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CALTRANS REPORT (6-11)

- 6. • **Report by Caltrans' Director and/or Deputy Director** **1.6**

Cindy McKim, Caltrans Acting Deputy Director for Finance, reported on the Public/Private Partnership Forum held in October.

- 7. • **Caltrans Monthly FY 2004-05 Finance Report and Revised Cash Flow Report** **3.1**

Item #7 was withdrawn prior to the meeting.

- 8. • **Local Assistance Lump Sum Allocation – Final Status Report for Fiscal Year 2003-04** **3.6**

Terry Abbott, Caltrans, presented the final report on the local assistance lump sum allocation for FY 2003-04. Chair Balgenorth noted that the book item only provides a comparison of prior years' lump sum allocations and not the category-by-category comparison, as requested.

- **Provide for all Local Assistance Lump Sum Allocation reports, a categories breakdown for the year-by-year comparisons.**

ACTION: Terry Abbott/Greg Wong

- 9. • **Status Report on Funding Assigned to Conservation Lands (CL) and Statewide Transportation Enhancements (STE) Programs** **3.7**

Terry Abbott, Caltrans, reviewed the status report on funding assigned to Conservation Lands (CL) and Statewide Transportation Enhancement (STE) Programs. Chair Balgenorth requested that any program savings be rolled into the 2006 STIP Fund Estimate.

- 10. • **Review of Right-of-Way Capital Needs for New Construction Projects** **4.10**

A handout detailing the FY 2004-05 right-of-way capital allocations and the STIP commitments prior to August was made available at the meeting.

Mike Leonardo, Caltrans, reviewed the right-of-way capital needs and some of the high profile projects on the unfunded list. Mr. Leonardo reported the Department was able to reduce the amount of right-of-way funds set aside for post certification needs from \$100 million to \$75 million, thus freeing up right-of-way funds for additional STIP projects beyond the current fiscal year. The Department now can fund all right-of-way SHOPP commitments, all current year STIP commitments, as well as \$25 million in out year STIP commitments.

Commissioner Lindsey asked what process the Department used to choose the out year STIP projects for right-of-way funding since the need is far greater than the available \$25 million. Mr. Leonardo responded that the Caltrans' Districts were asked to prioritize their projects.

- 11. • **Report on Delivery of the Local Seismic Retrofit Program** **4.14**

Terry Abbott, Caltrans, reviewed the legislation affecting the Seismic Safety Retrofit Program and the current status of projects and indicated that most of the undesigned bridges belong to Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) and the Department of Water Resources (DWR).

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- 17. IC • **Monthly Report on Status of Projects Previously Voted but Not Awarded** 3.2

This item was presented on the Information Calendar.

- 18. IC • **Monthly Report on Projects Amended into the SHOPP by Department Action** 3.3

This item was presented on the Information Calendar.

- 19. IC • **Monthly Report on Local Assistance STIP Projects Previously Voted but not Awarded** 3.4

This item was presented on the Information Calendar.

- 20. IC • **Status of STIP Cash Commitments for AB 3090 Reimbursements and GARVEE Debt Service** 3.5

This item was presented on the Information Calendar.

- 21. IC • **Pending Traffic Congestion Relief (TCR) Project Application Amendments – Eight application amendments, including one amendment to deprogram (\$2,078,000) of TCR funds, per Resolution G-03-14, Traffic Congestion Relief (TCR) Program Policy for Managing Cash Between TCR Projects** 4.3b.(1)

This item was presented on the Information Calendar.

- 22. IC • **Pending Traffic Congestion Relief (TCR) Project Letters of No Prejudice (Letter), per Resolution G-03-12 – Seven Letter requests totaling \$569,325,000.** 4.3b.(2)

This item was presented on the Information Calendar.

- 23. IC • **Pending Traffic Congestion Relief (TCR) Project Allocations–18 project allocations totaling \$188,502,000** 4.3b.(3)

This item was presented on the Information Calendar.

- 24. IC • **Aeronautics Account Pending Allocations – 18 Projects totaling \$3,084,200.** 4.3c.

This item was presented on the Information Calendar.

END OF INFORMATION CALENDAR ITEMS

CONSENT CALENDAR (ITEMS 25 THROUGH 40) CC

Deputy Director Robert Chung recommended approving the Consent Calendar (Items #25 through #40) with modifications to Items #27, #31 and #34, as referenced on the “Changes to the CTC Agenda” pink handout. Mr. Chung recommended “no comment” to Items #28 and #29.

