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To: Regional Transportation Planning Agencies
County Transportation Commissions

2004 STIP Hearings

The California Transportation Commission has scheduled the following two hearings on the 2004 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), in conjunction with its regularly scheduled meetings.

Northern California STIP Hearing
Department of Water Resources
Auditorium, First Floor
1416 9th Street
Sacramento, California
Thursday, May 13, 2004
9:00 a.m.

Southern California STIP Hearing
Metropolitan Water District of Southern CA
Board Room
700 North Alameda Street
Los Angeles, California
Thursday, June 17, 2004
9:00 a.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." Because the 2004 STIP will consist primarily of rescheduling projects from the 2002 STIP, statements of advocacy for individual projects will generally not be necessary or appropriate. Regions may wish, however, to address other aspects of their regional programs, including proposals to advance project funding through project substitutions, cash reimbursements for local funding, or future state GARVEE bonding.

If you wish to make an oral presentation to the Commission at one of the hearings, please call Mary Lea Filbert at 916-654-4245 to schedule a time and to confirm the site. Please call after May 5 for the North hearing and after May 24 for the South hearing.

Sincerely,

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