



SACOG Board of Directors

December 7, 2006

State Transportation Improvement Program Augmentation and Other Programming

Issue: Given that the California Transportation Commission intends to program Proposition 1B bond funds for State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Augmentation in spring 2007, should SACOG take this opportunity to program any other funds at the same time?

Recommendation: The Transportation Committee recommends that the Board program one year's worth of federal funds (about \$40 million) that come to the region along with the region's share of the STIP Augmentation (about \$66 million) in spring 2007, with Board action at the March 2007 meeting.

Committee Action/Discussion: The California Transportation Commission on November 8 announced it intended to program \$2 billion in Proposition 1B bond funds designated for STIP Augmentation in June 2007, with project nominations due to the Commission from regions and Caltrans by April 2. This means the SACOG Board must adopt program recommendations at the March 15, 2007 meeting. Staff will be notifying local agencies about this round of programming early in December, and expects to begin discussing regional priorities among local agencies by mid-January. This will be a STIP programming round under the normal STIP rules: regions nominate projects against county shares for 75% of the funds available (Caltrans nominates for the remaining 25%); some funds are transit-only; Commission can accept or reject the region's nominations as a total package; and SACOG programs for Sacramento, Yolo, Sutter, and Yuba Counties while Placer County Transportation Planning Agency and El Dorado County Transportation Commission program separately for those counties.

Since 2002, SACOG has programmed federal funds assigned to the region concurrently with STIP programming, to provide more flexibility and room to fund larger projects. SACOG did this in December 2003 and again in January 2006, using federal funds apportioned for fiscal years 2003/04 through 2006/07, with the next program round due in fall 2007 for the 2008 STIP and federal funds for 2007/08 and 2008/09.

SACOG faces two opposing issues as it looks ahead to a spring 2007 round of programming:

- the need to program ahead by at least one year, preferably more, to allow for timely project delivery, and
- the intent to hold off programming until the next Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) has been adopted, to ensure that programming directly implements the new plan.

The Transportation Committee agreed with staff's recommendation to balance these two issues: programming the STIP Augmentation and one year (2007/08) of federal funds in March 2007, to get a good start on project delivery for 2007/08, and waiting to program the 2008 STIP and 2008/09 and 2009/10 federal funds until Fall 2007, to begin implementation of the new MTP. A summary of funding sources that would back new programming is shown on the attachment; the numbers have changed downward by about 5% since December 1, reflecting a revised fund estimate from the Commission.

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**PROGRAMMING FOR STIP AUGMENTATION
STATE BOND FUNDS + OTHER FUNDS**

Statewide Funding Available for STIP Augmentation

Proposition 1B state bond funds – road or transit projects	\$2,000,000,000
Unprogrammed 2006 STIP Public Transit Account funds – transit only	<u>630,000,000</u>

Total Statewide **\$2,630,000,000**

Sacramento Region – County Shares for Four Counties

	<i>Unprogrammed County Shares</i>	<i>New Programming Bond Funds</i>	<i>New Programming Transit-Only Funds</i>	<i>Total SIP Augmentation</i>
Sacramento	0	\$32,919,000	\$14,976,000	\$47,895,000
Yolo	0	5,699,000	2,911,000	8,610,000
Sutter	0	0	28,000	28,000
Yuba	\$6,496,000	2,359,000	1,047,000	9,902,000
Subtotal				\$66,435,000

SACOG Regional Funds – Federal Funds for 2007/08

CMAQ (Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality)	\$19,880,000
RSTP (Regional Surface Transportation Program)	<u>\$20,133,000</u>

Total Regional Programming for Spring 2007 **\$106,448,000**

Placer & El Dorado Counties – For Information Purposes

	<i>Unprogrammed County Shares</i>	<i>New Programming Bond Funds</i>	<i>New Programming Transit-Only Funds</i>	<i>Total SIP Augmentation</i>
Placer	0	0	0	0
El Dorado	\$640,000	\$4,792,000	\$2,125,000	\$7,557,000

	<i>CMAQ</i>	<i>RSTP</i>	<i>Total Federal Dollars</i>
Placer	\$3,651,000	\$3,109,000	\$6,760,000
El Dorado	\$1,676,000	\$1,608,000	\$3,284,000