

# Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

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Action Item

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Subject: **FINANCIAL ALLOCATION FOR LOCALLY-ADMINISTERED STIP PROJECTS  
OFF THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM  
RESOLUTION STIP1B-A-0809-004  
RESOLUTION FP-08-08**

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

The Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve the resolution below allocating \$133,200,000 for the Westside Parkway project in the city of Bakersfield currently programmed in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) in FY 2008-09. The Department also recommends the Commission approve this allocation contingent upon the enactment of the 2008-09 Budget Act and the scheduled 2008-09 Proposition 42 Transportation Investment Fund transfer not being suspended, either in whole or in part.

## **ISSUE:**

The attached vote list describes two locally-administered STIP projects in the city of Bakersfield totaling \$133,200,000. Both allocations are for the City of Bakersfield Westside Parkway project. Project #1 is for an allocation to construct Segments 1 and 2 of the overall project. Project #2 is for the right of way acquisition for Segment 2. The City of Bakersfield is ready to proceed with these projects and is requesting an allocation at this time. The purpose of the Westside Parkway is to construct a high-capacity, east-west transportation facility that: 1) reduces congestion on existing parallel arterials, (2) supports current and planned development in west Bakersfield, (3) improves connectivity of the exiting transportation network in west Bakersfield, and (4) accommodates potential future multi-modal transportation facilities. The Westside Parkway will also serve as an extension to Highway 58 in the future.

Due to the size of the overall project and funding limitations, it will be constructed under multiple contracts in six segments. These segments have logical termini and independent utility, and their construction sequencing is generally from the east end of the project where traffic volumes are highest to the west end of the project, where traffic volumes are projected to be lower.

This allocation will be used for the first two contracts, which will construct approximately 2.75 miles of 4 to 6 lanes of the Westside Parkway project. It is anticipated that the first contract will be

awarded within six months of allocation. The second contract will be awarded within 10 months of allocation, once right of way acquisition for Segment 2 is complete. The funds made available from the allocation for Project #1 will be used for the construction contract for either/both segment(s). The allocation for Project #2 is to acquire right of way for Segment 2. The purpose of allocating the funds in this manner is to provide flexibility when implementing multi-segmented, multi-contract projects.

**FINANCIAL RESOLUTION:**

Resolved, that \$131,200,000 be allocated from the Budget Act of 2008, Budget Act Item 2660-104-6058 and \$2,000,000 from Non-Budget Act Item 2660-601-3008 for two locally-administered STIP projects, as described on the attached vote list, contingent upon enactment of the FY 2008-09 Budget Act and the scheduled 2008-09 Proposition 42 Transportation Investment Fund transfer not being suspended, in whole or in part.

Attachment

