

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: January 19-20, 2005

Reference No.: 2.1a.(7)
Action Item

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Ref: **STIP AMENDMENT 04S-013**

The Modoc County Transportation Commission (MCTC) is requesting the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve this State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) amendment. This amendment was noticed at the December 2004 Commission meeting. There were no questions on the Notice, and the Commission placed the Action Item on the consent calendar for the January 2005 meeting.

MCTC proposes to delete the following two Regional Improvement Program (RIP) projects in Modoc County: Alturas Highway 299 Widening (PPNO 0053) for \$47,000 and Cedar Pass Truck Escape Ramp (PPNO 3105) for \$99,000. The unexpended RIP funds of approximately \$146,000 shall be returned to the Modoc County's unprogrammed share balance.

RECOMMENDATION

The Department of Transportation (Department) recommends approval.

BACKGROUND**Project #1 Alturas Highway 299 Widening Project (PPNO 0053)**

This project proposes the widening of Route 299 in Alturas from Mill Street to Route 395. The early local concern regarding this segment of highway was speed limits relative to excessive vehicle speed and the promotion of economic development. Discoveries made after the Project Study Report was completed and during the environmental process, show the cost increased to a level that outweighed the benefits of the project.

The total amount of RIP funds programmed for the Alturas Highway 299 project is \$605,000. The programmed components are Environmental (PA&ED) for \$120,000, Design (PS&E) for \$323,000, Right of Way Support (R/W Support) for \$90,000, and Right of Way (R/W) for \$72,000. The total estimated cost incurred on PA&ED and PS&E is \$516,000, which is less than 120% of the programmed amount of \$443,000. No adjustment is required for PA&ED and PS&E. The total estimated cost incurred on R/W and R/W Support is \$115,000, which is less than 80% of the programmed amount of \$162,000. An adjustment of \$47,000 is required for R/W and R/W Support. The unexpended funds of approximately \$47,000 should be returned to Modoc County's unprogrammed share balance.

Project #2 Cedar Pass Truck Escape Ramp Project (PPNO 3105)

This project proposes to construct a truck escape ramp near Cedarville, at the eastern base of Cedar Pass. Discoveries made after the Project Study Report was completed, during the environmental process, and as the preferred alternative was being developed, show the cost increased to a level that outweighed the benefit of the project.

A significant increase in cost was revealed during the initial project development phase, largely due to the need to acquire a parcel of land previously owned by Standard Oil Company. This property is highly suspect of having hazardous waste issues and the potential for large cleanup costs. Due to the risk of hazardous waste, it is likely the project would experience significant delays and cost over-runs.

The total amount of RIP funds programmed for the Cedar Pass Truck Escape Ramp project is \$125,000. The only programmed component for this project is PA&ED. The total estimated cost incurred on PA&ED is \$26,000, which is less than 80% of the programmed amount. An adjustment of \$99,000 is required for PA&ED. The unexpended funds of approximately \$99,000 should be returned to the Modoc County's unprogrammed share balance.

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:

