

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: February 24-25, 2010

Reference No.: 2.5c.(4)
Action Item

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Subject: **FINANCIAL ALLOCATION FOR PREVIOUSLY VOTED LOCALLY-ADMINISTERED
ON SYSTEM PROJECT
RESOLUTION FA-09-**

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission) defer an allocation of \$400,000 for the Highway 1 Soquel to Morrissey Auxiliary Lanes project (PPNO 6500) in Santa Cruz County.

ISSUE:

The project is located in Santa Cruz, on Route 1 from Soquel Avenue to Morrissey Boulevard. The project will construct northbound and southbound auxiliary lanes and modify the La Fonda Avenue Overcrossing. To date, the Commission has allocated \$146,000 for Environmental and \$100,000 for Design. The environmental document was completed by Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (SCCRTC) in September 2009. The organization *Campaign for Sensible Transportation* filed a lawsuit on October 20, 2009, alleging violations of the California Environmental Quality Act. Due to the time and expense required to defend the lawsuit, additional STIP funds are needed. The cost increase is based on staff time required to defend the lawsuit. This includes District staff time and SCCRTC staff time to prepare the Administrative Record, and Legal staff time to defend the lawsuit.

Inasmuch as the Transportation Investment Fund (TIF) is fully allocated and the Department is unsure as to how much TIF will be available next year, the Department is recommending that the Commission defer the allocation request at this time and place the request for supplemental funds on the Projects Delivered But Not Yet Allocation List.

2.5 Highway Financial Matters

Project # Allocation Amount Recipient RTPA/CTC County Dist-Co-Rte Postmile	Location Project Description Reason for Supplemental Funds	EA PPNO Program/Year Phase Prgm'd Amount	Budget Year Item # Fund Type	Amount by Fund Type
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1 \$400,000 Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission SCCRTC Santa Cruz 5N-SCr-1 14.9/15.9	In Santa Cruz, from Soquel Avenue to Morrissey Boulevard. Construct northbound and southbound auxiliary lanes and modify the La Fonda Avenue Overcrossing. Original allocations under Resolution FP-07-55 (February 2008) and Resolution FP-07-83 (June 2008) - Supplemental funds are needed to defend a lawsuit regarding the environmental document and will come from Santa Cruz County regional shares. (This is a Corridor Mobility Improvement Account [CMIA] project. This is a team-approved change that will be addressed in the next CMIA quarterly report.) (Prior contributions from local sources: \$1,864,000.) Total Revised PA&ED from all sources: \$2,410,000. THE DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDS THE COMMISSION DEFER THIS ALLOCATION.	0F6501 05-6500 RIP / 09-10 PA&ED \$0 \$400,000	801-3008 TIF	\$400,000