Commissioner Ghielmetti moved to approve the Consent Calendar, as modified and recommended by staff. Commissioner Tavaglione seconded the motion, which carried 6-0. (Commissioner Lawrence was absent)

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25. CC • STIP Amendment 04S-001 2.1a.(1)
- The City of Santa Cruz is requesting this amendment. The City of Santa Cruz requests the Commission approve this amendment for AB 3090 Replacement. The City of Santa Cruz will use local funds (City General funds) to replace \$325,000 in RIP funds for Construction in FY 2005-06 for the Front Street Rehabilitation project (PPNO 1168). The City of Santa Cruz proposes to advance the Front Street Rehabilitation project to FY 2004-05 and program a total of \$325,000 in RIP funds in FY 2005-06 for the Bay Drive Roadway Rehabilitation project (PPNO 1836) as the replacement project. The Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (SCCRTC) concurs with this request. This is a revenue neutral programming action.

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

26. CC • STIP Amendment 04S-002 2.1a.(2)
- The City of San Juan Bautista is requesting this amendment. The City of San Juan Bautista requests the Commission approve this amendment for AB 3090 Reimbursement for two projects. The City of San Juan Bautista will use local funds to replace \$883,000 in RIP funds in FY 2005-06 for Construction of the City-Wide Storm Drain Improvement (PPNO 0853) and 4th Street Rehabilitation (PPNO 1188) projects with later reimbursement (PPNO 1838 and 1837) in FY 2007-08. The local funds are in the form of a loan and must be paid back at a later date. The Council of San Benito County Governments concurs with this request. This is a revenue neutral programming action.

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

27. CC • Traffic Congestion Relief (TCR) Application Amendment Approval. Eight application amendments, no net change in TCR funding. Resolution TAA-04-11, Amending Resolutions TA-00-02, TA-01-07, TA-01-09, TA-02-10, TAA-02-02, TAA-03-02, and TAA-03-03 2.1c.(2)
- Project #35.3 – Pacific Surfliner; triple track intercity rail line within Los Angeles County and add run-through-tracks through Los Angeles Union Station in Los Angeles County. The Department requests an amendment to update project schedule and funding plan previously approved under Resolution TAA-03-03. *(Related item under 2.6e.(2))*
- Project #37.1 – Los Angeles Mid-City Transit Improvements; build Bus Rapid Transit system or Light Rail Transit in Mid-City/Westside/Exposition Corridors in Los Angeles County. The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA)

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requests an amendment to update project schedule previously approved under Resolution TAA-03-02.

(Related item under 2.1c.(4))

-- Project #38.2 – Los Angeles-San Fernando Valley Transit Extension; (B) Build a North-South corridor bus transit project that interfaces with the foregoing East-West Burbank-Chandler corridor project and with the Ventura Boulevard Rapid Bus project. The LACMTA requests an amendment to update project schedule previously approved under Resolution TA-01-09.

-- Project #40 – Route 10; add HOV lanes on San Bernardino Freeway over Kellogg Hill, near Pomona, Route 605 to Route 57 in Los Angeles County. The Department requests an amendment to update project schedule and funding plan previously approved under Resolution TA-02-10. *(Related item under 2.6e.(2))*

-- Project #83.2 – Route 15; add high-tech managed lane on I-15 freeway north of San Diego (Stage 1) from Route 163 to Route 78 in San Diego County. The Department requests an amendment to update project schedule and funding plan previously approved under Resolution TAA-02-02. *(Related item under 2.6e.(2))*

-- Project #85 – Route 56; construct approximately five miles of new freeway alignment between I-5 and I-15 from Carmel Valley to Rancho Penasquitos in the City of San Diego in San Diego County. The Department requests an amendment to update project schedule and funding plan previously approved under Resolution TA-00-02.

-- Project #90 – Route 99; widen freeway to six lanes, Kingsburg to Selma in Fresno County. The Department requests an amendment to update project funding plan previously approved under Resolution TA-01-07. *(Related item under 2.6e.(2))*

-- Project #139.1 – Balboa Park BART Station; phase I expansion. The San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District requests an amendment to update project schedule previously approved under Resolution TAA-03-03.

