

State of California  
 Business, Transportation and Housing Agency  
 Department of Transportation

PROGRAM AMENDMENTS  
 STIP Amendment 00S-037  
 Notice Item  
 CTC Meeting: May 2-3, 2001

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**PROPOSED**

Agenda Item: 2.1b.(16)

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**STIP AMENDMENT 00S-037 NOTICE**

**SUMMARY**

This amendment reprograms \$537,000 from construction to right of way to acquire, rather than build, a biological mitigation site for an expressway project on Route 86 in Imperial County.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Department is requesting this amendment.

**RESOLUTION**

Resolved, that the California Transportation Commission (CTC) revise the 2000 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) at the end of the 30-day notice period as follows:

**Revises:**

<b>Project Information</b>								
County:	CT District:	PPNO:	EA:	Element:	Const Year:	PM Back	PM Ahead	Route/Corridor
Imperial	11	0027Z	100720	CTCO	2000-01	41.9		086
Project Title:	Biological Mitigation for Route 86 Expressway							
Sponsor:	Caltrans							
Implementing Agency:	Caltrans							
RTPA/CTC:	SCAG							
Location:	Near Westmorland - Kane Springs							
Description:	Biological Mitigation							

<b>STIP Programming - Grandfather IIP</b>							<b>(Dollars in Thousands)</b>	
Component	PRIOR	2000/2001	2001/2002	2002/2003	2003/2004		Total	
PA&ED							\$100	
PS&E	\$100						\$0	
R/W SUP							\$0	
CON SUP		\$338					\$338	
		\$0					\$0	
R/W		\$0					\$0	
		\$537					\$537	
CON		\$537					\$537	
		\$0					\$0	
TOTAL	\$100	\$875					\$975	
	\$0	\$537					\$537	

**BACKGROUND**

This amendment reprograms \$537,000 from construction to right of way to acquire rather than build a biological mitigation site for an expressway project on Route 86 in Imperial County.

The Department's obligation to provide biological mitigation for the expressway project on Route 86 envisioned restoring a site within the Department's existing right of way with a construction contract programmed for \$975,000 in FY 2000-01. Requirements of the permitting agency (California Department of Fish and Game) resulted in the need to look for another alternative. The Department agreed to purchase a specific site and provide the mitigation by restoring both vegetated waters and mesquite dunes. This alternative could not be implemented because some of the owners refused to sell and condemnation was not possible.

Finally, another site has been located which already contains vegetation that meets the biological mitigation requirements of the California Department of Fish and Game. Therefore, construction funds are no longer needed, but right of way funds are needed to acquire the new site to fulfill the Department's environmental commitment.