

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

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Information Item

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Subject: **ROUTE 99 PROJECT BASELINE AMENDMENT**
RESOLUTION R99-PA-0910-006
STIP AMENDMENT 08S-060

SUMMARY:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) and the Tehama County Transportation Commission propose to amend the 2008 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and the State Route 99 (SR 99) Corridor baseline agreement for the Los Molinos project (PPNO 3326) in Tehama County to:

- Add bike and pedestrian Transportation Enhancement (TE) elements.
- Add landscape and traffic calming Transportation Enhancement (TE) elements.
- Increase project post mile limit by 0.4 mile to accommodate revised construction sign locations.
- Phase the construction of the expanded Los Molinos project (PPNO 3326).

The Department will request that the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve the final SR 99 Corridor Bond Program baseline agreement amendment and the requested STIP amendment at the next scheduled Commission meeting following the notice period.

BACKGROUND:

The Los Molinos project (PPNO 3326) is part of the SR 99 Bond Program. Assembly Bill 2X 8, approved February 20, 2009, identifies the Los Molinos project as a high priority project to be accelerated by the exemption of certain California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements and permitting reviews.

The Department and the Tehama County Transportation Commission plan to deliver the project in phases with the first phase of construction being accelerated to Fiscal Year (FY) 2009-10. Phase 1 will include most of the drainage improvements, sidewalks and paved shoulders as part of the original baseline agreement of the Los Molinos project and funded from the SR 99 Bond Program at a cost of \$2,120,000 for construction. Phase 1 will now also include TE elements such as traffic calming, decorative crosswalks and landscaping funded from Tehama County's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Act).

The remaining elements under Phase 2 include completing the drainage work as well as the addition of other TE elements, such as bicycle facilities and paved shoulders, to an area within the limits of the Los Molinos project. Phase 2 will be funded from the SR 99 Bond program and Regional Improvement Program (RIP) TE. Phase 2 will cost \$2,680,000 for construction and right of way, and will begin by July 1, 2011, which is four months later than the current baseline milestone. However, it will be completed by December 31, 2012, which is only two months after the original baseline completion date.

The TE elements to be constructed within the Los Molinos project address a gap that now forces bicyclists and pedestrians to travel in either open lanes, on unpaved trails, or within a roadside drainage ditch. Furthermore, including the TE elements within the Los Molinos project will reduce the impact to traffic, area residences, and local businesses by eliminating the need for a second set of lane closures in the future.

Finally, the post mile change is needed to include work to adjust speed limit signs and radar feedback signs that were recently installed to calm traffic.

Los Molinos project (PPNO 3326) Phase I milestones:

Project Milestone	Existing	Proposed
Begin Environmental (PA&ED) Phase	09/01/07	09/01/07
End Environmental Phase (PA&ED Milestone)	10/01/09	03/12/09
Begin Design (PS&E) Phase	12/01/07	12/01/07
End Design Phase (Ready to List for Advertisement Milestone)	10/01/10	01/04/10
Begin Right of Way Phase	12/01/07	12/01/07
End Right of Way Phase (Right of Way Certification Milestone)	09/01/10	12/17/09
Begin Construction Phase (Contract Award Milestone)	03/01/11	04/28/10
End Construction Phase (Construction Contract Acceptance Milestone)	11/01/12	12/31/10
Begin Closeout Phase	11/01/12	12/31/12
End Closeout Phase (Closeout Report)	11/01/13	12/31/13

Los Molinos project (PPNO 3326) Phase II milestones:

Project Milestone	Existing	Proposed
Begin Environmental (PA&ED) Phase	09/01/07	09/01/07
End Environmental Phase (PA&ED Milestone)	10/01/09	04/01/09
Begin Design (PS&E) Phase	12/01/07	12/01/07
End Design Phase (Ready to List for Advertisement Milestone)	10/01/10	02/01/11
Begin Right of Way Phase	12/01/07	01/01/10
End Right of Way Phase (Right of Way Certification Milestone)	09/01/10	02/01/11
Begin Construction Phase (Contract Award Milestone)	03/01/11	07/01/11
End Construction Phase (Construction Contract Acceptance Milestone)	11/01/12	12/31/12
Begin Closeout Phase	11/01/12	12/31/12
End Closeout Phase (Closeout Report)	11/01/13	12/31/13

REVISES:

Los Molinos (PPNO 3326):

(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)													
FUND	TOTAL	Project Totals by Fiscal Year						Project Totals by Component					
		Prior	08/09	09/10	10/11	11/12	12/13	R/W	CON	PA&ED	PS&E	R/W Supp	CON Supp
RIP													
Existing	1,500	815			685					350	430	35	685
Change	0	(35)		720	(685)					0	0	0	0
Proposed	1,500	780		720	0					350	430	35	685
State Route 99 Bond													
Existing	4,900			100	4,800			100	4,800				
Change	0			2,765	(2,765)			0	0				
Proposed	4,900			2,865	2,035			100	4,800				
RIP TE													
Existing	0												
Change	554	391		163						149	242	163	
Proposed	554	391		163						149	242	163	
Tehama County ARRA TE funds													
Existing	0			0					0				
Change	80			80					80				
Proposed	80			80					80				
Total													
Existing	6,400	815		100	5,485			100	4,800	350	430	35	685
Change	634	356		3,728	(3,450)			0	80	149	242	163	0
Proposed	7,034	1,171		3,828	2,035			100	4,880	499	672	198	685