

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: September 6-7, 2006

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Action Item

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Subject: **STIP AMENDMENT 06S-005**

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Amendment 06S-005 for the Tuolumne County Transportation Council (TCTC). This amendment was noticed at the July 2006 Commission meeting.

ISSUE:

TCTC proposes to program \$1,322,000 in Public Transportation Account (PTA) funds from Regional Improvement Program (RIP) shares for a new Transit Facility project (PPNO 0141) in FY 2006-07, FY 2007-08, and FY 2008-09.

BACKGROUND:

The maintenance and operations facility for Tuolumne County Transit is currently leased from the contractor that provides public transit services for the County. Although Tuolumne County Transit owns its own buses, it contracts for the operations and maintenance of the buses, including a facility. The term of the contract is typically four years. As a result, transit operations facilities are on relatively short-term leases and capital investments are limited to bare essentials. The facilities available for lease at the beginning of a new contract can be very limited, with a poor layout and location. Consequently, Tuolumne County Transit has relocated five times in the past thirteen years. This adversely affects efficiency and morale, and presents a less than professional image to the public. For these reasons, a County-owned transit facility has been a need for many years.

Three possible locations in the vicinity of the city of Sonora have been identified. The County owns two locations, and one is owned by the Department.

Funding constraints have postponed the construction of a permanent transit facility in past years. However, with the availability of PTA funding in this STIP cycle, the TCTC desires to program funding for this purpose. A Project Study Report (PSR) or equivalent can be provided upon request.

RESOLUTION:

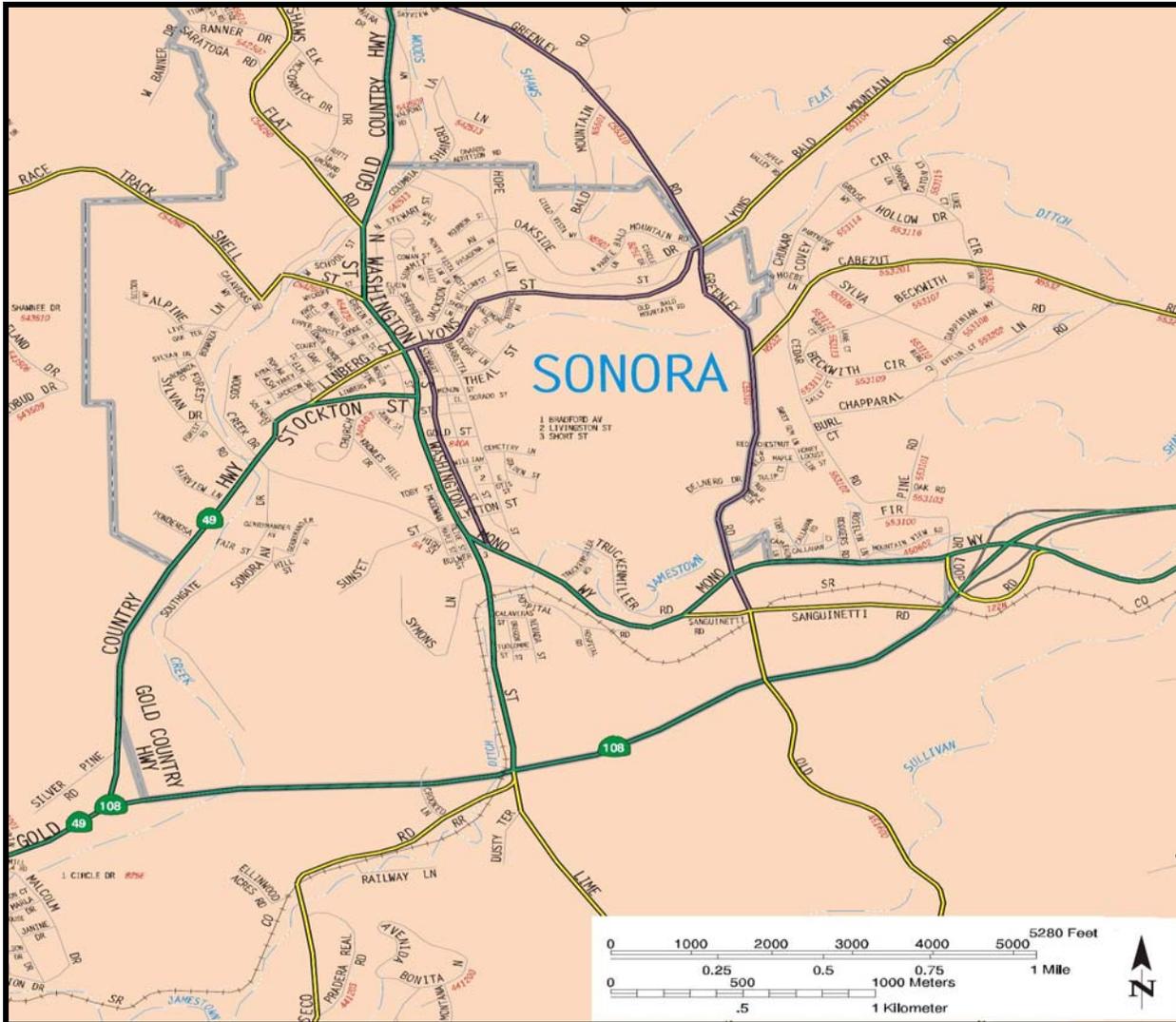
Resolved, that the California Transportation Commission revise the 2006 State Transportation Improvement Program at the end of the 30-day notice period, as follows:

Adds:

County	District	PPNO	EA	Element	Const. Year	PM Back	PM Ahead	Route/Corridor					
Tuolumne	10	0141	--	MT	2008-09	--	--	--					
Implementing Agency: (by component)		PA&ED	County of Tuolumne			PS&E	County of Tuolumne						
		R/W	County of Tuolumne			CON	County of Tuolumne						
RTPA/CTC:		Tuolumne County Transportation Council (TCTC)											
Project Title:		Transit Facility											
Location		Tuolumne County											
Description:		Construction of a Transit Facility for Tuolumne County Transit											
(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)													
FUND	TOTAL	Project Totals by Fiscal Year						Project Totals by Component					
		Prior	06/07	07/08	08/09	09/10	10/11	R/W	CON	PA&ED	PS&E	R/W Supp	CON Supp
RIP - Public Transportation Account (PTA)													
Existing	0		0	0	0			0	0	0			
Change	1,322		70	140	1,112			1,112	70	140			
Proposed	1,322		70	140	1,112			1,112	70	140			
Total													
Existing	0		0	0	0			0	0	0			
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Location Map



10 - Tuolumne
PPNO 0141

Location: Three possible locations in the vicinity of the city of Sonora.

Description: Construction of a Transit Facility for Tuolumne County Transit.

