



Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission's
Interagency Technical Advisory Committee (ITAC)

AGENDA

Note Early Start Time:
Thursday, June 17, 2010
1:00 p.m.

SCCRTC Conference Room
1523 Pacific Ave.
Santa Cruz, CA

1. Call to Order
2. Introductions
3. Oral communications

The Committee will receive oral communications during this time on items not on today's agenda. Presentations must be within the jurisdiction of the Committee, and may be limited in time at the discretion of the Chair. Committee members will not take action or respond immediately to any Oral Communications presented, but may choose to follow up at a later time, either individually, or on a subsequent Committee agenda.

4. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas

CONSENT AGENDA

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5. Approve Minutes of the March 18, 2010 ITAC meeting - page 1
6. Receive Highlights of the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) Meetings - page 4

REGULAR AGENDA

7. Status of ongoing transportation projects, programs, studies and planning documents - Verbal updates from project sponsors

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NEXT MEETING: The next ITAC meeting is scheduled for **August 19, 2010** at **1:00 PM** in the SCCRTC Conference Room, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA.

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Interagency Technical Advisory Committee (ITAC)

DRAFT MINUTES

Thursday, March 18, 2010
1:00 p.m.

SCCRTC Conference Room
1523 Pacific Ave, Santa Cruz, CA

ITAC MEMBERS PRESENT

Angela Aitken, SCMTD
Teresa Buika, UCSC
Jennifer Calate, Caltrans District 5
Russell Chen, County Public Works and Planning Proxy
Sandra Coley, PVTMA
Mark Dettle, City of Santa Cruz Planning Proxy
Steve Jesberg, City of Capitola Public Works and Planning Proxy
David Koch, City of Watsonville Public Works
Maria Esther Rodriguez, City of Watsonville Planning Proxy
Chris Schneider, City of Santa Cruz Public Works

STAFF PRESENT

Grace Blakeslee
Rachel Moriconi
Kim Shultz

OTHERS PRESENT

Tove Beatty, SCMTD
Donn Miyahara, Caltrans District 5
Jim Robins, Integrated Watershed Restoration Program
(IWRP)/ Regional Conservation District (RCD)
Karen Christensen, IWRP/RCD
Nancy Siepel, Caltrans District 5 Environmental

1. Call to Order – Chair Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.
2. Introductions – Self introductions were made.
3. Oral communications – None
4. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas – None

CONSENT AGENDA (Koch/Buika) approved unanimously

5. Approved minutes of the January 21, 2010 meeting
6. Received Highlights of RTC meetings

REGULAR AGENDA

7. Status of ongoing transportation projects, programs, studies and planning documents

Project sponsors gave updates on their projects.

UCSC - Teresa Buika reported that the contract for a signal at the West Entrance has been awarded and that bids came in \$100,000 under the \$330,000 engineer's estimate. Construction is scheduled to start mid-June.

City of Scotts Valley – Majid Yamin reported that their ARRA paving project on Whispering Pines had been awarded the first week in March. Bids came in higher than for their last ARRA project on Blue Bonnet. He noted that construction of the Bean Creek Road sidewalk and bicycle project is temporarily on hold.

City of Capitola - Steve Jesberg reported that bids were being opened for the RSTP-funded Capitola Road Traffic Calming project, scheduled for construction this summer.

Caltrans – Jennifer Calate reported that the contract for the Highway 1/17 Landscaping project had been awarded, with construction scheduled to begin in April. She also announced that Caltrans is hosting a meeting in interregional Blueprints and that planning grant applications are due April 1, 2010.

County of Santa Cruz – Russell Chen reported that construction of the East Cliff Bluff Stabilization project is scheduled for completion in June. Work on McGregor could affect travel between Park Ave and State Park Drive. The County is also planning to repair storm damage in the Lompico area, E. Zayante, and construct the Swanton Road-Scott Creek bridge emergency project.

