

STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: Federal Transportation Improvement Program

MEETING DATE: March 20, 2008

AGENDA ITEM: 6A

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt FTIP amendment #17 to add funding for projects in the Proposition 1B Transit Capital Program for Fiscal Year 2008.

STAFF CONTACT: Sarkes Khachek

SUMMARY:

Caltrans has notified SBCAG that transit projects it nominated have been approved funding through the Proposition 1B Transit Capital Program. Due to the regional significance of these projects, SBCAG is required to amend them into the Federal Transportation Improvement Program—the document that the public and government agencies can review to understand how, where and when federal funding and state funding on regionally significant projects will be spent in Santa Barbara County.

DISCUSSION:

As the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for Santa Barbara County, SBCAG is responsible for preparing and adopting the Federal Transportation Improvement Program. The FTIP identifies all federally funded highway, transit and other surface transportation projects in the county, along with their federal funding sources, that are scheduled for implementation in the next six years.

The FTIP serves as the sole reference document that the federal government, Caltrans and the public can review to understand where, when and how federal transportation funds are being spent in Santa Barbara County, including those that SBCAG does and does not have programming discretion over. The FTIP requires periodic amending following its biennial adoption to reflect changes such as project additions, deletions, scope revisions and securing of additional federal funds by SBCAG and other agencies. The federal government requires that significant changes to the cost, scope or schedule of a project be approved through a formal amendment to the FTIP voted on by the SBCAG Board.

Proposition 1B Transit Capital Program

The Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006, approved by the voters as Proposition 1B on November 7, 2006, includes a program funded with \$3.6 billion for allocation to eligible transit capital projects. This program is known as the

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Public Transportation Modernization, Improvement, and Service Enhancement Account (PTMISEA).

The Santa Barbara County region will receive approximately \$4.3 million in transit capital funding for Fiscal Year 2007/08 from the PTMISEA program. Of this, \$3.4 million is available for projects selected by SBCAG and \$920,000 for projects selected by transit operators. This is a new source of funding that can be expended on the purchase of buses, vans and development and construction of transit centers. The allocations, as required by Prop 1B, are based on the farebox revenue and population formulas used to distribute State Transit Assistance (STA) funds.

Caltrans recently announced the approval of funding for four projects nominated by SBCAG for the first funding cycle of FY 2007/08. The four projects were awarded a total of approximately \$1.15 million dollars. All received the funding they requested. Due to the regional significance of the projects, they must be included in the Federal Transportation Improvement Program.

Population Formula Projects Approved By Caltrans for Funding Cycle One

Agency	Project	Amount
City of Guadalupe	Purchase of 1 small bus for ADA Service	\$48,826
Easy Lift	Purchase of 2 minivans for ADA Service	\$82,882
Santa Maria Area Transit	Design and construction of Intermodal Transit Center	\$964,123
SMOOTH	Purchase of 1 van for Senior Dial-A-Ride Service	\$53,313
	Total	\$1,149,144

FTIP Amendment #17 adds the city of Guadalupe, Easy Lift and SMOOTH projects as new projects into the FTIP. The Santa Maria Intermodal Transit Center was previously included in the FTIP, so the amendment #17 adds the PTMISEA funding as a new funding source and increases the amount of funding programmed for the project in the FTIP. The EZ Trak FTIP Summary Report (Attachment B) provides information on the funding programmed for each project.

Approximately \$2.1 million in funding is available for projects in Santa Barbara County in cycle 2. Project nominations for cycle 2 are discussed in agenda item 6B.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution approving amendment #17 to the 2007 Federal Transportation Improvement Program which adds new funding for the Proposition 1B Transit Capital Program.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Attachment A – Amendment #17 Resolution
- Attachment B – EZ Trak FTIP Summary Report

A RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA BARBARA
COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

AMENDING THE 2007 FEDERAL)
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT)
PROGRAM TO ADD FUNDING)
FROM THE FIRST CYCLE OF THE)
PROPOSITION 1B TRANSIT)
CAPITAL PROGRAM FOR FY 2008)

RESOLUTION NO.08-02

WHEREAS, Title 23 Code of Federal Regulations, part 450, and Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations, part 613, require the preparation and updating of a Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) by the Metropolitan Planning Organization; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) has been designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for Santa Barbara County; and

WHEREAS, SBCAG, through the conduct of a continuing, comprehensive, and coordinated transportation planning process with applicable federal requirements, has prepared a 2007 FTIP; and

WHEREAS, the 2007 FTIP has been prepared in cooperation with state and local government agencies including Caltrans, local transit operators; and the Air Pollution Control District; and

WHEREAS, the 2007 FTIP must be consistent with the Regional Transportation Plan adopted pursuant to Government Code Section 6508; and

WHEREAS, the 2007 FTIP projects have been developed from the 2001 RTP, 2003 CMP and 2006 STIP; and

WHEREAS, all projects proposed for federal funding or approval under Title 23 Code of Federal Regulations and the Federal Transit Act must be included in a transportation improvement program; and

WHEREAS, because Santa Barbara County attained the federal eight-hour ozone standard, it is no longer required to follow air quality conformity measures nor the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP) as required by the federal Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. Section 7401 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, the 2007 FTIP was made available for public review and members of the public were given a reasonable opportunity to review the 2007 FTIP before it was adopted by the SBCAG Board on July 20, 2006; and

