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TO: Chairman and Members of the California Transportation Commission

FROM: George Dondero, Executive Director, Calaveras COG
Charles F. Field, Executive Director, Amador Co. Transportation Comm.
Leonard Turnbeaugh, Executive Secretary, Alpine Co. LTC

SUBJECT: Tri-County Presentation to CTC on January 17/18, 2001

The three counties of Alpine, Amador, and Calaveras formed a partnership in 1996 and 1998 for pooling State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funds for four prioritized State highway projects. These include bypasses of the Cities of Sutter Creek and Angels Camp as well as two passing lanes on Highways 4 and 88 serving the remote County of Alpine.

In the recently adopted 2000 STIP the three counties did not request that any of the \$10.4 million in RIP funds allocated to them be programmed for these highway projects at the present time. The 2000 STIP reflects that the "three counties intend that the un-programmed balance be programmed in the 2002 STIP toward completion of the four State highway projects." Furthermore, the 2000 STIP states that the three counties have requested that the CTC "urge Caltrans to participate over the next 12 months in serious discussions about reducing project costs, expediting project delivery, and providing further IIP funds toward the three county effort as part of the State's 2002 ITIP."

In adopting the 2000 STIP, Caltrans and the CTC showed a serious commitment to rural counties who are spending most or all of their Regional Choice (RIP) funds on State highway projects. The three counties greatly appreciate this demonstration of "good faith" by the State and are encouraged that it will mean that additional discretionary IIP funds will be made available to the three counties as part of the upcoming 2002 STIP.

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The three counties remain concerned, however, about delays in the delivery of environmental documents for all four projects which may threaten IIP funding in 2002. The State has given clear indication that full funding for the State highway projects may not be made available unless or until environmental documents are completed. Caltrans has just completed the Draft EA/EIR for the first priority project (Highway 49 Bypass of Sutter Creek) and has recently confirmed that it will be able to complete final environmental documents for all four of the highway projects before October, 2001. At the same time, Caltrans has advised that the requirements and resource issues of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the U.S. Forest Service, and/or the Federal Highway Administration may delay some or all of these environmental documents. The three counties are also concerned about the length of time scheduled for delivery of the Angels Camp Bypass project and the costs assigned to the Highway 88 passing lane projects.

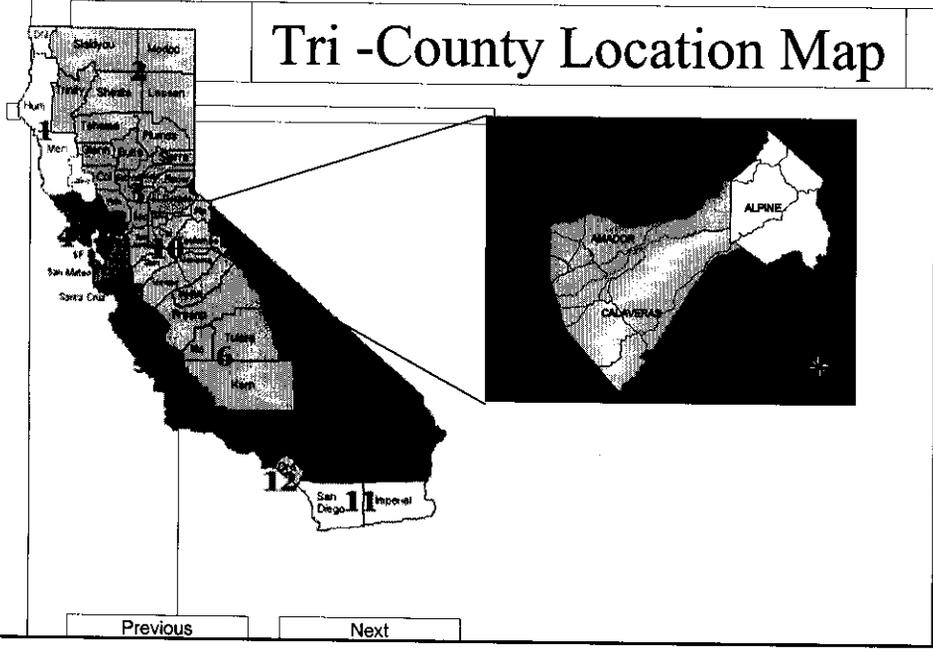
The three counties appreciate the opportunity that has been offered to present this information to the CTC; both in terms of the success of our tri-county partnership and our concerns for its continuation. Caltrans has continually re-affirmed its support of the tri-county partnership, yet we have serious reservations about the delivery of the required environmental documents on schedule. CTC understanding and assistance in these matters will be important if partnerships for RIP funded State highway projects are to be perpetuated.