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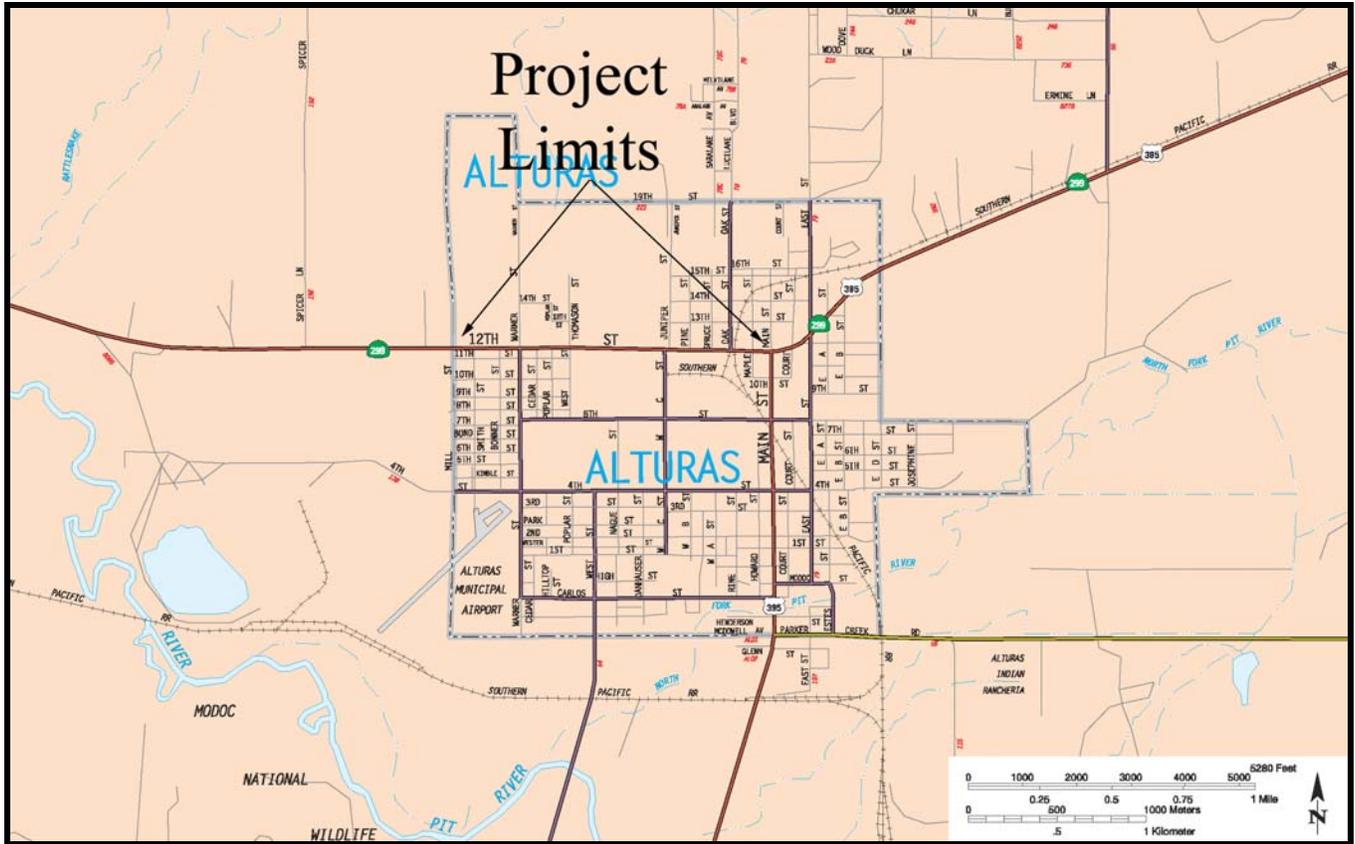
County	District	PPNO	EA	Element	Const. Year	PM Back	PM Ahead	Route/Corridor					
Modoc	2	0053	299700	CO	2006-07	39.3	40.7	299					
Implementing Agency: (by component)		PA&ED				PS&E							
		R/W				CON							
RTPA/CTC:		Modoc County Local Transportation Commission											
Project Title:		Alturas Highway 299 Widening											
Location		Alturas - Mill Street to Route 395											
Description:		Widen to 3 lanes											
(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													
Existing	605	605						72		120	323	90	
Change	0	0						0		0	0	0	
Proposed	605	605						72		120	323	90	
Future Need													
Existing	2,430				2,430				2,130				300
Change	0				0				0				0
Proposed	2,430				2,430				2,130				300
Total													
Existing	3,035	605			2,430			72	2,130	120	323	90	300
Change	0	0			0			0	0	0	0	0	0
Proposed	3,035	605			2,430			72	2,130	120	323	90	300

And Deletes:

County	District	PPNO	EA	Element	Const. Year	PM Back	PM Ahead	Route/Corridor					
Modoc	2	3105	38470K	CO	2007-08	56.5	56.5	299					
Implementing Agency: (by component)		PA&ED				PS&E							
		R/W				CON							
RTPA/CTC:		Modoc County Local Transportation Commission											
Project Title:		Cedar Pass Truck Escape Ramp											
Location		Near city of Cedarville - on SR 299 at Cedar Pass											
Description:		Construct truck escape ramp											
(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													
Existing	125	125								125			
Change	0	0								0			
Proposed	125	125								125			
Future Need													
Existing	1,944				242	1,702		52	1,516		126	116	134
Change	0				0	0		0	0		0	0	0
Proposed	1,944				242	1,702		52	1,516		126	116	134
Total													
Existing	2,069	125			242	1,702		52	1,516	125	126	116	134
Change	0	0			0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0
Proposed	2,069	125			242	1,702		52	1,516	125	126	116	134

