2,930	\$8,500	\$41,290	
Change	\$0	(\$1,693)	(\$4,386)	\$6,079				\$0	\$300	\$0	\$0	(\$300)	
Proposed	\$56,781	\$6,482	\$0	\$50,299				\$3,121	\$1,240	\$2,930	\$8,500	\$40,990	

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Location Map



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PPNO 0090F

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