

# Memorandum

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Subject: **STIP AMENDMENT 12S-051**

## **SUMMARY:**

The California Department of Transportation (Department) will request that the California Transportation Commission approve the requested program amendment at the next scheduled Commission meeting following the notice period.

## **ISSUE:**

The Department proposes to program \$2,636,000 of Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) Border Infrastructure Program (BIP) funds for construction on the Route 905/125 Northbound Connectors project (PPNO 1101) in San Diego County.

SAFETEA-LU, enacted in August 2005, authorizes funding through the BIP program to improve transportation at international Borders, ports of entry, and in trade corridors. This program replaced the TEA-21 Coordinated Border Infrastructure discretionary program which ended after 2005. The BIP has provided California apportionments of \$188 million. To date, \$155.2 million has been obligated to border region projects, with approximately \$32.8 million remaining in programming capacity.

These BIP funds are eligible in a border region, defined as any portion of border State within 100 miles of an international land border with Canada or Mexico, for the following types of improvements to facilitate/expedite cross border motor vehicle and cargo movements:

- Improvements to existing transportation and supporting infrastructure.
- Construction of highways and related safety and safety enforcement facilities related to international trade.
- Operational improvements, including those related to electronic data interchange and use of telecommunications.
- Modifications to regulatory procedures.
- International coordination of transportation planning, programming, and border operations with Canada and Mexico.

**BACKGROUND:**

Phase 1 and 2 of State Route (SR) 905 opened to traffic in July 2012 and has improved safe movement of motor vehicles at and across the border between California and Mexico. The proposed project is a portion of Phase 3 of SR 905 that will continue to improve the efficient transportation of goods and services in the Otay Mesa border region. It will also provide an essential connection between the Otay Mesa region and the regional freeway system. This project will construct the northbound connectors from SR 905 and future SR 11 to SR 125 near the Otay Mesa Port of Entry.

The entire SR 905 corridor including Phase 3 was environmentally cleared in July 2004. A re-validation was completed in October 2013.

The proposed project is currently in the design phase using \$2 million in local Transnet funds provided by San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG). The Department will proceed with the right of way phase upon approval of the requested \$800,000 in BIP funding (related items are on this month's agenda).

The total estimated cost for construction is \$22,657,000 (\$18,684,000 for construction capital and \$3,973,000 for construction support). The Department and SANDAG have developed a plan to fund the construction phase as follows:

- Program \$20,021,000 in available Proposition 1B Trade Corridors Improvement Fund (TCIF) savings from other projects in San Diego County. A separate TCIF program amendment will be requested in May 2014, concurrent with the proposed approval of this amendment.
- Program the remaining need of \$2,636,000 with BIP funds.

It is anticipated that the project will be ready for construction allocation in June 2014. The proposed funding plan is shown on the following spreadsheet.

**REVISE: Route 905/125 Northbound Connectors project (PPNO 1101)**

County	District	PPNO	EA	Element	Const. Year	PM Back	PM Ahead	Route/Corridor					
San Diego	11	1101	28881	CO	2013-14	9.6	11.4	905					
<b>Implementing Agency: (by component)</b>	<b>PA&amp;ED</b>	Caltrans				<b>PS&amp;E</b>	Caltrans						
	<b>R/W</b>	Caltrans				<b>CON</b>	Caltrans						
<b>RTPA/CTC:</b>	San Diego Association of Governments												
<b>Project Title:</b>	SR-905/SR-125 Northbound Connectors												
<b>Location</b>	In and near San Diego at Route 11/125/905 separation.												
<b>Description:</b>	Construct SR 905/SR 125 Northbound Connectors												
<b>(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)</b>													
FUND	TOTAL	Project Totals by Fiscal Year						Project Totals by Component					
		Prior	12/13	13/14	14/15	15/16	16/17	R/W	CON	PA&ED	PS&E	R/W Supp	CON Supp
<b>Federal Disc. (BIP - Border Infrastructure Program)</b>													
Existing	800			800				700	0			100	0
Change	2,636			2,636				0	2,174			0	462
Proposed	<b>3,436</b>			<b>3,436</b>				<b>700</b>	<b>2,174</b>			<b>100</b>	<b>462</b>
<b>Local Funds (TransNet)</b>													
Existing	2,000			2,000							2,000		
Change	0			0							0		
Proposed	2,000			2,000							2,000		
<b>State Bond - TCIF (Proposed program amendment)</b>													
Existing	0			0					0				0
Change	20,021			20,021					16,510				3,511
Proposed	<b>20,021</b>			<b>20,021</b>					<b>16,510</b>				<b>3,511</b>
<b>Total</b>													
Existing	2,800			2,800				700	0		2,000	100	0
Change	22,657			22,657				0	18,684		0	0	3,973
Proposed	<b>25,457</b>			<b>25,457</b>				<b>700</b>	<b>18,684</b>		<b>2,000</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>3,973</b>