WHEREAS, revisions to the FTIP requested by Caltrans in order to incorporate the FTIP into the statewide FTIP by the end of the federal fiscal year were adopted by the SBCAG Board on September 30, 2006 after public review;

WHEREAS, the 2007 FTIP is financially constrained and funds needed to complete the 2007 FTIP are reasonably expected to be available.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the SBCAG Board of Directors amends the 2007 FTIP to include the changes identified in the Staff Report Item 6A, March 20, 2008.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SBCAG Board of Directors finds that development of this amendment was made in accordance with public involvement procedures originally adopted by SBCAG on November 10, 1994 and updated on March 24, 2002; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SBCAG Board of Directors finds that the amended 2007 FTIP is consistent with the 2004 MTP.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 2007 FTIP as amended is financially constrained and funds needed to complete the 2007 FTIP are reasonably expected to be available.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the inclusion of any federally-funded projects in the 2007 FTIP, including all amendments, constitutes the federal project selection procedures for Santa Barbara County, and any projects programmed in the FTIP may proceed to implementation without further project selection action by SBCAG.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 20th day of March 2008 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ATTEST:

Jim Kemp
Executive Director
Santa Barbara County
Association of Governments

Brooks Firestone
Chair
Santa Barbara County
Association of Governments

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Kevin E. Ready, Sr.
Deputy County Counsel

Santa Barbara County Association of Governments
2007 Federal Transportation Improvement Project List

SBCAG ID **EZLIFT01** Implementing Agency **Easy Lift Transportation**

SBCAG ID # **EZLIFT01** Last Revised **Amendment 17**

Project Manager **Ernesto Paredes** Phone **(805) 681-1410**

Project Title
Senior DAR Van Purchase

Project Description
Purchase of 2 Vans for Senior Dial-A-Ride Service.
Funding available through Proposition 1B Transit
Capital Program (PTMISEA) for FY 2008.

Fiscal Year	Revenue Source	Engineering	Right of Way	Construction	Total Revenue
07/08	Loc Funds - Private Funds			\$25,118	\$25,118
07/08	State Bond - PTMISEA			\$82,882	\$82,882
		\$0	\$0	\$108,000	\$108,000

Other Total Cost **\$108,000**

SBCAG ID **GUAD08** Implementing Agency **Guadalupe, City of**

SBCAG ID # **GUAD08** Last Revised **Amendment 17**

Project Manager **Jim Talbott** Phone **(805) 922-8476**

Project Title
City of Guadalupe - ADA Van Purchase

Project Description
Purchase of 1 ADA Accessible Van for
complimentary ADA transit service in City of
Guadalupe. Funding available through Proposition
1B Transit Capital Program (PTMISEA)for FY 2008.

Fiscal Year	Revenue Source	Engineering	Right of Way	Construction	Total Revenue
07/08	State Bond - PTMISEA			\$48,826	\$48,826
		\$0	\$0	\$48,826	\$48,826

Other Total Cost **\$48,826**

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SBCAG ID **SMOOTH01** Implementing Agency **Santa Maria Organization of Transportation Helpers**

SBCAG ID # **SMOOTH01** Last Revised **Amendment 17**
 Project Manager **Jim Talbott** Phone **(805) 922-8476**
 Project Title **SMOOTH - Senior Dial-A-Ride Van Purchase**
 Project Description **Purchase of 2**

Fiscal Year	Revenue Source	Engineering	Right of Way	Construction	Total Revenue
07/08	Loc Funds - Local Trans. Funds			\$27,815	\$27,815
07/08	Ports Infrastructure, Security and Air Quality			\$53,313	\$53,313
		\$0	\$0	\$81,128	\$81,128

Other Total Cost **\$81,128**

SBCAG ID **SM012** Implementing Agency **Santa Maria, City of**

SBCAG ID # **SM012** Last Revised **Amendment 17**
 Project Manager **Austin O'Dell** Phone **(805) 925-0951**
 Project Title **Transit Intermodal Center**
 Project Description **Transit Intermodal Center - Santa Maria**

Fiscal Year	Revenue Source	Engineering	Right of Way	Construction	Total Revenue
Prior		\$240,000			\$240,000
06/07	TDA		\$2,448,000	\$1,000,000	\$3,448,000
07/08	State Bond - PTMISEA			\$1,032,459	\$1,032,459
07/08	TDA			\$1,850,000	\$1,850,000
		\$240,000	\$2,448,000	\$3,882,459	\$6,570,459

Other Total Cost **\$6,570,459**

Previously Approved FTIP

SBCAG ID # **SM012** Last Revised **Adoption**
 Project Manager **JOSEPH RYE** Phone **(805) 925-0951**
 Project Title **Transit Intermodal Center**
 Project Description **Transit Intermodal Center - Santa Maria**

Fiscal Year	Revenue Source	Engineering	Right of Way	Construction	Total Revenue
Prior		\$240,000			\$240,000
06/07	TDA		\$2,448,000	\$1,000,000	\$3,448,000
07/08	TDA			\$1,850,000	\$1,850,000
		\$240,000	\$2,448,000	\$2,850,000	\$5,538,000

Federal Project Total Cost **\$5,538,000**