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Location Map



PPNO 0053

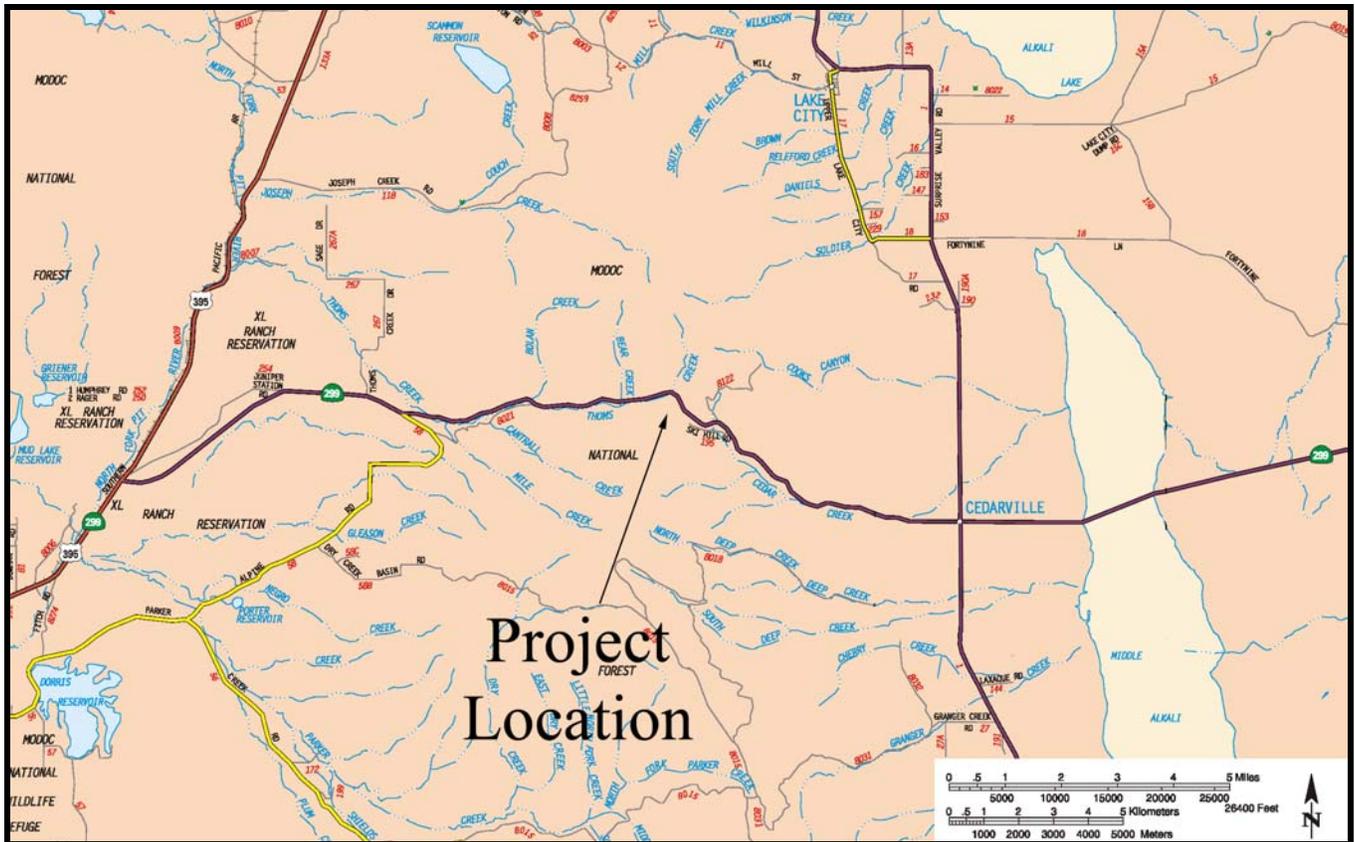
Location: City of Alturas, Route 299 from Mill Street to Route 395.

Description: Widen to 3 lanes.



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Location Map



PPNO 3105

Location: Near Cedarville, Route 299 at Cedar Pass.

Description: Construct truck escape ramp.