Cc: Pete Hathaway

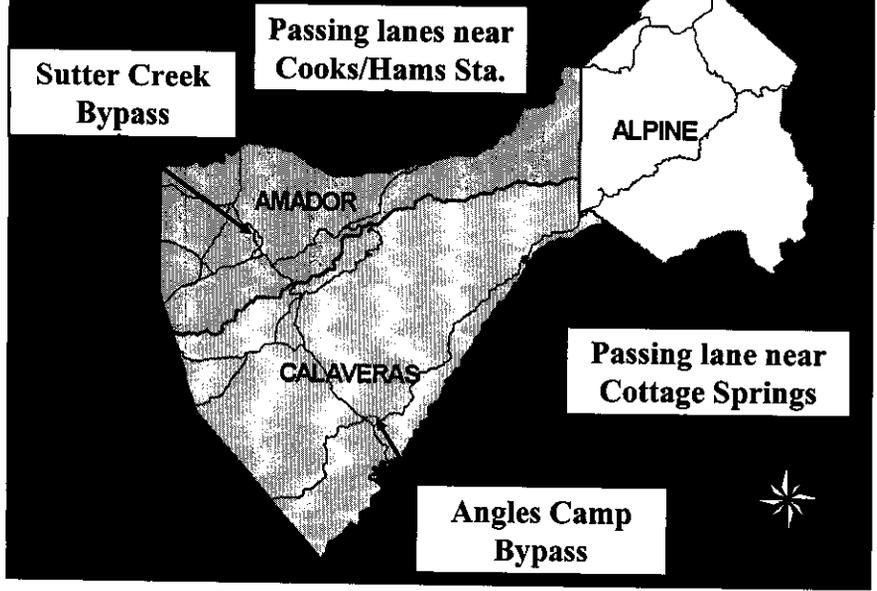
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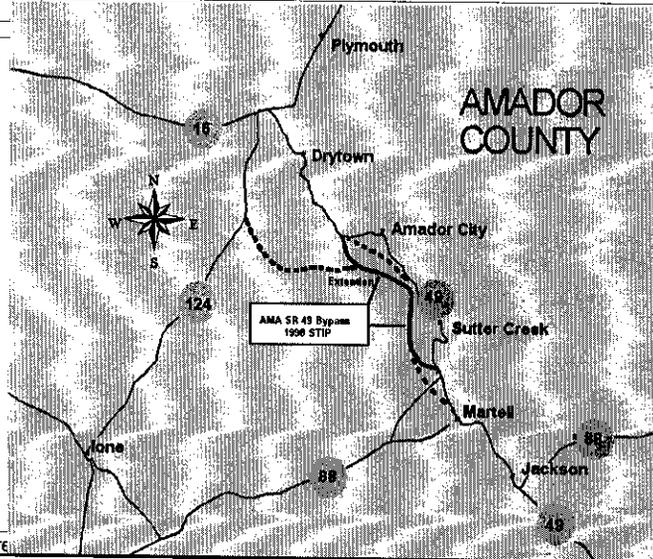
Tri -County Location Map