SCMTD - Angela Aitken reported that SCMTD is applying for several grants for operations in order to fill some of the budget deficits anticipated for FY10/11. SCMTD does not anticipate new capital projects for two years. SCMTD is working with SamTrans (San Mateo) on its farebox project.

PVTMA - Sandra Coley reported that the PVTMA is partnering with Ecology Action on several projects. PVTMA will be at the April 25, 2010 Watsonville Day of the Child event and asked ITAC members to provide her with any materials they would like distributed at the event.

City of Santa Cruz – Mark Dettle reported that the Highway 1 Bicycle/Pedestrian Underpass at San Lorenzo River is scheduled to be open in May. Bids for ARRA-funded road repairs on Pacific Ave., 2nd and 3rd Street came in 40% under the engineer's estimate. Construction is scheduled to begin at the end of April and take 45 days. He reported that the Coastal Commission has not yet approved the Broadway-Brommer Bicycle/Pedestrian path.

Watsonville – Maria Rodriguez reported that the ARRA-funded Green Valley Road Rehab is scheduled to go out to bid soon. The Freedom Boulevard Rehab project is still under design.

8. Draft 2010 Regional Transportation Plan

Rachel Moriconi provided a summary of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). She

requested that ITAC members review and provide comments on the document by April 19, 2010. She highlighted sections of the document which project sponsors may be most interested in.

9. Early Mitigation Planning for Transportation Projects

Kim Shultz provided an overview of early mitigation planning process and opportunities, highlighting that the Elkhorn Slough mitigation project has set a new precedent for how multiple transportation projects could be mitigated. Karen Christensen and Jim Robins from the Integrated Watershed Restoration Program (IWRP)/ Regional Conservation District (RCD) and Nancy Siepel from Caltrans District 5 Environmental branch provided information on how early mitigation planning could be used to mitigate transportation projects. It includes a development of a Memorandum of Understanding and identification of mitigation sites. The agreement used for Elkhorn Slough was developed over 18 months by an expansive technical advisory committee which included state and federal resource agencies. Early mitigation planning allows mitigations to be more ecologically based, thereby maximizing benefits to water quality, air, watersheds, plant life, etc, rather than piecemeal by individual projects.

ITAC members expressed support for developing an early mitigation plan for Santa Cruz County. Until an agreement is established for the region, Ms. Christensen encouraged project sponsors to contact RCD if they have a project requiring mitigation.

10. Legislative Update

Rachel Moriconi provided a summary of the State "Gas Tax Swap" and reported that the Federal Jobs Bill no longer includes funds for transportation. Grace Blakeslee reported that RTC-sponsored Senate Bill 1418 related to motorist aid programs is moving forward.

NEXT MEETING: ITAC members requested that ITAC meetings begin at 1:00p.m. rather than 1:30 p.m. The next ITAC meeting is scheduled for **June 17, 2010** at 1:00 PM in the RTC's Conference Room.

Minutes Prepared by: Rachel Moriconi, SCCRTC

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**Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC)
June 3, 2010 Meeting Highlights**

Sidewalk Safety and Accessibility report received:

The RTC received a report from the Pedestrian Safety Work Group, a subcommittee of the RTC's Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee, on local jurisdiction and property owner responsibilities and practices regarding sidewalk maintenance. The report focused on sidewalks as part of the overall transportation system from the perspective of seniors and people with disabilities. Key findings include the importance of public education and outreach about homeowner responsibilities to keep sidewalks adjacent to their properties in compliance with American with Disabilities Act requirements, and processes for local jurisdiction oversight, tracking and monitoring.

Transportation Development Act (TDA) funding for senior/disabled transportation programs approved:

The RTC approved \$51,754 in TDA funds for the Volunteer Center and \$488,721 in TDA funds for Community Bridges for safety net transportation services primarily to low income seniors and people with disabilities. The Volunteer Center's transportation program provided about 5,520 rides to 233 clients in FY 08-09 by 76 volunteer drivers. The TDA allocation will fund mileage reimbursement, insurance and administrative costs. Community Bridges, as the designated Consolidated Transportation Services Agency for Santa Cruz County, is responsible to ensure that specialized transportation services for seniors and people with disabilities are coordinated in a cost effective manner. Community Bridges provides medical transportation services, transportation to five senior meal sites, out of county transportation (formerly provided by the Red Cross) and rides for dialysis patients, in addition to administering the Taxi Scrip program.

