

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: August 17-18, 2005

Reference No.: 2.1b.(6)
Information Item

From: CINDY McKIM
Chief Financial Officer

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Transportation Programming

Ref: **STIP AMENDMENT 04S-080**

The San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG) is requesting that this proposed State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) amendment be noticed at the August 2005 California Transportation Commission (Commission) meeting and be considered for approval in September 2005. This Notice is an informational item allowing the Commission to review the proposal, comment and/or ask questions prior to taking formal action in September 2005 or later.

SJCOG requests the Commission approve this amendment for AB 3090 Reimbursement. SJCOG proposes to use local funds to replace a total of \$66,327,000 in Regional Improvement Program (RIP) and Interregional Improvement Program (IIP) funds in FY 2006-07 for Construction on the Tracy Widening, Stage 2 and 3 Project (PPNO 7965B), with later reimbursement (PPNO 7965C) in three equal payments of \$22,109,000 in FY 2008-09, FY 2009-10 and FY 2010-11.

RECOMMENDATION

The Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the item be placed on the consent calendar for approval at the September 2005 Commission meeting.

BACKGROUND

This request follows AB 3090 Guidelines that allow a Local Agency to use its own funds (non-state or non-federal) to complete a project component early to be later reimbursed with STIP funds currently programmed on the project. An AB 3090 reimbursement agreement will be drafted and submitted to Commission staff for review prior to the September 2005 Commission meeting.

The Tracy Widening, Stage 2 and 3 Project will widen Route 205 from 11th Avenue to Route 5 in the City of Tracy, from four-lanes to a six-lane freeway. This project is programmed in FY 2006-07 for \$107,000 of Right of Way Support (R/W Support), \$550,000 of R/W, \$2,502,000 of Construction Support, and \$26,901,000 of Construction, for a total of \$30,060,000 in the RIP. This project is also programmed in FY 2006-07 for \$107,000 of R/W Support, \$550,000 of R/W, \$2,502,000 of Construction Support, and \$39,426,000 of Construction, for a total of \$42,585,000 in the IIP. In addition, \$25,000,000 in the Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP) and \$350,000 from the City of Tracy will contribute to the construction of this project. Approval of this amendment will be contingent upon approval of a concurrent TCRP allocation request that will be made at the September 2005 Commission meeting.

The Tracy Widening, Stage 2 and 3 Project is a high-priority project in the region and was proposed for Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicle (GARVEE) funding by SJCOG in their 2004 Regional Transportation Improvement Program submittal. The Commission considered GARVEE candidate project proposals and ultimately determined there was insufficient funding to award GARVEE status to projects until statewide funding was secure. With the adoption of the 2004 STIP, the Tracy Widening, Stage 2 and 3 Project was programmed for Construction in FY 2006-07.

The Department is the implementing agency for the Tracy Widening, Stage 2 and 3 Project and has delivered the project for allocation. The construction of this project remains a high priority for the region and the Department is ready to proceed with construction. SJCOG is proposing to advance \$66,327,000 programmed for construction in FY 2006-07 using local funds, with later AB 3090 Reimbursement (7965C) in three equal payments of \$22,109,000 in FY 2008-09, FY 2009-10 and FY 2010-11.

The Commission gives preference to programming AB 3090 Replacement projects over AB 3090 Reimbursement projects where feasible. SJCOG indicates it is not feasible to program a replacement project because of the type of local funds proposed for advancing the project and because SJCOG does not have any replacement projects to propose. The local funds for the construction project will come from proceeds on the sale of bonds backed by San Joaquin County's Measure K sales tax. The bonds must be repaid, as San Joaquin's Measure K sales tax is already programmed for other projects. A reimbursement allows the projects programmed under Measure K to be completed. SJCOG is working on renewing the Measure K sales tax in 2006. If the sales tax measure is renewed, SJCOG is agreeable to programming replacement projects up to \$16,500,000.

To date, there has been \$5,657,000 expended for project development and \$664,000 expended for final R/W. This results in a net debit of \$1,067,000 for project development and \$652,000 credit for final R/W.