Tri-County MOU



Sutter Creek Bypass - 1998



Sutter Creek Bypass

UPDATED PROJECT DELIVERY SCHEDULE

Date: December 2000

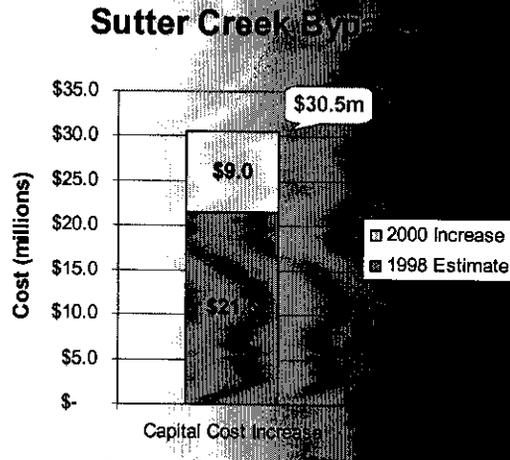
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	99/00	00/01	01/02	02/03	03/04	04/05	05/06	
Project Approval and Environmental Document	[Shaded]		[Shaded]		12/1/00 10/4/01			
Plan, Specifications and Estimate	[Shaded]			[Shaded]			11/13/02	
Right of Way Acquisition		[Shaded]		[Shaded]		12/23/02		
Construction				[Shaded]			6/30/05	

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Sutter Creek Bypass Cost Increases

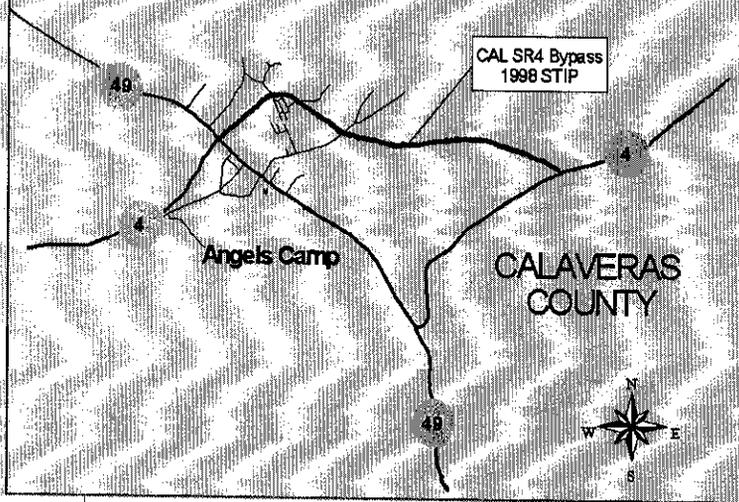

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Amador 49 Bypass Concerns

- **Can Caltrans And FHWA Process Environmental Documents In A Timely Manner To Keep Projects On Schedule?**
- **Will Project Delays Effect Our Ability To Secure IIP Funds And The Viability Of The Tri-County MOU?**
- **Will Project Delivery Problems And IIP Funding Problems Jeopardize The Counties' Faith In Extending The MOU To Incorporate New Projects?**

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Cal 4 Bypass, Project Schedule

CURRENT PROJECT DELIVERY SCHEDULE

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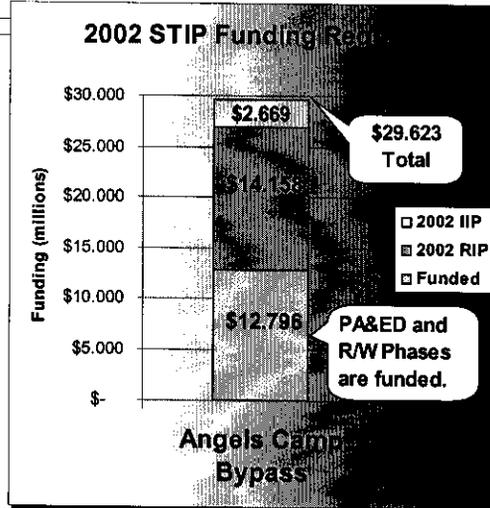
PROJECT	FISCAL YEAR								
	99/00	00/01	01/02	02/03	03/04	04/05	05/06	06/07	07/08
Project Approval and Environmental Document	[Shaded]		8/16/00						
Plan, Specifications and Estimate			[Shaded]				12/1/04		
Right of Way Acquisition			[Shaded]				12/1/04		
Construction							[Shaded]		6/28/07