Commute Solutions events/ incentive programs announced:

The RTC's Commute Solutions program announced its new Cash for Carpools Program which provides a \$25 gas card to commuters who form new carpools. Commute Solutions is also partnering with the Santa Cruz Metro Transit District on a "Dump the Pump" promotion on June 17th that encourages individuals to ride the bus instead of driving alone. Commute Solutions is hosting a Webinar for employers to be held June 24th from 10:15am-1pm at the RTC conference room titled "Boosting Morale, Performance and Savings via Compressed Work Weeks". Information and RSVP is available at 831 460 3200.

Public Hearing on 2010 Unmet Specialized Transportation Needs held:

The RTC held a public hearing to solicit input on unmet specialized transportation and transit needs in the region. The Unmet Needs list will be used to assess and prioritize projects and programs as funding becomes available.



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Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) May 6, 2010 Meeting Highlights

Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line purchase unanimously approved: After more than nine years of negotiations and assessments of the property's condition, the RTC unanimously agreed to purchase the 32-mile Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line from Union Pacific for a negotiated price of \$14.2 million with a commitment to invest \$5 million for improvements. In addition, the project was supported by unanimous votes of the Capitola and Watsonville City Councils, as well as extensive support from the public and local business. Next steps for the RTC include finalization of the Purchase and Sale Agreement between the RTC and Union Pacific, completing the agreement with the short line operator Sierra Northern, entering into a funding agreement with the state, establishing an escrow account and filing necessary documents with the Federal Surface Transportation Board. Funding designated for the project is \$10.2 million in Proposition 116 funds approved by the voters solely for rail purposes in 1990 and \$10 million of the region's share of State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funds which the State has not made available for local road maintenance purposes in recent years.

Transportation Development Act (TDA) funding for bicycle and pedestrian safety programs approved: The RTC approved \$43,777 in TDA funds for the Community Traffic Safety Coalition (CTSC) and \$42,287 in TDA funds for the Ride 'n' Stride Bicycle and Pedestrian School Education Program. The CTSC is a community based coalition that brings various agencies together to address bicycle and pedestrian safety issues. The Ride 'n' Stride Program is an elementary school-based bike and pedestrian education program. In addition, the RTC approved \$34,427 in TDA funds for the Bike to Work Program which has been sponsoring events and providing incentives to increase bicycle use for 23 years.

Preliminary Recommendations for the final 2010 Regional Transportation Plan approved: The RTC approved updates to policies and project lists for the final *2010 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)* as well as an expansion of the chapter on greenhouse gas emissions. The *2010 Regional Transportation Plan* is a minor update to the 2005 RTP with a more extensive update planned for 2012. The RTC is scheduled to adopt the final 2010 RTP at its June 3rd meeting.

2010 Regional Transportation Improvement Program amended: The RTC approved updates to the *2010 Regional Transportation Improvement Program* as requested by project sponsors. These updates include combining road improvement projects to more effectively use funding, postponing a request for additional funding for the Soquel Morrissey Auxiliary Lanes project and shifting previously programmed funding for the rail line acquisition from Right of Way to engineering and construction.

Transportation Development Act (TDA) funding for Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (SCMTD) approved and annual report received: The RTC approved \$4,974,478 in TDA funding to the SCMTD, consistent with RTC Rules and regulations and the FY 10-11 RTC budget. These funds can be used for either operations or capital projects. The SCMTD annual report showed increased ridership but declining sales-tax revenues.

Joint Request for Proposals for SAFE Call Box Answering Service released: The RTC approved the release of a joint Request for Proposals- between the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, the Transportation Agency for Monterey County and the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments - to procure a call box call answering service for the Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies (SAFE) .