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 28. CC • Route 70 in Plumas County – Replace or rehabilitate the Spanish Creek Bridge near Quincy (NOP) 2.2a.(1)

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 29. CC • Route 101 in Monterey County – Safety and operational Improvements in Prunedale (NOP) 2.2a.(2)

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

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30. CC • **Approval of Project for Consideration of Route Adoption and Future Consideration of Funding – Widen to a four-lane highway near Independence (ND). (Related item under 2.3a.(1)) - Resolution E-04-29** 2.2c.(1)

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

31. CC • **Route Adopting A Controlled Access Highway at 09-Iny-395 KP 114.6/117.2 (PM 71.2/72.8) in Inyo County near Independence. (Related Item under 2.2c.) Resolution HRA-04-03** 2.3a.(1)

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

32. CC • **Route Adopting A Freeway at 11-SD-905 KP R16.7/R18.6 (PM R10.6/R11.6) in San Diego County near the Otay Mesa Border Crossing. Resolution HRA-04-04** 2.3a.(2)

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

33. CC • **Three Relinquishment Resolutions** 2.3c.
 -- **6-Ker-58, 14-KP 175.4/188.6, 29.9/32.1 Route 58 in the County of Kern - Resolution R-3586**
 -- **8-SBd-30/210-PM 14.2/15.8 Route 30/210 in the City of Fontana - Resolution R-3587**
 -- **10-Tuo-108-KP R3.0/7.4 Route 108 in the County of Tuolumne - Resolution R-3588**

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

34. CC • **17 Resolutions of Necessity Resolutions C-18947 through C-18961 and C-18963 through C-18964** 2.4b.

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

Resolution C-18962 (Heirs and Devisees of A.J. Puglizevich, et al.) was withdrawn prior to the meeting, as referenced on the “Changes to the CTC Agenda” pink handout. The owner signed the right-of-way contract.

35. CC • **Director’s Deeds - Items #1 Through #17 Excess Lands – Return to State \$10,439,000 Return to Others: \$0** 2.4d.

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

36. CC • **Financial Allocation for Four Minor SHOPP Safety Projects totaling \$1,612,000. Resolution FP-04-11** 2.5a.(3)

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

37. CC • **Financial Allocation for One SHOPP Safety-related Project for \$13,664,000. Resolution FP-04-12** 2.5b.(1)

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This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 38. CC • **Financial Allocation for Three Locally Administered STIP Transportation Enhancement Projects totaling \$661,000 plus \$60,000 from other sources. Resolution FP-04-13** 2.5c.(5)

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 39. CC • **Traffic Congestion Relief (TCR) Project Allocation Amendment Approvals. Four allocation amendment requests, no net change in TCR funding. (Related items under 2.1c.(2)) Resolution TFP-04-07** 2.6e.(2)

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 40. CC • **Allocation of \$47,000 for FY 2004-05 California Aid to Airports Program (CAAP) funds for one Safety Project from the 2004 Aeronautics Program. FDOA-2004-05 -- County of Kern – Wasco Airport in Kern County for \$47,000. Obstruction removal – Runway 30.** 2.7

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

- 41. • **Notice of Technical Adjustment to the 2004 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), Resolution G-04-___, Amending Resolution G-04-07** 4.6

Deputy Director David Brewer reviewed Item #41, which includes all technical changes to the 2004 STIP, except cost escalation. Staff recommended this item be placed on the Consent Calendar for adoption in December.

- 42. • **STIP Amendment 04S-007** 2.1b.(5)
 The Department is requesting this amendment. The Department proposes to program \$47,838,000 in RIP funds and \$58,026,000 in IIP funds for Construction on 107 Department projects. These adjustments to Department projects address normal escalation incurred as a result of reprogramming projects to later years in the 2004 STIP.

Ross Chittenden, Caltrans, reviewed Item #42, which is a notice of a proposed STIP amendment for \$106 million in cost escalation for Caltrans state highway projects in the STIP. The updates were based on bids analyzed over the last quarter. There was much discussion on this item. Deputy Director David Brewer reported this Caltrans amendment identifies escalation costs totaling \$184 million, although we have capacity to program only the increases identified for the first three years of the STIP, which would leave approximately \$100 million for the last two years unprogrammed. Mr. Brewer recommended the Commission direct staff to bring this item back for approval in December with any recommendations appropriate to constrain programming to the fund estimate.

