

Memorandum

TAB 84

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: March 28-29, 2012

Reference No.: 2.5g.(3a) - *REVISED*
Action Item

From: NORMA ORTEGA
Chief Financial Officer

Prepared by: Steven Keck
Division Chief
Budgets

Subject: **FINANCIAL ALLOCATION FOR STATE-ADMINISTERED STIP PROJECTS ON THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM**
RESOLUTION STIP1B-A-1112-005

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) allocate \$135,511,000 for the State administered Proposition 1B State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Willits Bypass (PPNO 0125F) project in Mendocino County, on the State Highway System.

ISSUE:

The attached vote list describes one State administered Proposition 1B STIP project for \$135,511,000. The Department is ready to proceed with this project and is requesting an allocation at this time.

FINANCIAL RESOLUTION:

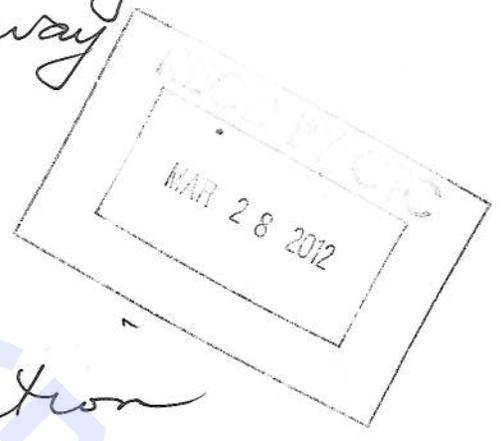
Resolved, that \$135,511,000 be allocated from the Budget Act of 2010, Budget Act Item 2660-304-6058 for one State administered Proposition 1B STIP project described in the attached vote box.

Be it further resolved, that as a condition of allocation of these funds and to perform its administrative role established by Senate Bill 88, the Commission requests that the Department perform the functions necessary to ensure proper accountability measures are employed and reporting requirements are met for the Proposition 1B State Transportation Improvement Program, Transportation Facilities Account Program.

Attachment

Re: item 84 -
W: 11.17, Mendocino County
By-Pass - Reynolds Highway
Hearst Rd.

3/28/2012



Dear Chair and
Commissioners,

California Transportation
Commission,
1120 N. ST. Rm. 2221,
Sacramento, CA.

My name is Randall Dalton.

I am 65, born and raised here
in California all my life. My 6
children / 8 grandchildren are Pomo/
Cakto/Wailaki in spirit and
bloodline, through marriage. My
grandfather was a bridge engineer,
road-construction lifetime worker
& helped to build Hetch-Hetchy Dam
the levees, Golden Gate Bridge, Oak-
land Bay, and Carquinez Strait
Bridges. He was a major in the
army and was run-over + killed
by a 10-ton water-truck while
supervising 6-lane freeway construction
in Antioch, CA

2/ I received ~~was~~ a 100% / 1600 SAT Score
from Galileo High School, in 1964.
My husband Dwayne Dalton, a 4yr.
Navy veteran, graduated in 1978
from U.C. Berkeley in CNR -
Conservation of Natural Resources.
We've been small-scale farmers,
(23 acre-walnut farm - Alamo - 72-7;
(1/3 acre-Laytonville, CA. / 10 acre-Bron-
comb
1977 to present - organic fruit -
trees and miscellaneous raspberry,
flowers, etc.). Dwayne died last year.
I came today in hopes of speaking
on behalf of the salmon/rainbow-
trout, chinook, coho, and native
grasses, beauty, agricultural lands,
wetlands, irreplaceable beauty,
legacy of mother earth. Heritage
is what we have to share with
our children. Northern California,
highway 101, "scenic corridor" is
the remnant of last remaining
2-lanes of El Camino Real -
the 1st roads of 1000's of years use
by indigenous peoples. The Calif.
native flora are here.

3/ Buttercups absorb radioactivity - 0.04
less geiger-counting reading of nuclear
power plants where this plant is found,
@ organic gardening magazine.