TO: Interagency Technical Advisory Committee (ITAC)
FROM: Rachel Moriconi, Senior Transportation Planner
RE: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Delivery and Cost Savings

RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the Interagency Technical Advisory Committee (ITAC) review the status of projects approved to receive American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds (Attachment 1) and determine if any funds need to be shifted to backup projects.

BACKGROUND

The RTC was responsible for selecting projects to receive funds from the “highway” portion of the federal economic stimulus bill - the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). At its February 5, 2009 and June 4, 2009 meetings the RTC selected projects to receive \$12.1 million in ARRA funds. Based on cost savings, some funds have been shifted between projects. The current list of projects programmed to receive ARRA funds, including approved amendments, is shown in Attachment 1.

DISCUSSION

Federal and state deadlines have been established for the use of ARRA funds. If those deadlines are missed, funds will be lost to the region and the state. Project sponsors have experienced cost savings on many projects over the past year, due to bids coming in below engineers estimates. September 30, 2010 is the final deadline for states to reobligate cost savings from ARRA road projects. After September 30, 2010 deobligated funds will no longer be available to the state. In order to allow enough time to deobligate any cost savings from one project and reobligate those savings to other projects, **Caltrans is requiring project sponsors to submit requests for authorization (RFA) for any Recovery Act cost savings to their District Local Assistance Engineer by July 1, 2010.** After August 1, 2010 local projects sponsors will not be allowed to shift cost savings between projects.

Staff recommends that the Interagency Technical Advisory Committee (ITAC) review the status of ARRA projects (Attachment 1) and determine if any funds need to be shifted to backup projects.

SUMMARY

Federal economic stimulus (ARRA) funds are subject to extremely strict deadlines. In order to ensure no funds a lost to Santa Cruz County or the state, project sponsors must request to shift any real or potential project cost savings to other projects by July 1, 2010.

Attachments: Approved ARRA Projects

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LOCAL RECOVERY ACT PROJECT CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AWARD STATUS

PROJ NO	AGENCY	DESCRIPTION	CONST AUTH DATE	Initial ARRA Amount	ARRA Modification	Current ARRA Funds Amount	AWARD DATE PER AWARD PACKAGE	LIKELY ARRA SAVING? (Y/N)	SAVING DEOBLIGATED?
5304(007)	Capitola	41ST AVE FROM CLARES TO CAPITOLA AVE, ROAD REHABILITATION	04/30/09	230,000	0	230,000	07/09/09	N	na
5025(045)	Santa Cruz	MORRISSEY BLVD, ROADWAY REPAIR	04/30/09	451,000	-62,318	388,682	07/06/09	Y	in process
5025(046)	Santa Cruz	IN THE CITY OF SANTA CRUZ ON MARKET STEET, ROAD REPAIR	04/30/09	343,000	-70,789	272,211	07/06/09	Y	in process
5025(047)	Santa Cruz	WEST CLIFF DR IN THE CITY OF SANTA CRUZ, ROADWAY REPAIR	04/30/09	556,000	133,107	689,107	07/06/09	N	na
5025(049)	Santa Cruz	IN CITY OF SANTA CRUZ: PACIFIC, 2ND & 3RD, ROADWAY PRESERVATION	12/22/09	1,050,000	0	1,050,000	March 10	TBD	
5025(050)	Santa Cruz	ON PACIFIC AV(CENTER ST-W. CLIFF), CONSTRUCT ROUNDABOUT & PAVE REHAB	01/14/10	1,000,000	0	1,000,000	Est. mid-July	Maybe	not yet
5936(076)	Santa Cruz County	VARIOUS ROADWAY WITH IN THE COUNTY OF SCR, ROAD PRESERVATION AND REHAB	04/30/09	2,433,875	-300,943	2,132,932	06/23/09	Y	in process
5936(081)	Santa Cruz County	VARIOUS ROADS (SEE COMMENTS), ROADWAY PRESERVATION	12/17/09	1,738,000	807,068	2,545,068	Est. 6/15/10	N	na - Bids=\$3.5M
6149(062)	Santa Cruz County	FREEWAY SERVICE PATROL ALONG SR 1&17, FREEWAY SERVICE PATROL	07/10/09	180,000	0	180,000	05/07/09	N	na
5400(014)	Scotts Valley	VARIOUS ROADS, ROAD PRESERVATION	12/22/09	115,000	0	115,000	03/03/10	N	na
5400(015)	Scotts Valley	BEAN CREEK ROAD: SCOTTS VALLEY DR.- BLUEBONNET, ROAD REHABILITATION	08/06/09	275,000	-115,000	160,000	09/16/09	N	done
5031(018)	Watsonville	VARIOUS FED-AID ROUTES, ROAD REPAIR	05/01/09	1,200,000	0	1,200,000	06/23/09	N	na
5031(019)	Watsonville	GREEN VALLEY ROAD IN THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE, ROADWAY PRESERVATION & PED/BIK	01/14/10	2,000,240	0	2,000,240		TBD	