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43. • **STIP Amendment 04S-006** 2.1b.(4)
The Imperial Valley Association of Governments (IVAG) is requesting this amendment. IVAG proposes to transfer \$276,000 of the \$3,300,000 in RIP funds from Construction to PS&E in FY 2006-07 for the Dogwood Road Widening project (PPNO 0520). IVAG is also requesting the Commission approve an AB 3090 Reimbursement for the \$3,300,000. The County of Imperial will use local funds to replace \$3,300,000 in RIP funds programmed in FY 2006-07 with later reimbursement (PPNO 0520A) in FY 2006-07. This is a revenue neutral programming action.

Deputy Director David Brewer reviewed this notice of a STIP amendment proposed by the Imperial Valley Association of Governments (IVAG) for an AB 3090 cash reimbursement arrangement for the Dogwood Road widening project. Imperial County plans to do the project this year with local funds. John Ferrera, BT&H, said that Denise Moreno Ducheny, State Senator, District 40, sent a letter to the Commission expressing her support for the project. Assemblywoman Bonnie Garcia also wrote a letter supporting the project. Tim Jones, Imperial County Public Works Director, spoke in support of the project. Mr. Jones indicated that the local funds would come from a private sector loan and that reimbursement could be programmed for FY 2008-09. Mr. Brewer noted that the state funds could not be used as collateral for a private loan. After a brief discussion, the following action was decided:

- **Work with Imperial County to resolve issues regarding their STIP Amendment and return at the December Commission meeting for action. (December Agenda Item)**
ACTION: Stephen Maller

44. • **STIP Amendment 04S-005** 2.1b.(3)
The Siskiyou County Local Transportation Commission (Siskiyou LTC) and the Department are requesting this amendment. Siskiyou LTC proposes to unprogram \$9,729,000 of RIP funds and \$10,530,000 of IIP funds from FY 2007-08 for the Construction and Construction Support phases of the Dorris Expressway project (PPNO 0244A) and to unprogram \$20,000 of RIP funds from FY 2005-06 for the Construction phase of the Rockfellow Drive, North Mount Shasta, Ida Street Reconstruction project (PPNO 2289). Siskiyou LTC further proposes to program \$9,160,000 of RIP funds to existing projects and \$420,000 for a new project, Lake Street Interchange Modification (PPNO 2259). The remaining \$169,000 of RIP funds shall be returned to Siskiyou County's unprogrammed shares and \$10,530,000 of IIP funds shall be returned to Interregional unprogrammed shares. This is a revenue neutral programming action.

Deputy Director David Brewer reviewed the history of Siskiyou County Local Transportation Commission's (LTC) STIP amendment request to delete the Route 97 Dorris Bypass project.

Ross Chittenden, Caltrans, expanded on the project's history.

Brian Crane, District 2 Director, reported facts on the accident rate and safety record for this project.

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Brian McDermott, Siskiyou County LTC, stated he had planned to come forward a year ago with a STIP amendment to deprogram but was told by the Caltrans' District Director that it could be handled through the 2004 STIP cycle. Two letters dated October 27, 2004 were sent to the Commission from Mr. McDermott documenting reasons why he feels there is no purpose and need for this project.

A map was displayed showing SR 97, the realignment at Dorris, and the proposed railroad separation structure.

Joan Smith, Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors and LTC, thanked Commissioners Tavaglione and Ghielmetti for taking their time to come to Dorris. Ms. Smith reported there was very little support in town for the project and that Siskiyou County does not enforce eminent domain in the County.

Carl Andreatta, Dorris City Council, LTC member, said based on economics and long-term survivability of the town, they have decided it was best to drop the project.

David Morrison, Primo Pizza in Dorris, reviewed the accident rate and requested the Commission to abandon the Dorris freeway project.

Deputy Director David Brewer stated that if the Commission chooses to delete the bypass, he would recommend programming only the \$466,000 requested to cover small cost increases on currently programmed projects and defer action on other programming until the 2006 STIP, at which time Caltrans can identify and the LTC can consider the State highway needs in the County.

- 45. • **STIP Amendment 04S-004** **2.1b.(2)**
The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) is requesting this amendment. OCTA proposes to advance \$2,515,000 of regional Transportation Enhancement (TE) reserve funds from FY 2005-06 to FY 2004-05 for Construction of the following four new projects: San Clemente – Multi-Use Beach Trail (PPNO 9721); Westminster Boulevard – Streetscape Improvement Program (PPNO 9722); El Toro Road – Multi-Modal Trail and Landscaping (PPNO 9723); and Vereda Bikeway Gap Closure (PPNO 9724). This is a revenue neutral programming action.

