

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: May 21-22, 2003

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Information Item

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Ref: **STIP AMENDMENT 02S-079**

The Department of Transportation (Department) has requested that this proposed State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) amendment be noticed at the May 2003 California Transportation Commission (Commission) meeting, and be considered for approval in June. This notice is an informational item allowing the Commission to review the proposal, comment and/or ask questions prior to taking formal action in June 2003 or later.

The Department proposes to shift \$21,289,000 of Interregional Improvement Program (IIP) construction funds in FY 2001-02 from the Stockton-Escalon Double Track and Signal Improvements project (PPNO 9074A) in the amount of \$10,000,000 in FY 2002-03 to the Shirley-Hanford Double Track project (PPNO 9074B) and in the amount of \$11,289,000 in FY 2003-04 to the Belmont and Fig Garden Track Improvements (PPNO 2041) project. The projects are on the San Joaquin Corridor. The shifting of existing funding will fully fund the Shirley-Hanford Double Track project (PPNO 9074B) and a new STIP project, Belmont and Fig Garden Track Improvements (PPNO 2041). This revenue neutral programming action fulfills an agreement between the Department and the Commission.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department recommends that the item be placed on the consent calendar for approval at the June 2003 Commission meeting.

BACKGROUND:

The Commission and the Department reached an agreement at the April 2003 Commission meeting which allowed the Department to fully fund the Shirley-Hanford Double Track project (PPNO 9074B). The suspension of allocations from the Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP) necessitated the programming change since the Shirley-Hanford Double Track project is programmed with \$10,000,000 in TCRP funds for construction in FY 2002-03. The Shirley-Hanford Double Track project received an allocation in the amount of \$22,000,000 (\$12,000,000 already programmed on the project and \$10,000,000 coming from the Stockton-Escalon Double Track project) at the April 2003 Commission meeting. Approval of this amendment will complete the requirements of the agreement, which allows the project to proceed with construction.

Reprogramming the \$21,289,000 of IIP construction funds from the Stockton-Escalon Double Track project (PPNO 9074A) fully funded the higher priority Shirley-Hanford Double Track and funded a major component of the Belmont and Fig Garden Track Improvements projects. Of the funds reprogrammed, \$300,000 was programmed for right of way and \$9,700,000 was programmed for construction in FY 2002-03 on the Shirley-Hanford Double Track project. Further, \$11,289,000 for construction was programmed in FY 2003-04 on the Belmont and Fig Garden Track Improvements (PPNO 2041) project. There was a prior allocation for environmental and design work made at the March 2000 Commission meeting for a total of \$9,298,000 for the San Joaquin Corridor Capacity Improvements (encompasses three PPNOs under a single contract), of which \$3,711,000 was from the Stockton-Escalon Double Track project. The San Joaquin Corridor Capacity Improvements allocation covered the environmental and design work on the Belmont and Fig Garden Track Improvements project.

The total cost of the Belmont and Fig Garden Track Improvements project is approximately \$14,000,000; a useful project can still be delivered via the STIP funds alone. The Department is proposing to shift the balance of the funding required to complete the project from Proposition 116 funds already programmed on the San Joaquin Corridor. The Department will submit an amended Project Application once PS&E on the project is completed. All of the above projects will improve track and signals on Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company (BNSF)-owned track on the San Joaquin Corridor. The funds shifted from the Stockton-Escalon Double Track project will be reprogrammed in a later STIP cycle.

The Shirley-Hanford Double Track and Belmont and Fig Garden Track Improvements projects are located in areas of heavy freight and passenger rail congestion. The pocket track and siding extensions to be constructed in these projects will allow trains to pass through the congested areas more efficiently and reduce the delays caused by opposing trains meeting along single tracks. These projects will significantly improve on-time performance and reduce running times of the intercity passenger rail service on the San Joaquin Corridor.

RESOLUTION:

Resolved, that the California Transportation Commission (Commission) revise the 2002 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) at the end of the 30-day notice period as follows:

Revises:

County	CT District	PPNO	EA	Element	Const. Year	PM Back	PM Ahead	Route/Corridor						
San Joaquin	75	9074A	R534SC	Rail	2001/02	--	--	San Joaquin						
Implementing Agency:		PA&ED	Caltrans		AB 3090	PS&E	Caltrans							
(by component)		R/W	Caltrans		AB 3090	CON	Caltrans							
RTPA/CTC :	San Joaquin Council of Governments													
Project Title:	San Joaquin (Oakland to Bakersfield) Track Improvements													
Location:	San Joaquin Corridor (Oakland to Bakersfield) – Between Escalon and Stockton													
Description:	Improve track, signals, crossing and realign curves													
(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)														
FUND	TOTAL	Project Totals by Fiscal Year						Project Totals by Component						
		Prior	02/03	03/04	04/05	05/06	06/07	PA&ED (E & P)	PS&E (Design)	R/W SUP	CON SUP	R/W	CON	
STIP Programming – Grandfathered IIP														
Existing	\$25,000	\$25,000												\$25,000
Change	(\$21,289)	(\$21,289)												(\$21,289)
Proposed	\$3,711	\$3,711												\$3,711

And Revises:

County	CT District	PPNO	EA	Element	Const. Year	PM Back	PM Ahead	Route/Corridor						
Kings	75	9074B	R534SD	Rail	2002/03	--	--	San Joaquin						
Implementing Agency:		PA&ED	Caltrans		AB 3090	PS&E	Caltrans							
(by component)		R/W	Caltrans		AB 3090	CON	Caltrans							
RTPA/CTC :	Kings County Association of Governments													
Project Title:	San Joaquin (Oakland to Bakersfield) Track Improvements													
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Description:	Improve track, signals, crossing and realign curves													
(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)														
FUND	TOTAL	Project Totals by Fiscal Year						Project Totals by Component						
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STIP Programming – Grandfathered IIP														
Existing	\$12,000		\$12,000										\$0	\$12,000
Change	\$10,000		\$10,000										\$300	\$9,700
Proposed	\$22,000		\$22,000										\$300	\$21,700