TO: Interagency Technical Advisory Committee
FROM: Rachel Moriconi, Senior Transportation Planner
REGARDING: Update on SB 375 and Blueprint Planning Activities

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Interagency Technical Advisory Committee (ITAC) receive updates on planning activities related to SB375 and Blueprint Planning.

BACKGROUND

As discussed at prior meetings, there are several planning efforts underway that address transportation, land use, and global warming. The California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (AB 32) requires the state to reduce carbon emissions to 1990 levels by the year 2020. The transportation sector is the single largest source of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in California (approximately 40% statewide according to ARB). Approximately 75% of those emissions are from passenger vehicles. While ARB estimates that new vehicle technology and low carbon fuel standards will result in significant reductions in GHG, vehicle use (vehicle miles traveled) is another important factor in GHG emissions from transportation. If current trends continue, ARB estimates that by 2040 the number of vehicle miles traveled (VMT) will more than double. Senate Bill 375 (Steinberg) focuses on reducing greenhouse gas emissions from automobiles and light trucks through coordinated land use and transportation planning.

DISCUSSION

SB 375

Under SB375, the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) is required to include a Sustainable Communities Strategy in any Regional Transportation Plan adopted after October 1, 2010. The Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) sets forth a vision for growth for the region taking in to account the transportation, housing, environmental, and economic needs of the region. The Sustainable Communities Strategy must be consistent with adopted General Plans. Projects programmed for funding after 2011 and included in the Regional Transportation Plan will be required to be consistent with the SCS.

As required by SB375, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) has been working with regions to develop greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions targets, scheduled to be finalized this fall. Regions will be required to evaluate if they are able to achieve those targets through the SCS. If that is not possible the region would be required to develop an Alternative Planning Strategy (APS), separate from the RTP.

Blueprint Plan

As part of development of the SB375-mandated SCS, the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) has been developing a Regional Blueprint Plan for the Monterey, Santa Cruz, and San Benito tri-county region. The Blueprint Plan will identify a non-binding preferred land use pattern that would lower projected Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT), greenhouse gasses (GHG) and particulate emissions through more coordinated land use and transportation planning. Blueprint plans typically incorporate assumptions regarding priorities, density, environmental constraints, economic growth, and the transportation system.

AMBAG has been meeting with planning agencies to evaluate alternative growth scenarios for the Monterey Bay region. Over the past two months, AMBAG has hosted workshops throughout the tri-county region to receive input from members of the public. Linda Meckel from AMBAG will provide an update on the Blueprint Planning process at this meeting.

SUMMARY

AMBAG is in the process of developing a Regional Blueprint Plan for the Monterey Bay Area.