Deputy Director David Brewer reviewed Orange County Transportation Authority's (OCTA) amendment, which proposes to take \$2.5 million in Transportation Enhancement (TE) reserves now programmed in FY 2005-06 and program these reserves to four specific TE projects in FY 2004-05.

Mr. Brewer recommended the Commission place this amendment on the Consent Calendar for December.

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46. • **Financial Allocation for Supplemental Funds for Previously Voted Projects. Four Projects totaling \$3,350,000. - Resolution FA-04-03** 2.5e.
- 01-Men-253 – SHOPP Project in Mendocino County. Current Allocation is \$2,136,550. This request for \$280,000 to close out the construction contract results in an increase of 37% over the awarded amount.
 - 03-Nev-80 – SHOPP Project in Nevada County. Current Allocation is \$105,492,000. This request for \$2,500,000 to complete the construction contract results in an increase of 16% over the awarded amount.
 - 07-LA-5 – SHOPP Project in Los Angeles County. Current Allocation is \$2,403,500. This request for \$60,000 to close out the construction contract results in an increase of 23% over the awarded amount.
 - 07-LA-10 – SHOPP Project in Los Angeles County. Current Allocation is \$1,563,000. This request for \$510,000 to award the construction contract results in an increase of 33% over the voted amount.

Ross Chittenden, Caltrans, reported on the Department’s request for \$3.3 million in supplemental funds for four SHOPP projects. Mr. Chittenden reviewed the reasons for the supplemental funds.

Deputy Director Stephen Maller recommended the Commission allocate the \$3.3 million in supplemental funds and requested the Department update the Commission on a regular basis regarding the status of the I-80 project.

- **Report back to the Commission on a regular basis regarding the status of the I-80 Nevada project and future claims requiring supplemental allocations. (Future Agenda Item)**
ACTION: Ross Chittenden

Commissioner Tavaglione moved to approve the allocation, as recommended by staff. Commissioner Ghielmetti seconded the motion, which carried 6-0. (Commissioner Lawrence was absent)

47. • **Request to Extend the Period of Project Completion for one Rural Transit System Grant Program project in San Diego County for \$540,000. Waiver-04-02** 2.8c.

Deputy Director Stephen Maller reviewed Item #47 and recommended the Commission approve the requested time extension.

Commissioner Tavaglione moved to approve the extension request, as recommended by staff. Commissioner Ghielmetti seconded the motion, which carried 6-0. (Commissioner Lawrence was absent)

48. • **Annual Airspace and Excess Land Report and Report on Delegated Director’s Deed Sales for FY 2003-04** 4.7

Barry Cowan, Caltrans, presented a report on the revenues generated by its airspace leases, excess lands sold and delegated director’s deeds sales. The revenues are up and the expenses are down. Mr. Cowan stated that 266 properties in the excess lands report were sold, which actually meant 421 separate parcels were sold. Over a ten-year period, the Department has sold 3,148 parcels totaling \$202 million.

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Deputy Director Robert Chung reported that the Commission currently delegates to Caltrans, via Resolution G-98-22, the authority to convey excess properties not capable of independent development and with an estimated value of \$100,000 or less, excepting any conveyance of access rights only. Staff has recently been informed by the Commission’s legal counsel that statutes prohibit the Commission from delegating that responsibility. Mr. Chung recommended the Commission revise Resolution G-98-22 by rescinding Paragraph 2.5 Part A. He further recommended that the Commission accept the Department’s report on airspace and excess lands sales.

- **Update Resolution G-98-22, and present for adoption at a future Commission meeting. (Future Agenda Item)**

ACTION: Robert Chung

Commissioner Ghielmetti moved to accept the report and to revise Resolution G-98-22, as recommended by staff. Commissioner Lindsey seconded the motion, which carried 6-0. (Commissioner Lawrence was absent)

49. • Asset Management Business Plan 4.8

Chuck Crosby, Caltrans, presented a progress report on the Department’s Asset Management Plan report given earlier this year. Deputy Director Robert Chung recommended and the Commission agreed on the following action:

- **Present at the January or February Commission meeting the 5-year Asset Management Plan and Capital Plan, and also report back on effects to the SHOPP after Department of Finance action. (January or February Agenda Item)**