RESOLUTION

Resolved, that the California Transportation Commission revise the 2004 State Transportation Improvement Program at the end of the 30-day notice period as follows:

Revises:

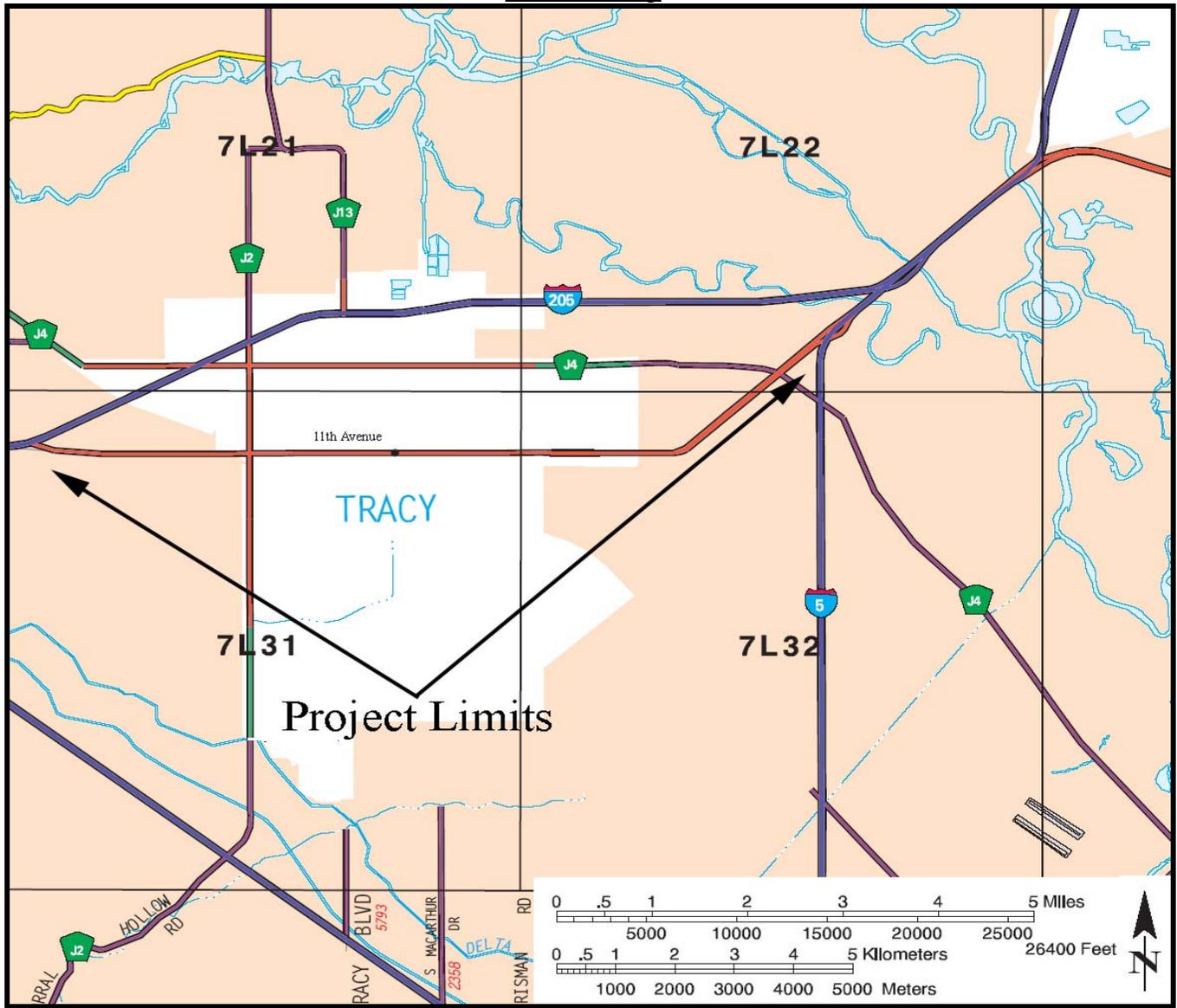
County	District	PPNO	EA	Element	Const. Year	PM Back	PM Ahead	Route/Corridor					
San Joaquin	10	7965B	300160	CO	2006-07	R3.0	R13.6	205					
Implementing Agency: (by component)		PA&ED	Caltrans				PS&E	Caltrans					
		R/W	Caltrans				CON	Caltrans					
RTPA/CTC:		San Joaquin County Council of Governments (SICOG)											
Project Title:		Tracy Widening, Stage 2 and 3											
Location		In the City of Tracy, on Route 205 from 11th Avenue to Route 5											
Description:		Widen from 4-lane to 6-lane freeway											
(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)													
FUND	TOTAL	Project Totals by Fiscal Year						Project Totals by Component					
		Prior	04/05	05/06	06/07	07/08	08/09	R/W	CON	PA&ED	PS&E	R/W Supp	CON Supp
RIP													
Existing	32,354	2,294			30,060			550	26,901	821	1,473	107	2,502
Change	(26,901)	0			(26,901)			0	(26,901)	0	0	0	0
Proposed	5,453	2,294			3,159			550	0	821	1,473	107	2,502
IIP													
Existing	44,881	2,296			42,585			550	39,426	822	1,474	107	2,502
Change	(39,426)	0			(39,426)			0	(39,426)	0	0	0	0
Proposed	5,455	2,296			3,159			550	0	822	1,474	107	2,502
TCRP													
Existing	25,000				25,000				25,000				
Change	0				0				0				
Proposed	25,000				25,000				25,000				
Local Funds (City of Tracy)													
Existing	350				350				350				
Change	0				0				0				
Proposed	350				350				350				
Local Funds (AB 3090 Advancement)													
Existing	0				0				0				
Change	66,327				66,327				66,327				
Proposed	66,327				66,327				66,327				
Total													
Existing	102,585	4,590			97,995			1,100	91,677	1,643	2,947	214	5,004
Change	0	0			0			0	0	0	0	0	0
Proposed	102,585	4,590			97,995			1,100	91,677	1,643	2,947	214	5,004