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TO: Interagency Technical Advisory Committee (ITAC)

FROM: Rachel Moriconi, Senior Transportation Planner

RE: Criteria Used for Prioritizing Projects

RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the Interagency Technical Advisory Committee (ITAC):

1. Share information on criteria used by your agency to prioritize different types of transportation projects.
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BACKGROUND

Through development of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), project sponsors identified nearly 500 projects totaling \$4.5 billion to address transportation needs over the next twenty-five years. Since transportation funding rarely keeps pace with transportation needs, project sponsors and funding agencies are continually confronted with the challenge of limiting the number of projects that move forward.

DISCUSSION

There are many ways to evaluate identified needs and determine what should be prioritized. As funding opportunities arise, whether through an agency's annual budget, capital improvement program, or grant application processes, project sponsors must determine what projects to put forward and dedicate staff and other resources towards. Different criteria may be used for different types of projects or goals and criteria may include project benefits, as well as potential issues associated with a project (such as environmental impacts – including impacts on air quality/greenhouse gas emissions; safety; ongoing maintenance cost of new or expanded facilities). To address congestion – projects may be evaluated based on their ability to reduce delay, reduce the number of vehicle miles traveled (increased bus service, compact development, telecommuting, ridesharing, etc). To prioritize maintenance some entities look at the number of people using a facility, the cost of minor repairs to extend the useful life of a facility as compared to replacement or major rehabilitation costs, or other factors. Prioritization of pedestrian projects may be based on measures such as proximity to schools, senior housing or bus routes. Transit and paratransit projects may be based on increasing riders and farebox recovery ratios, reducing travel times, and other measures.

Staff recommends that the Interagency Technical Advisory Committee (ITAC) members **share information on criteria used by your agencies to prioritize different types of transportation projects in light of limited funds available. What criteria does your agency use to evaluate and prioritize projects and ensure that limited funds are used efficiently? What criteria are most**

important for prioritizing different types of transportation projects (bike, pedestrian, transit, road repair, safety, congestion relief, etc)?

Over the next few months, the Bicycle Committee and Elderly/Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee (E&DTAC) Pedestrian Work Group will be identifying their priorities for bicycle and pedestrian projects. Annually the E&D TAC develops a list of unmet transit and paratransit needs. Staff would like to share information on criteria used by project sponsors with the committees.

SUMMARY

Transportation funding is regularly insufficient to fund projects as needed. As such, project sponsors continually must prioritize certain projects. Staff recommends that the ITAC share information on criteria they use to prioritize projects

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AGENDA: June 17, 2010

TO: Interagency Technical Advisory Committee (ITAC)
FROM: Rachel Moriconi, Senior Transportation Planner
RE: 2010 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) Update

RECOMMENDATION

This item is for information only.

BACKGROUND

The Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC), as the state-designated Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) for Santa Cruz County, is responsible for selecting projects to receive a variety of state and federal funds. The *Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP)* for Santa Cruz County is a list of projects which have been selected by the RTC to receive funds over the next five years. The RTIP is typically adopted every two years. Interim amendments are made as needed.

The RTIP serves two primary purposes: 1) as a tool to assist in monitoring the delivery of state and federally-funded projects; and 2) the RTC's proposal to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) for the region's share of funds from the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The CTC makes the final determination on which projects are programmed to receive STIP funds, what year they are programmed, and when to release (allocate) funds to individual projects.

At its January 14, 2010 meeting, the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) adopted the *2010 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP)* and proposed projects to receive \$3,969,000 of the region's share of STIP funds. At its May 6, 2010 meeting, the RTC amended the RTIP based on preliminary recommendations from CTC staff for STIP funds, as well as changes to non-STIP projects as requested by project sponsors.

DISCUSSION

On May 20, 2010 the California Transportation Commission (CTC) adopted the 2010 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). While the CTC approved many of the RTC's funding and project amendment requests, the CTC only approved \$2,469,000 in additional STIP funds for the region.

Funding Requests Rejected by the CTC:

1. Highway 1 HOV Lanes – The CTC rejected the RTC's request for an additional \$1,450,000 needed to complete the final Environmental Impact Report.