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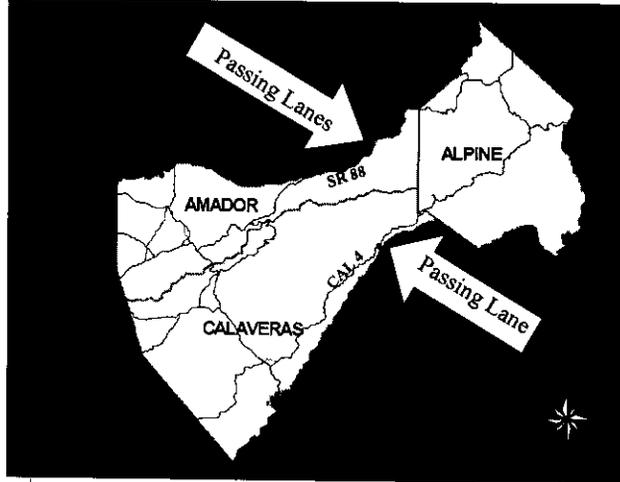
Cal 4 Bypass, CalCOG Concerns

- **Can Caltrans Complete The Environmental Documents By September 2001?**
- **Will Delays Cause The PA&ED To Be Missed?**
- **Will FHWA Be Able To Process The Environmental Documents According To Schedule?**
- **Will The Three Counties Lose The Opportunity For The 25% Match From The State?**
- **Is The Tri-County MOU In Jeopardy If Caltrans Can Not Deliver Project(s) On Schedule?**

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Passing Lanes, Project Schedule

PROJECT DELIVERY SCHEDULE

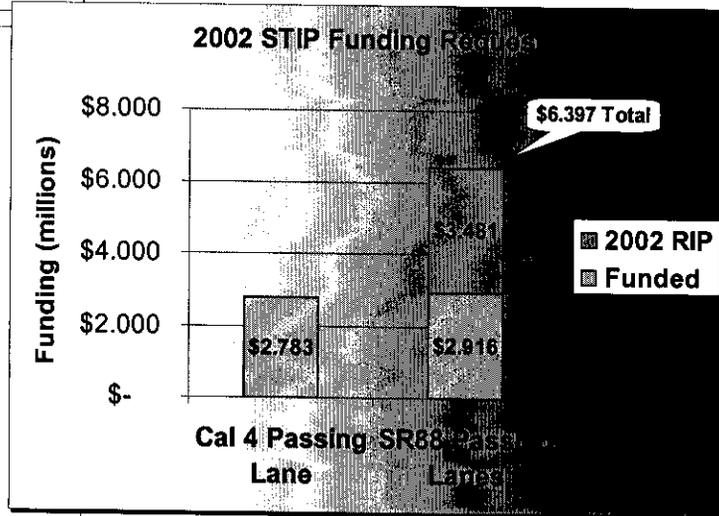
Date: December 2000

PROJECT	FISCAL YEAR							
	99/00	00/01	01/02	02/03	03/04	04/05	05/06	
Cal 4 Passing Lane, near Cottage Springs								
Project Approval and Environmental Document					8/02/01			
Plan, Specifications and Estimate						10/1/02		
Right of Way Acquisition						10/1/02		
Construction							10/01/03	
SR 88 Passing Lanes, Cooks/Hams Stations								
Project Approval and Environmental Document					10/18/01			
Plan, Specifications and Estimate						6/1/03		
Right of Way Acquisition						6/1/03		
Construction							9/1/04	

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Alpine County's Concerns

- Can Caltrans Complete PA&ED For All 4 Projects By September 2001?
- Can Caltrans Deliver Projects On Time To Maintain Viability Of MOU.
- Why Are The Costs For The SR 88 Passing Lanes So Much?