ACTION: Chuck Crosby/Glenn Yee

50. • Adoption of FY 2004-05 Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation (EEM) Program. Resolution G-04-10 4.5

Assistant Deputy Director Kathie Jacobs reviewed the statutory requirements for the Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation (EEM) Program and the projects recommended for approval. There was a change to the list that was presented in July, as referenced on the pink “Changes to CTC Agenda.” Project #16, Mt. Tamalpais project, was withdrawn; the Folsom project was able to be fully funded; and the Muir Heritage Land Trust project was able to be moved into the funding category to receive partial funding for its project. Ms. Jacobs recommended the Commission approve the FY 2004-05 EEM Program List of Projects with the recommended changes.

Commissioner Lindsey moved to approve the project list as presented. Commissioner Tavaglione seconded the motion, which carried 6-0. (Commissioner Lawrence was absent)

51. CC • Financial Allocation for 18 Locally Administered Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation (EEM) Projects totaling \$4,848,000 plus \$18,129,729 from other sources. Resolution FP-04-14 2.5c.(7)

Assistant Deputy Director Kathie Jacobs reviewed Item #51, which is a request to allocate \$4,848,000 in Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation (EEM) Program funds as appropriated in the FY 2004-05 State Budget to the 18 projects identified on the priority list, as approved by the Commission. The following changes were noted: Project #4, Mt. Tamalpais State Park, was withdrawn prior to the meeting; and the addition of the Folsom Project; Project #2, Humbug-Willow Creek Trail, allocation was changed to read \$228,600, as referenced on the “Changes to the CTC Agenda” pink handout; the Muir Heritage Land Trust project will return at the December 2004 meeting for its allocation.

Ms. Jacobs recommended the Commission approve the allocation request.

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ACTION: Robert Chung

Commissioner Ghielmetti moved to approve \$1 million, as recommended by staff. Commissioner Tavaglione seconded the motion, which carried 6-0. (Commissioner Lawrence was absent) Staff will return with a recommendation regarding the remaining \$3.1 million and the Commission’s responsibility to fund the entire amount.

**54. • Status Report on the Transbay Terminal Project by 4.4
Transbay Joint Powers Authority**

Maria Ayerdi, Executive Director of the Transbay Joint Powers Authority (TJPA) gave a presentation regarding the “San Francisco Transbay Terminal/CalTrain Downtown Extension Redevelopment Plan Integrated Transportation and Urban Revitalization.

Mike Grison, San Francisco Redevelopment Agency, reviewed the redevelopment plan for the project area.

Nancy Whelan, Funding and Grants Program Manager for TJPA, reviewed the funding plan’s, costs, revenues and loan proceeds. In FY 2009-10, a Federal Transportation and Finance Innovation Act (TFIA) loan would be used.

Elizabeth Wilcha, TJPA Chief Engineer, reviewed the project delivery timelines and the TJPA Program Management Structure.

After a lengthy discussion, the Commission requested the TJPA to:

- **Work to secure other counties’ and transit agencies’ participation in the JPA funding and the Transbay Terminal. Present an update to the Commission after the environmental document’s Record of Decision has been received on the project. (March 2005 Agenda Item)**

ACTION: Maria Ayerdi (Transbay JPA)

**55. • Report on the Department’s Long-term Plan for 4.13
Reducing Distressed Pavement**

Lawrence H. Orcutt, Acting Deputy Director of Maintenance and Traffic Operations, gave a PowerPoint presentation entitled “Distressed Pavement and the 2004 SHOPP.” Mr. Orcutt reported that the lane miles of distressed pavement are going up. The current funding situation is not allowing the Department to maintain the current condition of the pavement let alone reduce it to the optimal 5,500 figure.

**56. • Report on Investments to State Highway System by 4.9
Outside Funding Sources**

Rick Guevel, Caltrans, reported in FY 2003-04 a total of \$104 million was invested from self-help counties and the local funds committed for FY 2003-04 forward is \$5.43 billion.

**57. • Report on Quarterly Expenditure Projections for those 4.11
Projects Included in the First Issuance of GARVEE
Bonds**

Ross Chittenden, Caltrans, reviewed the status and expenditure projections for those projects that were included in the first issuance of GARVEE bonds.

