

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: December 8-9, 2004

Reference No.: 2.1a.(1)
Action Item

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Ref: **STIP AMENDMENT 04S-003**

The Merced County Association of Governments (MCAG) is requesting the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve this State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) amendment. This amendment was noticed at the October 2004 Commission meeting. There were no questions on the Notice, and the Commission placed the Action Item on the consent calendar for the December 2004 meeting.

MCAG requests a change of implementing agency from the Department of Transportation (Department) to MCAG on the Castle Highway project (PPNO 5264). MCAG also requests to move \$3,269,000 of Regional Improvement Program (RIP) funds programmed for the Environmental (PA&ED) phase in FY 2002-03 to FY 2004-05. This is a revenue neutral programming action.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department recommends approval.

BACKGROUND:

The Castle Highway project (PPNO 5264) is only programmed for the PA&ED phase. The Department is the implementing agency for this project. Due to reductions in its capital outlay support budget, the Department has chosen to redirect remaining staff resources towards other more immediate needs. Since the Department is not currently working on the project, MCAG is requesting to become the implementing agency. Consistent with Commission STIP Guidelines, Department project development costs for PA&ED is programmed in the fiscal year during which environmental studies begin. When changing an implementing agency from the Department to a local agency, it is Commission policy to reprogram the unexpended funds into the year desired by the local agency. This project remains a high priority for the region and completion of the PA&ED phase for identification and securing of right of way is needed.

The PA&ED phase is currently programmed with \$3,643,000 of RIP funds in FY 2002-03. To date, \$374,000 has been expended by the Department and must remain programmed. MCAG is requesting the unexpended balance of \$3,269,000 be moved to FY 2004-05 for the PA&ED phase.

RESOLUTION:

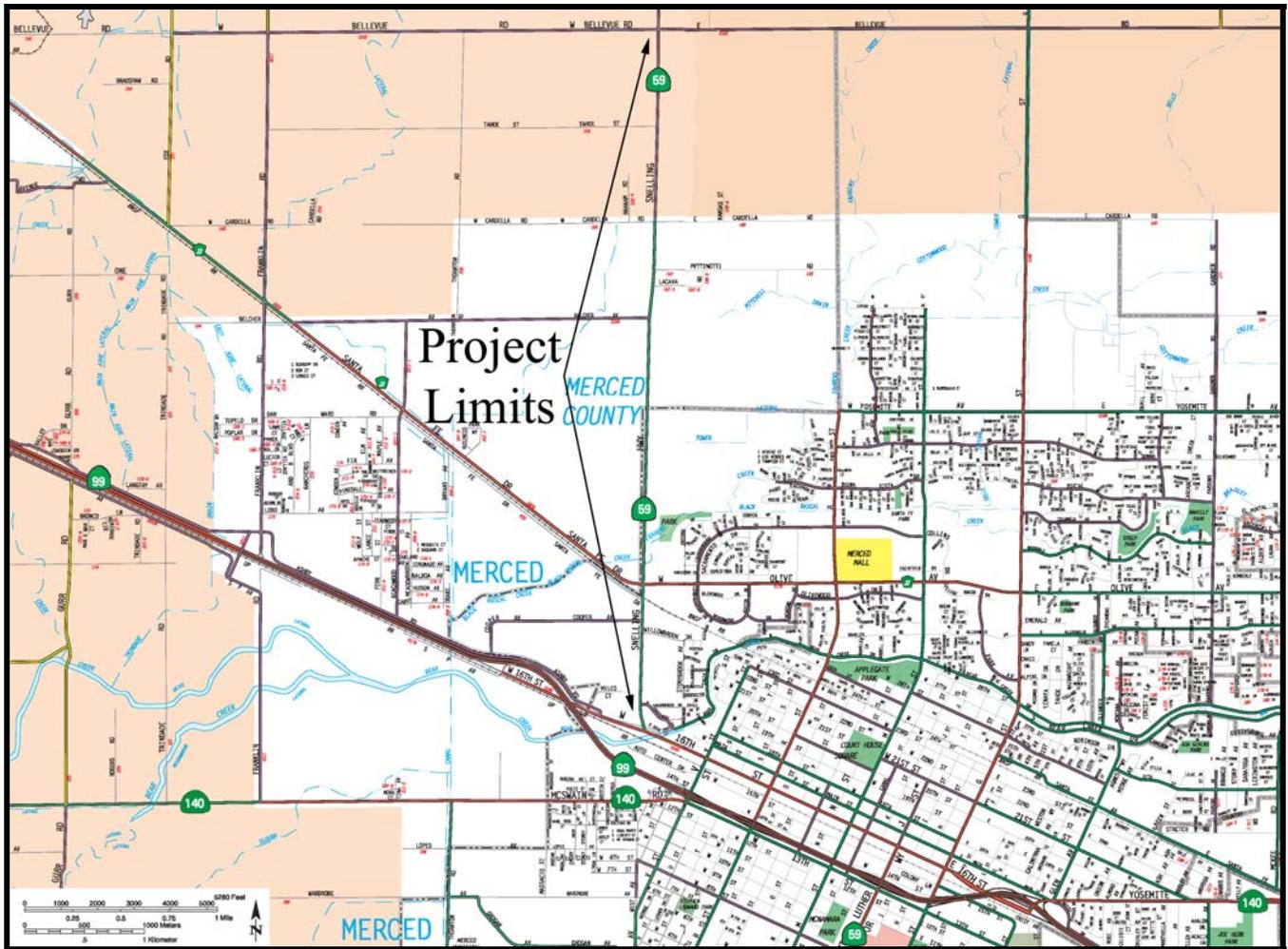
Resolved, that the California Transportation Commission revise the 2004 State Transportation Improvement Program at the end of the 30-day notice period as follows:

Modifies:

County	District	PPNO	EA	Element	Const. Year	PM Back	PM Ahead	Route/Corridor					
Merced	10	5264	0G440	CO-LCO	2014-15	R14.8	R19.0	59					
Implementing Agency: (by component)		PA&ED	Caltrans-MCAG			PS&E							
		R/W				CON							
RTPA/CTC:		Merced County Association of Governments											
Project Title:		Castle Highway											
Location		Near Merced - Route 59 from Route 140 to Bellevue Road											
Description:		Construct 4-lane expressway											
(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)													
FUND	TOTAL	Project Totals by Fiscal Year						Project Totals by Component					
		Prior	04/05	05/06	06/07	07/08	08/09+	R/W	CON	PA&ED	PS&E	R/W Supp	CON Supp
RIP (Caltrans)													
Existing	3,643	3,643							3,643				
Change	(3,269)	(3,269)							(3,269)				
Proposed	374	374							374				
Future Need													
Existing	270,905					270,905	15,900	241,000		6,256	2,096	5,653	
Change	0												
Proposed	270,905					270,905	15,900	241,000		6,256	2,096	5,653	
RIP (MCAG)													
Existing	0		0						0				
Change	3,269		3,269						3,269				
Proposed	3,269		3,269						3,269				
Total													
Existing	274,548	3,643	0			270,905	15,900	241,000	3,643	6,256	2,096	5,653	
Change	0	(3,269)	3,269			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Proposed	274,548	374	3,269			270,905	15,900	241,000	3,643	6,256	2,096	5,653	

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Location Map



10-Merced
PPNO 5264

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