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SUBJECT: U.S. 101 Corridor Update

MEETING DATE: February 2, 2017

AGENDA ITEM: 8

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RECOMMENDATION:

Receive an update on the progress of the Measure A program's U.S. 101 HOV project.

DISCUSSION:

SBCAG staff will update the committee on the progress made to complete the U.S. 101 HOV project, the region's highest priority transportation improvement. The presentation will focus on phases 3 and 4 of the four-phase project.

The Phase 3 Linden/Casitas Interchange project is a \$60 million improvement in Carpinteria that began construction in September 2016. The project will reconstruct the Linden Avenue and Casitas Pass Road bridges over U.S. 101, add new sidewalks and bike lanes in a number of locations, fills a frontage road gap by extending Via Real, provides sound walls and the necessary width on U.S. 101 to accommodate the future HOV lane expansion. The project will also reconstruct the U.S. 101 bridges over Carpinteria Creek to accommodate 6 lanes.

For Phase 4, Caltrans and SBCAG's consulting team are completing the 35% construction plans for the 10-mile Measure A HOV segment from Carpinteria to Santa Barbara. Through a cooperative agreement, Caltrans has focused efforts and completed 35% plans and estimates for the southern end of the corridor (Carpinteria to Summerland) and SBCAG has completed 35% plans and estimates for the northern end of the corridor (Summerland to Santa Barbara). The 35% milestone was established as significant "decision point" by SBCAG and Caltrans. Now that this milestone has been met, the project teams have advanced and refined the design and updated cost estimates. SBCAG and Caltrans are working closely with Tony Harris, the U.S. 101 HOV Corridor Advisor, to recommend a project implementation strategy and delivery plan to the SBCAG Board, anticipated to occur in March. In November 2016, a preview was provided at the SBCAG board that showed initiating construction work in the south end of the 101 corridor (within City of Carpinteria). The implementation strategy presented in March will outline an approach for delivery that considers the ability to maximize the leveraging of outside funding, minimize construction traffic impacts, and expedites the completion of the overall 10 mile project. It will also define the limits, sequencing, and delivery schedule for constructing the project, as it is planned to sequence the project into 4 to 5 segments for design/construction. Staff will also update the committee on the progress of the "related" projects including the Olive Mill and San Ysidro intersection improvements and the Cabrillo UPRR Railroad Bridge replacement.

COMMITTEE REVIEW: None.

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