- **Report monthly on the status of projects included in the first GARVEE issuance, until all projects are awarded. (Monthly Agenda Item)**

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ACTION: Ross Chittenden

**58. • Project Readiness and Expenditure Projections for 4.12
GARVEE Bonding**

Ross Chittenden, Caltrans, reviewed the delivery status of the projects identified last month by the Commission as potential GARVEE candidates.

Cecilia McAdam, RTPA, reported on the discussion the regions had about GARVEE bonding at today's RTPA meeting.

Mr. Chittenden addressed the Commission's concerns regarding the right-of-way for the Los Angeles, Route 5, Carmenita Interchange Project and recommended that the right-of-way for this project be included in the GARVEE issuance.

David Yale, LACMTA, said the right-of-way for the Carmenita Avenue Interchange project is needed to widen Route 5 in Los Angeles County, north of Orange County where it widens to ten lanes; Los Angeles is still at six lanes.

Suzanne Wilford, Executive Director Sonoma County Transportation Commission, expressed her concerns about the Sonoma 101 – The Route 12 to Steele Lane Interchange HOV lane project is on the list and ready to go. Ms. Wilford asked the Commission for their consideration for the Sonoma project for bond issuance.

Darrell Johnson, OCTA, commented in support of the Route 5 projects.

After a brief discussion, the following action will be taken:

- **In consultation with Commission staff, prepare the notice of STIP amendment for GARVEE bonding. (December Agenda Item)**

ACTION: Ross Chittenden

**59. • Resources Agency Staff Report and Update the Status of 4.2
the Hearst Ranch Scenic Acquisition Project.**

Warren Westrup Chief of Acquisitions State Parks, reported that the State Wildlife Conservation Board and the State Coastal Conservancy each voted to provide their share of funds for the Hearst Ranch Scenic Acquisition Project. Mr. Westrup said the next and final step is a vote by the State Public Works Board.

60. • Status Report by the North Coast Railroad Authority 4.17

Deputy Director Robert Chung introduced Item #60. John Wooley, Chairman of the NCRA Board, provided an overview of NCRA's activities. Mitch Stogner, NCRA Executive Director, said the NCRA has plans for opening and cleaning up 142 miles of rail and environmental work north of Willits. FEMA project grant dollars will be used to accomplish this work. They are currently in receipt of \$7.9 million to do repairs on the South end. When the Federal ISTEA bill is reauthorized, they plan to receive \$61 million in federal dollars.

Dave Ripple, NCRA Board Member from Sonoma County, and John Wooley, NCRA Chairman, spoke about how NCRA is trying to address the agency's administrative needs.

Former Congressman Doug Bosco, spoke on the trade/freight from Asia and the Port of Humboldt, stating that private investors have taken an interest in this project.

Mr. Chung reviewed the work that still needs to be done and recommended that the Commission direct NCRA to report back in March 2005 on its efforts.

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- 61. • **Traffic Congestion Relief (TCR) Application 2.1c.(3)**
Amendment Approval. One application amendment request, no new TCR funding.
Resolution TAA-04-12,
Amending Resolutions TA-02-09 and TAA-02-03.

 -- **Project #32.5 – North Coast Railroad; Sub-paragraph (e) environmental remediation projects. The North Coast Railroad Authority is requesting an amendment to redefine project scope and update project schedule previously approved under Resolutions TA-02-09 and TAA-02-03.**

Deputy Director Robert Chung reviewed the amendment and recommended approval.

Commissioner Tavaglione moved to approve the application amendment request. Commissioner Torres seconded the motion, which carried 5-1. (Commissioner Lindsey voted no, and Commissioner Lawrence was absent)

- 62. • **Traffic Congestion Relief (TCR) Letter of No Prejudice 2.1c.(4)**
(Letter) Approvals. One Letter request for \$26,100,000.
(Related item under 2.1c.(2))
Resolution TL-04__
 -- **Project #37.1 -- \$26,100,000 for Phase 3, Los Angeles Mid-City Transit Improvements. Applicant Agency: Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority.**

Ross Chittenden reviewed Item #62 and recommended deferral until the status of Traffic Congestion Relief Funds (TCRF) is known and Commission staff concurred.

