



## SACOG Board of Directors

February 14, 2008

### Recommendations for the 2008 State Transportation Improvement Program and Other Programming

**Issue:** How should SACOG invest its share of the 2008 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and other regional federal funds, totaling almost \$120 million?

**Recommendation:** The Transportation Committee unanimously recommends that the Board do the following:

1. Adopt the list of projects in Attachment B recommended by staff for the 2008 STIP and other programming after conducting a public hearing;
2. Direct staff to submit the STIP projects to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) for inclusion in the 2008 STIP, and proceed to amend all the projects into the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) at the next opportunity (March-April 2008).

**Committee Action/Discussion:** At the January Board meeting, staff presented its preliminary 2008 programming recommendations, and the Board directed that the recommendations be released for a 30-day public review. That public review will end in February, and the Board holds a public hearing February 21, and then must adopt the program and send projects nominated for the 2008 STIP to CTC. The recommended 2008 programming comes to \$120 million—\$37 million for the STIP (state funds in 2013), \$41 million in Regional Surface Transportation Program funds (federal RSTP in 2009 and 2010), and \$42 million in Congestion Mitigation Air Quality funds (federal CMAQ in 2009 & 2010). The recommendations would fund various transportation projects consistent with Board policies and other state and federal regulations.

The attached list of recommended programming includes \$7.2 million for Air Quality projects and \$11.5 million for Bicycle & Pedestrian projects. SACOG has proposed to EDCTC and PCTPA that they fund proportional shares of the two air quality projects, because they share in the benefits; their decisions are still pending. Yolo County continues to seek full funding for its Road 29 bike lane project; SACOG has been able to recommend only partial funding from regional CMAQ funds

No public comment has been received to date on the recommendations. CTC sent notice on January 30 that, given the current state funding climate, it may have to delay some existing STIP projects to later years. SACOG has about \$41 million worth of projects left in the current STIP, and, depending on project delays in other regions, may see from \$8 million to \$20 million of projects, most probably transit projects, move back by one to three years. The CTC intends to discuss this issue further at its February 14 meeting in San Mateo. Recent Caltrans estimates on future CMAQ and RSTP (2008-09 and 2009-10) funds show as much as an \$8 million shortfall from the November 2007 estimates on which this program round is based. This probably means some projects intended for 2010 will end up programmed in 2011, but still can be advanced if additional funding comes via reauthorization or some other Congressional action.

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