2. Highway 1 Soquel- Morrissey Auxiliary Lanes Project – CTC rejected request for additional \$400,000 for the environmental review phase. An additional \$100,000 is also needed for design if the RTC decides to take the lead on the construction phase of the project.
3. Wilder Ranch Bike/Ped Path Phase 2 (CO 16B): CTC deprogrammed this project (\$600,000 STIP TE) from the STIP because it is not fully funded. However, as noted below, the CTC allowed funds to be shifted to a different project (Calabasas) that could be fully funded.

STIP Funding Requests Approved by the CTC:

1. Broadway-Brommer Multiuse Path (SC 07): Additional \$1,094,000 in STIP TE programmed, as requested by RTC and the City of Santa Cruz.
2. \$500,000 shifted from Bus Trip Planner (MTD 15) to Bus Stop Improvements (MTD 19), as requested by Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (SCMTD).
3. Planning, Programming, and Monitoring: Additional \$925,000 programmed to address state and federal mandates through FY14/15.
4. Calabasas Road Bike/Ped/Rehab project (CO 17B): Shifted \$600,000 in STIP TE funds from the Wilder Ranch Path Phase 2 to the Calabasas Road Bicycle/Pedestrian project; plus \$450,000 Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) previously programmed to this project was changed to STIP TE, for a total of \$1.05 million in STIP TE (this is the amount of the project cost that is TE-eligible). Swapping \$450,000 in RSTP for STIP TE frees up some RSTP funds for other projects, such as supplemental funding needs for the Soquel-Morrissey Auxiliary Lanes and Highway 1 HOV Lanes projects which were not approved by the CTC.

The CTC approved delays to several other projects carried over from the 2008 STIP, as requested by the RTC and project sponsors based on current project schedules. The approved 2010 STIP for Santa Cruz County is attached ([Attachment 1](#)). Regardless of when and if projects are included in the STIP, the actual availability of STIP funds is subject to annual State Budget decisions. It remains unclear how the recent State Budget “gas tax swap”, which changes how the STIP is funded, could impact the CTC’s ability to allocate funds to projects in the years they are programmed.

SUMMARY

On January 14, 2010, the RTC adopted the 2010 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP), which included its proposal for Santa Cruz County’s share of State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funds to the California Transportation Commission (CTC). On May 20, 2010 the CTC adopted the 2010 STIP.

Attachment 1: Approved 2010 STIP Project List for Santa Cruz County

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SUMMARY OF APPROVED 2010 STIP COUNTY SHARE

(\$1,000's)

Santa Cruz																					
										10/11-14/15						Project Totals by Component					
Agency	Rte	PPNO	Project	Total	10-11	11-12	12-13	13-14	14-15	R/W	Const	E & P	PS&E	R/W Sup	Con Sup						
2010 STIP PROGRAMMING																					
Highway Projects:																					
Santa Cruz Co	loc	930	Graham Hill Rd improvements	2,671	2,671	0	0	0	0	0	2,671	0	0	0	0						
Watsonville	loc	413	Hwy 1 Harkins Slough Rd interchange	7,340	0	462	0	0	6,878	462	6,878	0	0	0	0						
Caltrans	1	6500	Auxiliary lanes, Morrissey Bl to Soquel Dr (CMIA)	2,150	2,150	0	0	0	0	71	0	0	0	41	2,150						
SCCRTC		921	Planning, programming, and monitoring(08S-32)	1,075	300	300	175	150	150	0	1,075	0	0	0	0						
Subtotal Highway Projects				13,236	5,121	762	175	150	7,028												
Rail and Transit Projects:																					
SCCRTC	rail	932	Santa Cruz Branch Rail R/W & improvements (P116)	10,000	10,000	0	0	0	0	4,300	5,350	0	350	0	0						
SC MTD	bus	2284	Bus stop improvements	500	500	0	0	0	0	0	500	0	0	0	0						
Subtotal Transit Projects				10,500	10,500	0	0	0	0												
Transportation Enhancement (TE) Projects:																					
SCCRTC	te	1872	Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network (08S-20)	1,845	0	40	1,805	0	0	0	1,805	0	40	0	0						
SCCRTC	te	1968	Rt 1 Mar Vista bike/ped overcrossing (08S-19)	6,564	0	0	1,190	5,374	0	526	5,374	0	664	0	0						
Santa Cruz Co	te	2304	Calabasas Road Bike Lanes and Sidewalks	NEW 1,050	0	1,050	0	0	0	0	1,050	0	0	0	0						
Santa Cruz	te	1822	Broadway-Brommer St bike/ped path (08S-32)	2,430		2,430	0	0	0	0	2,430	0	0	0	0						
Subtotal TE Projects				11,889	0	3,520	2,995	5,374	0												
Total 2010 STIP Programming				35,625	15,621	4,282	3,170	5,524	7,028												