Commissioner Lindsey moved to defer the request, as recommended by the Department and Commission staff. Commissioner Ghielmetti seconded the motion, which carried 6-0. (Commissioner Lawrence was absent)

- 63. • **Traffic Congestion Relief (TCR) Project Allocation 2.6e.(1)**
Approvals. Two allocation requests totaling
\$101,418,000 in new TCR funding.
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Ross Chittenden, Caltrans, reviewed the allocation request for phase 2 of BART to San Jose and the liquidation of the Letter of No Prejudice for the Vasco Road/Valley Center ACE parking facility. Mr. Chittenden recommended the Commission place both allocation requests on the pending list, which will be considered by the Commission when the TCR Program’s viability is known. Deputy Director Robert Chung concurred with the Department’s recommendation. Mr. Chung pointed out that the Vasco project was the first of a number of Letters of No Prejudice (LONPs) that have been completed and now the local agency is seeking to be reimbursed. He noted that the local agencies understood that they may not be reimbursed under the LONP Guidelines, if no funding was available.

Commissioner Lindsey moved to defer the item, as recommended by Department and Commission staff. Commissioner Tavaglione seconded the motion, which carried 6-0. (Commissioner Lawrence was absent)

STATUS OF ACTION ITEMS
From
October 28, 2004 Commission Meeting

- 8 (3.6) Terry Abbott/Greg Wong – Provide for all Local Assistance Lump Sum Allocation reports, a categories breakdown for the year-by-year comparisons.
- **This will be done.**
- 11 (4.14) Terry Abbott – Request an appearance by BART and DWR at the January Commission meeting to explain the status of their local bridge seismic retrofit program. (*January Agenda Item*)
- **This will be done and reported on at the January 2005 Commission meeting.**
- 43 (2.1b(4)) Stephen Maller – Work with Imperial County to resolve issues regarding their STIP Amendment and return at the December Commission meeting for action. (*December Agenda Item*)
- **This will be discussed under December Tab #61 (Agenda Item 2.1a.(4)).**
- 46 (2.5e) Ross Chittenden – Report back to the Commission on a regular basis regarding the status of the I-80 Nevada project and future claims requiring supplemental allocations. (*Future Agenda Item*)
- **This will be done and reported on at a future 2005 Commission meeting.**
- 48 (4.7) Robert Chung – Update Resolution G-98-22, and present for adoption at a future Commission meeting. (*Future Agenda Item*)
- **This will be done and reported on at a future 2005 Commission meeting.**
- 49 (4.8) Chuck Crosby/Glenn Yee – Present at the January or February Commission meeting the 5-year Asset Management Plan and Capital Plan, and also report back on effects to the SHOPP after Department of Finance action. (*January or February Agenda Item*)
- **This will be done and reported on at the January or February 2005 Commission meeting.**
- 52 (4.1) Diane Eidam/David Brewer – Prepare a letter to Senator Florez, for Chair Balgenorth's signature, providing the Commission's thoughts on having the Legislature choose transportation projects for funding..
- **This has been done.**
- 53 (4.16) Robert Chung – Finalize the resolution recommending \$1 million allocation set-aside for the PUC grade crossing maintenance program; also return at the December Commission meeting with more information on the Commission's statutory authority regarding this allocation set-aside. (*December Agenda Item*)
- **This will be discussed under December Tab #73 (Agenda Item 4.4).**

- 54 (4.4) Maria Ayerdi (Transbay JPA) – Work to secure other counties’ and transit agencies’ participation in the JPA funding and the Transbay Terminal. Present an update to the Commission after the environmental document’s Record of Decision has been received on the project. *(March 2005 Agenda Item)*
- **This will be done and reported on at the March 2005 Commission meeting.**
- 57 (4.11) Ross Chittenden – Report monthly on the status of projects included in the first GARVEE issuance, until all projects are awarded. *(Monthly Agenda Item)*
- **This will be done and reported on monthly at Commission meetings; for the December meeting see Tab #15 (Agenda Item 3.14).**
- 58 (4.12) Ross Chittenden – In consultation with Commission staff, prepare the notice of STIP amendment for GARVEE bonding. *(December Agenda Item)*
- **This will be discussed under December Tab #65 (Agenda Item 2.1b.(9)).**
- Public (6.0) Ross Chittenden – Provide a letter to the Commission and staff describing the process and options available for the selling the Eureka excess properties located at 523 and 539 T Street. Request that Valerie Martinez, of Redwood Community Action Agency (RCAA), contact the City of Eureka regarding the City purchasing these properties and then conveying the properties to RCAA.
- **This will be done.**