

**While the RTC indicated its intent to program certain fund amounts to each agency, programming to specific projects is subject to RTC evaluation and approval.**

Local jurisdictions and METRO have proposed to use their targeted shares of RSTPX funds on 17 projects (Attachment 2), which includes adding funds to several projects that were also approved for RTC-discretionary funds in past grant cycles. Some jurisdictions have proposed grouped projects (e.g. citywide pavement preservation), with exact locations to be specified via their capital improvement program in 2020. As discussed at the November 7, 2019 RTC meeting, the County of Santa Cruz has requested to program \$125,000 of its targeted share of RSTPX funds for the Davenport pedestrian crossing and **staff recommends that the RTC amend the Measure D 5-year plan for the Active Transportation/Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network (MBSST) to also commit \$125,000 in Measure D funds for construction of the Davenport pedestrian crosswalk on Highway 1**, which is part of the North Coast Rail Trail project.

Regional Funds for Regional Projects: STIP and HIP

Consistent with the RTC's action on September 5, 2019 and the CTC STIP Fund Estimate, which makes \$169,000 available for state and federally-mandated regional planning, programming and monitoring activities (PPM), **staff and RTC advisory committees recommend that the RTC program regional shares of State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), and federal Highway Infrastructure Program (HIP) funds to regional projects, as follows:**

Project	New Funds	Source
Hwy 1 41 <sup>st</sup> Ave/Soquel Ave Auxiliary Lanes, Bus on Shoulders, & Chanticleer Bike/Ped Bridge: Construction <i>(includes \$759k shifted from right-of-way)</i>	\$4,914,000 <u>\$1,639,608</u>	STIP HIP
Hwy 1 Bay/Porter to State Park Auxiliary Lanes & Bus on Shoulders: Design	\$1,639,608	HIP
Regional Planning, Programming, and Monitoring (PPM)	\$169,000	STIP (FY20/21-24/25)

*\*Table reflects new funds proposed for these projects; previously programmed funds are not shown in this table.*

Staff has determined that it would be in the best interest of RTC to program the maximum amount of STIP and HIP funds available to RTC on the first Aux Lane /Bus on Shoulders (BoS) project, 41<sup>st</sup> to Soquel. For this to happen, CTC will need to have enough Statewide capacity in the year RTC plans to go to construction (FY20/21 or FY 21/22). If CTC does not have enough capacity to program RTC's request, then CTC staff will contact RTC to provide other options for programming the funds, such as one of the subsequent Aux Lane/BoS project in a later year.

~~Staff has determined that it would be in the best interest of~~ will return to the Commission at a future meeting to discuss funding options for ~~RTC to program the full capacity of HIP funds on the design of Highway 1 Bay/Porter to State Park Aux Lane/BoS project. In order to program these federal and state funds, the CTC and Caltrans require the phase of the project proposed to use these funds to be fully funded. For the Hwy 1-41<sup>st</sup> Ave/Soquel Ave project, pre-construction phases are currently fully funded and the CTC will allow project sponsors to show that they will be seeking SB1 competitive grants, but if those grant funds are not secured, the RTC would need to cover the balance with Measure D or other funds, otherwise the CTC will deprogram the STIP funds. In addition to STIP and HIP funds, the RTC receives a formula share of Senate Bill Local Partnership Program (LPP). The RTC has indicated its intent and RTC staff and advisory committees recommend programming those funds to auxiliary lane/bus on shoulder projects on~~

**REVISED RECOMMENDATION: Program HIP funds to Hwy 1 41st Ave-Soquel Ave Auxiliary Lanes, Bus on Shoulders, and Chanticleer Bike/Ped Bridge (instead of Hwy 1 Bay/Porter-State Park)**

New Regional Funds for Regional Projects			Recommended New funds*				
RTIP #	Implementing Agency	Project Name	STIP**	HIP	Measure D	Description	Summary of Benefits
RTC 24f	SCCRTC/Caltrans	Hwy 1 41st Ave to Soquel Ave Auxiliary Lanes & Bus on Shoulders & Chanticleer Bike/Ped Bridge: Construction	\$4,914,000	\$1,639,608		Auxiliary lanes, modify shoulders for bus operations, and construct a bicycle/pedestrian overcrossing of Hwy 1 at Chanticleer Ave. <i>Includes \$759k STIP reprogrammed from ROW.</i>	Improve traffic flow and reduce delay for autos and buses, improve safety and improve bike/ped safety and access over highway.
RTC 24e	SCCRTC/Caltrans	Hwy 1 Bay/Porter to State Park Auxiliary Lanes & Bus on Shoulders		\$1,639,608		Auxiliary lanes, modify shoulders for bus operations. Design phase.	Improve traffic flow and reduce delay for autos and buses, improve bike access over highway on Capitola Ave.
RTC 04	SCCRTC	Planning, programming, and monitoring (PPM)	\$169,000			State and federally mandated planning (e.g. RTP), programming (TIP), assist project sponsors, monitor implementation and use of funds	Activities required to secure and maintain state and federal transportation funds for projects in Santa Cruz County.
TRL 5b	County/SCCRTC/CFL	MBSST North Coast - Davenport Crosswalk			\$125,000	Add \$125,000 Measure D-Trail funds for pedestrian crossing on Highway 1 in Davenport. \$125k county RSTPX also programmed.	Improve safety and access between coast and town

\*Table reflects NEW funds, they are in addition to funds the RTC previously programmed/approved.

\*\*If CTC is not able to program STIP funds for construction of 41st Ave-Soquel Ave Aux Lane/Bus on Shoulder in first few years of STIP, the RTC will request that the CTC program funds to other auxiliary lane projects in later years.

RTC will consider proposals for programming LPP-formula funds at a future meeting.

Acronyms:

- California Transportation Commission (CTC)
- Federal Highway Central Federal Lands (CFL)
- Highway Infrastructure Program (HIP)
- Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network (MBSST)
- Regional Surface Transportation Program Exchange (RSTPX)
- Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP)
- Right-of-way (ROW)
- Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (SCCRTC/RTC)
- State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)