Requested Funds Not Included in the 2010 STIP

SCCRTC	loc	73	Hwy 1 HOV lanes, Morrissey Blvd to San Andreas Rd (supplemental)	1,450	1,450	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,450	0	0	0
SCCRTC	loc	6500	Aux lanes, Morrissey Bl to Soquel Dr (CMIA)(supplemental)	500	500	0	0	0	0	0	0	400	100	0	0

Deleted Projects (previously included in the 2008 STIP)

SC MTD	bus	1861	Transit trip planner (08S-21)	DELETE -500	-500	0	0	0	0	0	-500	0	0	0	0
Santa Cruz Co	te	1821	Wilder Ranch bikeway, Wilder Ranch SP-Laguna Rd(08S-32)	DELETE -600	-600	0	0	0	0	0	-600	0	0	0	0

TO: Interagency Technical Advisory Committee
FROM: Cory Caletti and Ginger Dykaar, Transportation Planners
RE: 2010 Draft Santa Cruz County Bikeways Map – Review and Provide Input

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Interagency Technical Advisory Committee provide input on the countywide bikeways map update after reviewing the following staff report and the draft of the 2010 Santa Cruz County Bikeway map which will be available at the June Committee meeting.

BACKGROUND

The RTC produces a Santa Cruz County Bikeway Map which is provided to the community free of charge. The current Santa Cruz County Bikeways Map was published in 2007. Staff has been working on updating the map again this year with input from local jurisdictions and the technical aide of a cartography company. This draft version of the map includes updated bicycle paths, lanes, alternate routes and off-road facilities.

DISCUSSION

Once completed, the 2010 Santa Cruz County Bikeways map will again be 24"x36"which folds down to 4"x9". One side will include a view that encompasses all of Santa Cruz County, with detail of the San Lorenzo Valley. The other side will include detail of the area from the City of Santa Cruz to Aptos, as well as insets detailing the Cities of Scotts Valley and Watsonville. This detail includes locations of bike shops, transit centers, camping and other landmarks. Additionally, a Bicycle Resources section addresses safety practices and essential laws governing travel by bike. A list of local organizations and programs is also included.

Five types of bicycle facilities are shown on the map. A bicycle lane is a striped lane shown on major roads and streets, a bicycle path is a grade separated path and an alternate route is a route through areas where a bike lane or path may not exist. Unlike previous versions of the map, off-road multi-use roads and trails are also shown.

While this map update is fairly extensive, staff has been working over the past few years with local jurisdictions to fine tune the bikeway GIS data maintained at the RTC. This data has been incorporated into the draft that will be available at the June meeting for review by Committee members. Also included in the map is information provided after preliminary review by local jurisdiction representatives.

Staff requests that ITAC members, especially representatives from the Transit District, UCSC, and local jurisdictions, stay after the meeting to provide any final input on the map.

SUMMARY

Staff is in the process of updating the countywide bikeways map. Staff seeks comments from the Interagency Technical Advisory Committee on the draft version to be provided at the June meeting.