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Our survival on earth
may very well depend on the
protection of buttercups - a form of
plant indicator of swampland/wetlands.
rhizome - cannot be transplanted -
only grows where it is found. Many
acres at the north end of Willits can
be seen in the pastureland adjacent to
the recently torn down old barn +
farm-house off 101. I know many
a cowboy who lost 27 cows to flooding
the road now is submerged + forms
lakes throughout the rainy season.
Reynolds Highway + outlet creek
are the South Fork of the Eel RARE
River, the last wild + scenic,
undammed salmon-estuary, nursery
habitat where NATIVE - not fish
hatchery but the original, God-given
SALMON, grandmothers + fathers that
bring the rest of them HOME, 200
miles from Covelo Rd. - 2-Rivers, Humboldt
Zona Norris Willits, her grandfather, -
caught salmon in canoe / tule-grass
constructed in the old days.

5) JOBS ARE NEEDED. Public Transportation is also. Archeology, Anthropology, Biology, Botany

need not greed.

we do not
STUDY NATIVE WAYS. |
The 15 minutes it takes
to go through will its is OK.
we must learn to SLOW DOWN.

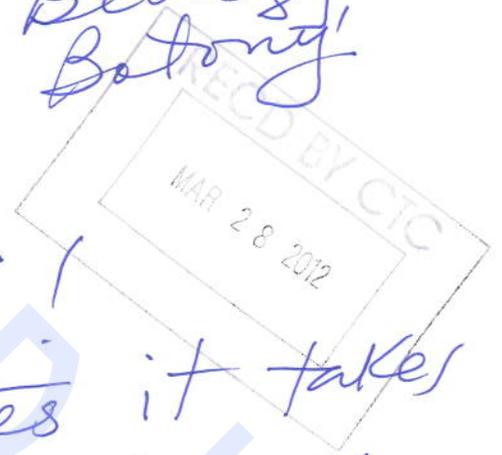
Sincerely,

Randi Dalton
P.O. Box 216
Laytonville,
CA.

707-984-8485

more studies are needed.

The Northbrook traffic must
be addressed, Highway 20
does not connect. It needs
clean water CEQA, NEPA





Wednesday, March 29, 2012

Chairman Dario Frommer
California Transportation Commission
1120 N Street (MS-52)
Sacramento, Ca. 95814
Via FAX: 916-653-2134; Attention Angela

Re: 3-29-12 CTC Meeting Agenda Item #84, Financial Allocation of \$135,511,000 of Prop 1B STIP funds for the Willits Bypass Project

Dear Chairman Frommer and Commissioners;

On behalf of the Willits Environmental Center, the Golden State Land Conservancy, other organizations and individuals, we urge the California Transportation Commission not to allocate funds to build the Willits Bypass Project at this time. Several environmental impacts, as well as economic and financial impacts of the project and the proposed Mitigation and Monitoring Plan have not been fully disclosed or analyzed, such as the loss of approximately 400 acres of farmland, and the escalating costs of mitigation. In addition, several environmental, economic and factual conditions have changed since this project first came before the Commission, which warrant a re-evaluation of the need for and advisability of going forward with this project as proposed.

It is also our position that the proposed Mitigation and Monitoring Plan fails to demonstrate that the loss of protected public trust resources, specifically wetlands and listed salmonid habitat, has been adequately mitigated as required by statutes.

For these reasons, we urge Commission to delay the allocation of funds for the Willits Bypass Project until these issues are resolved. You may contact us at the location cited below for a detailed analysis of our position regarding the above issues: Willits Environmental Center, 630 South Main Street, Willits CA, 95490 or by phone at 707-459-4110. Thank you for your attention to these issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Ellen Drell'.

Ellen Drell, Willits Environmental Center, et al



TAB 84

March 7, 2012
California Transportation Commission
FAX: (916) 653-2134

Dear Commissioners:

I have been informed that you will be voting on March 29 to approve or deny funding for the Willits Highway 101 Bypass. This is a request from a long-time resident of Willits to deny the funding.

The proposed cost of this already-scaled-back project grew this week by another \$14 million, bringing the total cost to over \$250 million. And that's if the project construction encounters no additional problems. The elevated two-lane roadway will be built on pylons sunk into wetland sediment that, according CalTrans' report, may sink after settling, requiring a much larger expenditure of funds.

The bypass will not include an exit for traffic turning west on Highway 20, which goes to Highway One. Highway 20 traffic will not be able to use the bypass.

The City of Willits did a traffic study that determined that 70% of the traffic on Highway 101 in Willits was either local or turning onto Highway 20. So the \$250 million bypass will divert only 30% of the traffic.

Considering our state's huge deficits and cut backs, I hope you will deny this exorbitant expenditure of our state funds.

L.C. Lewis, Willits