

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: February 1-2, 2006

Reference No.: 2.5c.(7)
Action Item

From: CINDY McKIM
Chief Financial Officer

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Ref: **FINANCIAL ALLOCATION FOR ONE LOCALLY-ADMINISTERED STIP PROJECT
OFF THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM
RESOLUTION FP-05-57**

Attached is one (1) locally-administered State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) project off the state highway system for \$390,000, plus \$1,560,000 from other sources.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Transportation (Department) has reviewed the project and concludes that it is consistent with the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approved STIP Priority List. The Department recommends the Commission approve the following Resolution.

FINANCIAL RESOLUTION:

Resolved, that \$390,000, be allocated from a Non-Budget Act Item 2660-601-3008, for one (1) locally-administered STIP project off the state highway system, as described on the attached vote list.

Attachment

2.5 Highway Financial Matters

Project #	Allocation Amount	Recipient	Project Title	EA PPNO	Budget Year	Allocation Amount
RTPA/CTC	District-County	Legislative Districts	Location	Program/Year	Item #	State
			Project Description	PA&ED	Program	Federal
				PS&E	Codes	Total Amount
				R/W		
				CONST		
2.5c.(7) Locally Administered STIP Projects off the State Highway System				Resolution FP-05-57		
1	\$390,000	Butte County Association of Governments	Forest Highway 171 (Upper Skyway) Widening. In Butte County, on Forest Highway 171 between Inskip and Butte Meadows. Widen and reconstruct existing roadway.	0L0124	2005-06	\$390,000
				03-3L75	601-3008	
				RIP / 05-06	20.30.600.620	
				\$0		\$390,000
		BCAG	(Programmed amount adjusted from \$1,339,000 to \$390,000.	\$1,339,000		
		03-Butte	Savings to return to county shares.)	\$390,000		
		Senate: 4		\$0		
		Assembly: 3	(Contributions from other sources \$1,560,000, from SAFETEA-LU Forest Highway Apportionment.)	\$0		



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November 30, 2005

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**Subject: BCAG's Forest Highway 171 Project – December Allocation
Request for Funding Consideration**

Chair Tavaglione & Members of the California Transportation Commission:

The purpose of my letter is to request the California Transportation Commission's consideration to approve \$390,000 in State-Only RIP funding for the Butte County Forest Highway 171 Project at your December 15th Commission meeting. This request is made in lieu of the current programming request of \$1.3 million in RIP funding for development of the PS&E component on this project which is scheduled for action at the December 15th meeting.

Recognizing that there is limited state highway funding available, BCAG is requesting \$390,000 in State-Only RIP funding to use as the required 20% match for \$1,560,000 in federal appropriation funds earmarked for the Forest Highway 171 under SAFETY-LU. This would provide the necessary funding of \$1,950,000 for development of PS&E, while more importantly allowing the project to stay on schedule.

With the assistance of our Congressman Wally Herger and with the support of Senator Diane Feinstein, BCAG received a \$5.8 million earmark for the Forest Highway 171 project under SAFETEA-LU. This \$5.8 million is one source of funding in the financial plan for this project – other funding sources include a \$5 million funding commitment from FHWA's Public Lands Highway Program and prior RIP funding from BCAG in the amount of \$1 million.

The scope of this project is to reconstruct 9.6 miles of Forest Highway 171 between the communities of Inskip and Butte Meadows in northern Butte County, an area populated by approximately 25,000 residents and an area that is highly susceptible to major forest fires. The purpose and need for this project is to provide a safe route to allow access for emergency equipment into the area and to provide residents an alternative escape route out of this area in the event of a major forest fire.

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BCAG's goal is to keep this project on schedule for construction in the 2007/08 FY. To date, BCAG has completed the Project Reconnaissance and Scoping Report, PA&ED and is now ready to move forward with PS&E.

I believe that BCAG's request of \$392,000 in State-Only RIP funding is an appropriate funding solution to allow our agency to keep this project moving forward, while also minimizing the contribution of state highway funding by the Commission.

We would appreciate the Commission's consideration of this funding request.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter prior to your December 15th meeting, please do not hesitate to call me directly at 530-879-2468.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jon Clark". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "J" and "C".

Jon Clark
Executive Director