And Adds:

County	District	PPNO	EA	Element	Const. Year	PM Back	PM Ahead	Route/Corridor					
San Joaquin	10	7965C	--	CO	--	--	--	--					
Implementing Agency: (by component)	PA&ED					PS&E							
	R/W					CON							
RTPA/CTC:	San Joaquin County Council of Governments (SJCOG)												
Project Title:	AB 3090 Reimbursement (Tracy Widening, Stage 2 and 3)												
Location	AB 3090 Reimbursement												
Description:	AB 3090 Reimbursement												
(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)													
FUND	TOTAL	Project Totals by Fiscal Year						Project Totals by Component					
		Prior	06/07	07/08	08/09	09/10	10/11	R/W	CON	PA&ED	PS&E	R/W Supp	CON Supp
RIP													
Existing	0				0	0	0		0				
Change	26,901				8,967	8,967	8,967		26,862				
Proposed	26,901				8,967	8,967	8,967		26,862				
IIP													
Existing	0				0	0	0		0				
Change	39,426				13,142	13,142	13,142		39,465				
Proposed	39,426				13,142	13,142	13,142		39,465				
Total													
Existing	0				0	0	0		0				
Change	66,327				22,109	22,109	22,109		66,327				
Proposed	66,327				22,109	22,109	22,109		66,327				

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Location Map



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PPNO 7965B and 7965C

Location: In the City of Tracy, on Route 205 from 11th Avenue to Route 5

Description: Widen from 4-lane to 6-lane freeway



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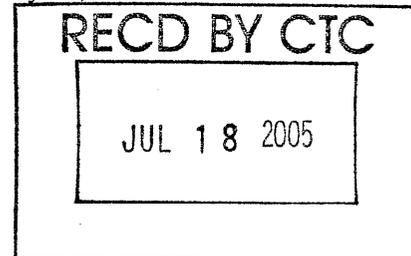


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July 11, 2005



Chair Joseph Tavaglione & Members
California Transportation Commission
1120 N Street, Rm. 2233 MS-52)
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Chair Tavaglione & Members:

I am writing to express my deep disappointment that there does not seem to be a mechanism to move forward with the widening of I-205 now.

I understand that there may not be not enough projects eligible for GARVEE funding to make this process worthwhile for the state this year. How ironic that the actions of the Governor and the Legislature to improve transportation in California should mean that four projects are funded and this project, number five, so desperately needed, remains unfunded.

At your meetings on July 14, August 18, and September 29, I hope you will be open to other funding alternatives that may be presented. I know that you are aware of all the efforts of the past several years to make this project a reality. The San Joaquin Council of Governments has presented multiple funding options and alternatives, including phasing the project. They have offered an interest-free loan, committed over \$40 million in local Measure K dollars, and addressed AB 3090 financing. I can assure you that we will continue to pursue every funding mechanism available, because we remain committed to moving forward.

Caltrans has met its commitment and has delivered this project; it is ready to go forward. Funding remains the key issue, and it is critical that it is obtained during this fiscal year.

Interstate 205 is the major link between the greater San Francisco Bay area and the entire San Joaquin Valley. The transport of goods through this vital corridor is critical to the strength of the state's economy. In addition, businesses depend on the more than 100,000 commute trips that their workers currently make over the Altamont Pass every day.

