State of California
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Business, Transportation and Housing Agency

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

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Action Item

PASSED BY CTC JAN 10 2008 CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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Subject: **ALLOCATION FOR SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS FOR PREVIOUSLY VOTED PROJECTS RESOLUTION FA-07-06**

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve Resolution FA-07-06, allocating an additional $323,000 for one State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) project identified below.

ISSUE:

Additional funds are needed for previously approved project in order to complete construction and close out the project.

RESOLUTION:

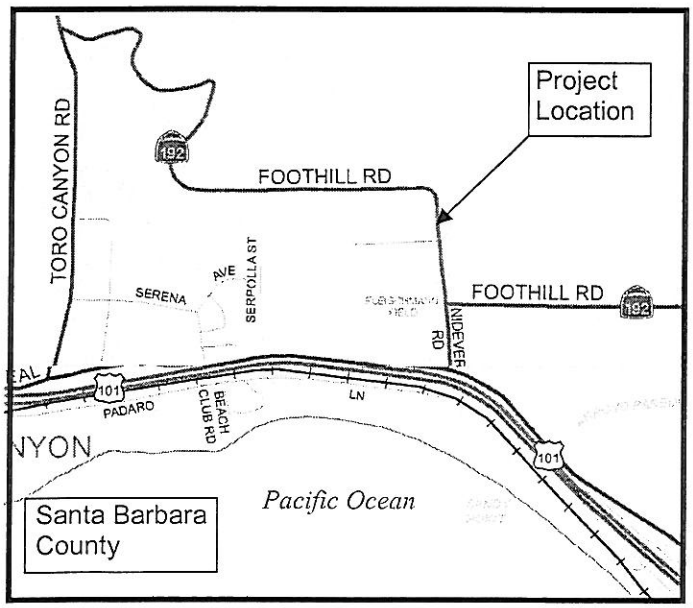
Resolved, that $323,000 be allocated from the Budget Act of 2006, Budget Act Items 2660-302-0042 and 2660-302-0890 to provide additional funds for the project identified below.

Project	Dist-Co-Rte	Original Vote Amount	Original Award Amount	Current Allocation	Allocation Adjustment	Revised Allocation	% Increase Above Current Allocation
1	05-SB-192	$694,000	$706,500	$821,500	$323,000	$1,144,500	39.3%

Project # Allocation Amount Recipient County Dist-Co-Rte Postmile	Location Project Description Reason for Supplemental Funds	EA PPNO Budget Year Prgm Codes Program	State Federal Current Budget Amount	State Federal Additional Allocation	State Federal Revised Total Amount
2.5e. Supplemental Funds for Previously Voted Projects					**Resolution FA-07-06**
1 $323,000 Department of Transportation Santa Barbara 05U-SB-192 13.7	Near Carpenteria, at 0.6 miles south of Toro Canyon Road. Repair roadway embankment Supplemental funds are needed to complete construction and close out the project.	0M8701 05-1888 2005-06 302-0042 302-0890 20.20.201.130 SHOPP	$81,000 $625,500	- -	$81,000 $625,500
		0M8701 05-1888 2006-07 302-0042 302-0890 20.20.201.130 SHOPP	$13,200 $101,800	$37,000 $286,000	$50,200 $387,800
			$821,500	$323,000	$1,144,500
	($72,500 from remaining G-12 capacity)				

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department recommends that this request for $323,000 be approved to allow the Department to complete construction and close out the project.



PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The project is located in Santa Barbara County, on Route 192 near Summerland, south of Toro Canyon Road. The project is to repair a roadway embankment damaged due to a storm in January 2005.

FUNDING STATUS:

This SHOPP project was voted in April 2006 for $694,000, and the contract was awarded in July 2006 for $706,500 using supplemental G-12 funds. Additional G-12 funds in the amount of $115,000 were approved on September 10, 2007 for this project. Construction is approximately 80 percent complete. The repair work was delayed due to utility conflicts and is currently suspended because project funds have been exhausted. An additional $323,000 in supplemental funds is needed to complete the ongoing construction contract and close out the project and results in an overall increase of 39.3 percent over the current allocation.

REASONS FOR COST INCREASE:

Work on this project consists of closing the road, establishing a detour, excavating and removing the roadway, and constructing a large retaining wall. Funds were allocated in April 2006, and work began to relocate and clear utilities prior to the July 2006 award. After the contractor mobilized equipment and began work, a utility conflict was identified and a necessary utility easement from a property owner adjacent to the proposed wall was required. Accordingly, the work was suspended with no construction activities accomplished. The project was suspended over 10 months. Because of the time in securing the utility easement, a decision was made by the Department to start building as much of the retaining wall as possible to minimize additional roadway embankment damage in the forthcoming rainy season, and to meet the construction window required by the resource agency permit for an adjacent creek. The contractor was given a 'Notice to Proceed' and work started, including complete closure of the roadway on July 24, 2007. Construction of the retaining wall was required to be done in two stages because of the utility conflict.

The increase in the cost of the project can be attributed to the utility relocation delay and the unplanned staged construction. The acceleration of the retaining wall work to finish prior to the rainy season also resulted in further cost increases due to longer working shifts. Moreover, additional costs were associated with using imported material to backfill the retaining wall after it was determined that the native material was unsuitable.

Currently, the construction of the retaining wall has been completed; however, the roadway pavement section, guard rail and wall cable railing remain to be constructed. Erosion control is in place, but the roadway remains closed to traffic. The additional $323,000 in supplemental funds is needed to complete the remaining items of work and close out the ongoing construction contract.

FUNDING OPTIONS:

OPTION A: Approve this request for supplemental funds, as presented above, for $323,000 to complete construction and close out the project.

OPTION B: Deny this request, direct the Department to execute another project to complete the work. The Department has considered this option and determined that executing another project to perform the remaining work at a later date would result in greater costs and more disruption to the traveling public.

RECOMMENDED OPTION:

The Department recommends that this request of $323,000, as presented in Option A above, be approved to allow the Department to complete construction and close out the project.