

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: August 10, 2011

Reference No.: 4.9
Action

From: BIMLA G. RHINEHART
Executive Director

Subject: **PROJECTS DELIVERED BUT NOT YET ALLOCATED**

ISSUE:

Due to financial constraints of the State, the Commission has been unable to allocate funds to allow implementing agencies to begin projects that have been delivered and placed on the Projects Delivered but Not Yet Allocated list.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends making a change in the makeup of the list, by only voting projects onto the list that staff would have recommended voting if funds were available. If staff would normally recommend denial, such as an advance request inconsistent with funding priorities, then that project will not be recommended to be placed on the delivered list.

In addition, based on the Department's analysis of Proposition 1B fund availability and on the passage of the State Budget providing State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) allocation capacity, Staff recommends making the following allocations from the Projects Delivered but Not Yet Allocated list:

Attachment 1 – Staff recommends voting STIP projects 1 through 19. Project #20 is an advancement that staff does not recommend for vote.

Attachment 2 – Staff recommends voting all the Corridor Mobility Improvement Account projects, 1 through 8. These projects face a statutory deadline to be under construction.

Attachment 3 – Staff recommends voting the State Route 99 project.

Attachment 4 – Staff recommends voting the Colton Crossing Grade Separation Trade Corridors Improvement Fund project, project #2. This project would lose a substantial amount of federal funds if not voted at this time.

Attachment 7 – Staff recommends voting the Kato Road Grade Separation Highway-Railroad Crossing Safety Account (HRCSA) project. HRCSA projects are not eligible for Letters of No Prejudice, and are therefore one of the priorities for allocation.

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August 5, 2011

Dario Frommer, Chair
California Transportation Commission
1120 N Street, Room (MS-52)
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: PPNO 520Y – Allocate Funding for the Route 41/101 Interchange Landscaping

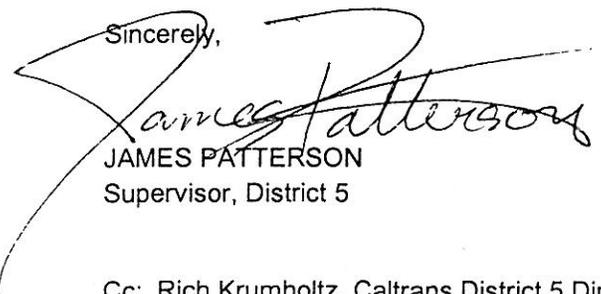
Dear Chairman Frommer,

As a member of the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments Board of Directors and 5th District Supervisor for San Luis Obispo County, I have worked closely with the City of Atascadero and Caltrans to ensure adequate levels of funding were secured to reconstruct a state to state route interchange at US101 and SR 41. Caltrans District 5 should be commended for the excellent work they have done to address the deficiency at this critical interchange. Now, with the structure rebuilt, in addition to an acknowledgement for the best-practices in design applied to the interchange structure, the project as presented to the community is still not complete. State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funding in the amount of \$815k (Project PPNO 520Y) programmed last fiscal year, should be allocated so that consistency with the certified environmental document is achieved.

In 2006 when construction funding was first secured for this project through the STIP, the Project Report and companion environmental document addressed the need for landscape mitigation. The public forums on this project have always emphasized the importance of mitigating the loss of landscaping and the removal of mature native oak trees. To ensure confidence with the public, it is imperative that the landscaping component be allocated by the CTC as soon as possible so the project can be finalized.

I appreciate your support of this allocation.

Sincerely,


JAMES PATTERSON
Supervisor, District 5

Cc: Rich Krumholtz, Caltrans District 5 Director
City of Atascadero, City Council