

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

PROGRAM AMENDMENTS
STIP Amendment 98S-105
Action Item
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PROPOSED

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STIP AMENDMENT 98S-105 ACTION

ACTION UPDATE FROM NOTICE

This item was noticed at the February 2000 Commission meeting. The Commission requested a letter from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) stating whether federal funding could be used to refurbish the Express II Ferry, and a Resolution from the City of Alameda earmarking revenues, from acquired assets as a result of the settlement between the City of Alameda and USA Catamarans, for Ferry operations and/or transportation capital improvements. Commission staff also requested the City of Alameda provide a Marine Surveyor's Report indicating that refurbishing the Ferry was the appropriate course of action.

At their June 2000 Committee meeting, the Commission's Public Transit Committee (PTC) reviewed the status of the Express II Ferry amendment and the responses to the Commission's requests for additional information. While the federal eligibility of the project has been established and a Marine Surveyor's Report has been submitted, the City of Alameda did not attend the PTC meeting and some issues remain unresolved. However, the PTC, in response to recommendations from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and the Alameda County Congestion Management Agency, requested this amendment be placed on the California Transportation Commission's July 2000 meeting agenda for action. At the July Meeting the Commission tabled it until the September 2000 Commission Meeting. The principal issues that will need to be discussed before the Commission takes action are the technical practicality of the proposed ferry modifications and the Commission's willingness to accept the City's proposal for disposition of any funds the City may receive as a result of a legal settlement with USA Catamarans. The Department's recommendation has been revised to state that the amendment appears to be consistent with the Commission's adopted STIP Guidelines.

SUMMARY

This amendment programs \$432,000 from the \$800,000 unused Alameda County Shares to refurbish the Express II Ferry in FY 2000-01. The unused Alameda County Shares originated from the \$800,000 exchange between Grandfathered TEA funds and Proposition 116 funds for the Oakland Embarcadero Bay Trail, on February 17, 1999. The total cost to refurbish the Express II Ferry is \$795,000, including \$363,000 in local funds.

RECOMMENDATION

The Alameda County Congestion Management Agency (CMA), with concurrence from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), is requesting this amendment. The Department reviewed this amendment and found it to be consistent with the Commission's adopted STIP Guidelines.

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:

Adds:

Project Information								
County:	CT District:	PPNO:	EA:	Element:	Const Year:	PM Back	PM Ahead	Route/Corridor
Alameda	04	1003		MT	2000/2001		---	
Project Title:	Refurbish Express II Ferry							
Sponsor:	City of Alameda							
Resp. Agency:	City of Alameda							
RTPA/CTC:	Metropolitan Transportation Commission							
Location:	The ferry will be refurbished in a shipyard dry dock							
Description:	Propulsion, hull and structural modifications as well as engine/gear box improvements							

STIP Programming - RIP (Dollars in Thousands)								
Component	PRIOR	1998/1999	1999/2000	2000/2001	2001/2002	2002/2003	2003/2004	Total
PA&ED								
PS&E								
R/W SUP								
CON SUP								
R/W								
CON				\$432				\$432
TOTAL				\$432				\$432

Contributor 1 - STP (Dollars in Thousands)								
Component	PRIOR	1998/1999	1999/2000	2000/2001	2001/2002	2002/2003	2003/2004	Total
PA&ED				\$1				\$1
PS&E				\$68				\$68
R/W SUP								
CON SUP								
R/W								
CON				\$96				\$96
TOTAL				\$69	\$96			\$165

Contributor 2 - Local Developer Fees (Dollars in Thousands)								
Component	PRIOR	1998/1999	1999/2000	2000/2001	2001/2002	2002/2003	2003/2004	Total
PA&ED								
PS&E				\$9				\$9
R/W SUP								
CON SUP								
R/W								
CON				\$189				\$189
TOTAL				\$9	\$189			\$198

TOTALS (Dollars in Thousands)								
Component	PRIOR	1998/1999	1999/2000	2000/2001	2001/2002	2002/2003	2003/2004	Total
PA&ED				\$1				\$1
PS&E				\$77				\$77
R/W SUP								
CON SUP								
R/W								
CON				\$717				\$717
TOTAL				\$78	\$717			\$795

BACKGROUND

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This project will improve reliability, ride quality and compatibility with new docking facilities. The work involves propulsion, hull, and structural modifications, as well as, engine and gear box improvements. The total project cost of \$795,000 will be split among three sources: \$432,000 from unused Alameda County Shares, \$165,000 provided through a federal STP grant, and \$198,000 from local developer fees.