

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

PROGRAM AMENDMENTS  
 STIP Amendment 98S-133  
 Action Item  
 CTC Meeting: June 14-15, 2000

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**PROPOSED**

Agenda Item: 2.1a.(12)

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 June 1, 2000

**STIP AMENDMENT 98S-133 ACTION**

**ACTION UPDATE FROM NOTICE**

This item was noticed at the May 2000 Commission meeting; the Commission requested the Action Item be placed on the consent calendar as originally proposed.

**SUMMARY**

This amendment reduces the Interregional Improvement Program (IIP) funding for a habitat mitigation project in San Bernardino County by \$5,537,000, from \$9,196,000 to \$3,659,000, and advances the schedule from FY 2002-03 to FY 2000-01. The \$5,537,000 in total project savings will revert to the statewide IIP balance.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Department is requesting this amendment.

**RESOLUTION**

Resolved, that the California Transportation Commission (CTC) revise the 1998 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) at the end of the 30 day notice period as follows:

**Modifies:**

<b>Project Information</b>								
County:	CT District:	PPNO:	EA:	Element:	Const Year:	PM Back	PM Ahead	Route/Corridor
<del>Kern</del> <b>San Bernardino</b>	09	0398	295301	CTCO	<del>2002/2003</del> <b>2000/2001</b>	N/A	N/A	Various
Project Title:	Land Purchase for Habitat Mitigation							
Sponsor:	Caltrans							
Resp. Agency:	Caltrans							
RTPA/CTC:	San Bernardino Association of Governments							
Location:	Near Barstow at various locations							
Description:	Environmental Mitigation Land Bank Purchase							

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STIP Programming - IIP		(Dollars in Thousands)						
Component	PRIOR	1998/1999	1999/2000	2000/2001	2001/2002	2002/2003	2003/2004	Total
PA&ED			\$143					\$143
			\$35					\$35
PS&E R/W SUP			\$124			\$1,153		\$1,153
								\$124
CON SUP R/W				\$3,500		\$7,900		\$7,900
								\$3,500
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TOTAL			\$143	\$3,500		\$9,053		\$9,196
			\$159					\$3,659

**BACKGROUND**

This amendment reduces the Interregional Improvement Program (IIP) funding for a habitat mitigation project in San Bernardino County by \$5,537,000, from \$9,196,000 to \$3,659,000, and advances the schedule from FY 2002-03 to FY 2000-01. The \$5,537,000 in total project savings will revert to the statewide IIP balance.

In the early 1990's, the Department had a number of projects in the STIP ready for construction in Inyo, Kern, Los Angeles and San Bernardino counties. These projects impacted habitat of the endangered species, Mojave Ground Squirrel and Desert Tortoise. The environmental documents for the individual projects identified the need to purchase replacement habitat.

An agreement was negotiated with the California Department of Fish and Game (DFG) whereby the Department of Transportation would contribute \$300,000 to help defray the costs of preparing a management plan for the endangered species. Upon completion of the plan, the Department would purchase the required replacement habitat as determined by the individual Biological Opinions for each project. In return, the Department was able to proceed with construction of the projects prior to purchase of the replacement habitat.

The environmental mitigation project was added to the 1998 STIP in the 2002-03 fiscal year at a cost of \$7,900,000 for right of way, and \$1,296,000 in support costs. Since then a window of opportunity has arisen whereby the Department can purchase full sections of land rather than individual parcels for a capital savings of \$4,400,000, and support savings of \$1,137,000.

The Department is requesting this project be advanced from FY 2002-2003 to FY 2000-2001, recognizing a time requirement for completing the purchase of the full sections.

ATTACHMENT

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Location Map



San Bernardino County  
PPNO. 0398

Location: Near Barstow at various locations

Description: Environmental mitigation land bank purchase