I strongly urge the California Transportation Commission to work with the San Joaquin Council of Governments to continue to explore additional funding alternatives for this vital project. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Assemblymember Barbara Matthews
17th Assembly District

CC: Diane Eidam, Executive Director, CTC ✓
Tracy Mayor Dan Bilbrey and City Councilmembers
San Joaquin County Supervisor Leroy Ornellas
Andrew Chesley, San Joaquin Council of Governments
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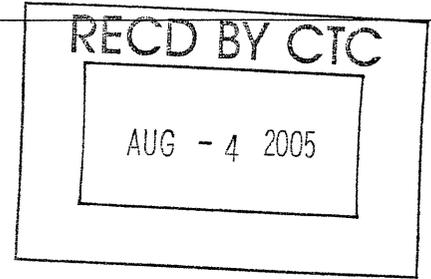


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August 1, 2005

Mr. Joseph Tavaglione, Chair
California Transportation Commission
1120 N Street
Room 2221 (MS-52)
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Chairman Tavaglione:

The San Joaquin Council of Governments voted unanimously at their meeting of July 28, 2005 to submit the following request to the California Transportation Commission (CTC):

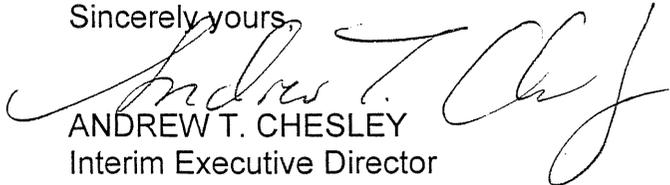
- Amend the State Transportation Improvement Program to include the I-205 widening project in FY 2005-06.
- Vote an allocation of \$25 Million in Transportation Congestion Relief Program funding for the I-205 project consistent with the State budget.
- Vote to accept an AB 3090 cash repayment agreement of \$67 Million to advance the completion of the I-205 widening project.
- Vote to program the \$67 Million cash repayment in FYs 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11 in three equal installments.

As part of this proposal, the San Joaquin Council of Governments also voted to modify the agreement should the San Joaquin County half cent sales tax for transportation (Measure K) be renewed by the voters in 2006. If Measure K is renewed, 25% of the \$67 million will be repaid as an AB3090 project replacement; the remaining 75% will remain a cash repayment.

The San Joaquin Council of Governments is pleased to work with the California Transportation Commission and the California Department of Transportation to make this financial arrangement work for the benefit of the traveling public. The project is ready to list, and we are prepared to meet our financial obligations.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposal.

Sincerely yours,


ANDREW T. CHESLEY
Interim Executive Director

cc: Ms. Diane Eidam, Executive Director
California Transportation Commission

Mr. Will Kempton, Director
California Department of Transportation

Mr. Kome Ajise, District 10 Director
California Department of Transportation

Mr. Gary Haskin, Chair,
SJCOG Board of Directors



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July 29, 2005

Chairman Joseph Tavaglione
California Transportation Commission
1120 N Street
Room 2221 (MS-52)
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Chairman Tavaglione:

It is my honor this year to serve as the President of the Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce (GSCC). The GSCC has been serving the business community since 1901 and is the largest business organization in San Joaquin County. We represent over 1500 members which includes businesses of all sizes and their employees, over 35,000. It is fair to say that a large percentage of the aforementioned depend on I 205 for both their business and personal travel.

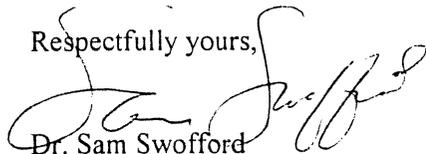
I know you and your colleagues are very aware of the importance of funding the widening of 205 and also of the grassroots campaign that has been in place to demonstrate the desire of everyone who uses 205 that the funding should be approved now so construction can commence as soon as possible.

Our Board of Directors, at our regular monthly meeting of July 28, 2005, considered this issue and voted unanimously to ask you and your colleagues to support the best manner possible for the immediate construction dollars to begin the widening process of I 205.

This matter of great importance to all of us in the 15th largest county in California with the County Seat, Stockton, being the 12th largest city in California and the 69th largest in America and a region that is one of the fastest growing regions in the country.

On behalf of the GSCC Board of Directors, all of the GSCC members and all of the citizens of this region I request that you and the rest of your members take a very positive vote and step forward of approving the funding of the widening of I 205.

Respectfully yours,



Dr. Sam Swofford
President

Cc: CTC Members
CTC Staff
Stockton City Council
San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors
Mr. Ort Lofthus