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Alpine, Amador, and Calaveras STIP Projects
Cost Estimate Through 2002 STIP
(In \$Millions)

Version 12

9/6/00

PROJECT	STIP CYCLES											TOTALS
	ACTUAL PRIOR					CURRENT		ESTIMATED FUTURE				
	1996	1998			SUP 1998		2000		2002			
	(Note 1) Grand-fathered	RIP	IIP	ADV	RIP	Unallocated RES	RIP	Unallocated RES	(Note 2) RIP	(Note 3) IIP Unallocated RES		
Amador 49 Bypass	\$ 16.507	\$ 4.982	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	9.072			\$ -	-	\$ 30.561
Angels Camp Bypass	\$ -	\$ 7.968	\$ 3.183	\$ 2.791	\$ -	\$ 3.708	\$ (4.854)	\$ -	2.669	\$ 14.158	-	\$ 29.623
Alpine's Cal 4 Passing Lanes	\$ -	\$ 2.783	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -						-	\$ 2.783
Alpine's SR 88 Passing Lane	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.413		\$ 0.495	\$ 2.008	\$ 3.481	\$ -	-	\$ 6.397
Future STIP Projects											9.969	\$ 9.969
Subtotal	\$ 16.507	\$ 15.733	\$ 3.183	\$ 2.791	\$ 0.413	\$ 3.708	\$ 4.713	\$ 2.008	\$ 6.150	\$ 14.158	\$ 9.969	\$ 79.333
Total	\$ 16.507	\$21.7070			\$4.1210		\$6.7210		\$30.2770			\$ 79.333

FUNDING BREAKDOWN												
Total Grandfathered and Rip Funding Amount	\$ 16.507	\$ 15.733		\$ 2.791	\$ 0.413	\$ 3.708	\$ 4.713	\$ 2.008	\$ 6.150	\$ -		\$ 52.023
Percentage of Total Funding												75%
Total IIP Funding Amount			\$ 3.183						\$ 14.158			\$ 17.341
Percentage of Total Funding												25%
Future STIP Projects										\$ 9.969		\$ 9.969

NOTES

1 The allocated grandfathered amount of \$16.51m for Amador 49 Bypass does not include \$3.621m for support costs originally funded (grandfathered) for project.

2 Assumes \$3.6Billion Total State 2002 STIP with \$2.7 Billion available for Local Agencies with the factors and amounts listed below:

	STIP ESTIMATES (millions)			
County	Alpine	Amador	Calaveras	Total
Factor	0.100%	0.230%	0.267%	
Amount (millions)	\$ 2.700	\$ 6.210	\$ 7.209	\$ 16.119

3 The unallocated reserve in 2002 will be used in 2002 to program project development work on the next generation of state highway project priorities in the 3 counties.

ALPINE, AMADOR AND CALAVERAS STIP PROJECTS PROJECT DELIVERY SCHEDULE

Date: September 2000

PROJECT	FISCAL YEAR													
	1998 and 2000 STIP Funding Period								3 Added Years 2002 STIP Cycle					
	Dec	Jun	Dec	Jun	Dec	Jun	Dec	Jun	Dec	Jun	Dec	Jun	Dec	Jun
	99/00	00/01		01/02		02/03		03/04		04/05		05/06		06/07
Amador 49 Bypass														
PA&ED														
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Angels Camp Bypass														
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CONSTRUCTION														
Cal Passing Lane, Cottage Springs														
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CONSTRUCTION														
SR 88 Passing Lanes, Pine Grove														
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CONSTRUCTION														

LEGEND

= Caltrans current programmed schedule

= Three county proposed schedule improvements