

# Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: July 25-26, 2007

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Action Item

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Subject: **STIP AMENDMENT 06S-016**

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

The Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Amendment 06S-016 for the Imperial Valley Association of Governments (IVAG). This amendment was noticed at the June 2007 Commission meeting.

## **ISSUE:**

The Department and IVAG are proposing to program \$10,000,000 of Federal Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) Border Infrastructure Program (BIP) funds to Right of Way in FY 2007-08 on the Brawley Bypass project (PPNO 0021) on Route 78 (from Route 86 to Route 111 in Imperial County) currently programmed in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

## **BACKGROUND:**

The SAFETEA-LU, enacted in August 2005, authorizes funding through the BIP to improve transportation at international borders and ports of entry, and in trade corridors. This program replaced the TEA-21 Coordinated Border Infrastructure discretionary program that ended after 2005. The new BIP provides California a total apportionment of \$105,818,000, with an obligation limitation of approximately \$91,298,000. In April 2007, the Commission approved the programming of \$80,000,000 for right of way for the Route 905 freeway in San Diego County. This amendment proposes to program \$10,000,000 of BIP obligation authority to right of way for the Route 78 Brawley Bypass project. The Department and its regional partners in San Diego and Imperial Counties anticipate programming the remaining obligation authority of \$1,298,000 to future phases of the Route 905 and/or Route 78 projects, or another priority projects that has greater demonstrable interregional benefits.

Pursuant to Section 164.1 of the California Streets and Highways Code, BIP funds shall be programmed, allocated, and expended in the same manner as other federal funds made available for capital improvement projects in the STIP.

These BIP funds are eligible in a border region, defined as any portion of a border State within 100 miles of an international land border with Canada or Mexico, for the following types of improvements to facilitate/expedite cross border motor vehicle and cargo movements:

- Improvements to existing transportation and supporting infrastructure.
- Construction of highways and related safety and safety enforcement facilities related to international trade.
- Operation improvements, including those related to electronic data interchange and use of telecommunications.
- Modifications to regulatory procedures.
- International coordination of transportation planning, programming, and border operation with Canada and Mexico.

The Route 78 freeway project will improve the safe movement of motor vehicles at and across the border between California and Mexico, which is consistent with the eligibility requirements of the BIP.

The Route 78/111 project, referred to as the Brawley Bypass project, will supercede the existing State route segments of 78 and 111 in the city of Brawley, in the county of Imperial. The Brawley Bypass project will construct 7.8 miles of divided four-lane expressway from the Route 111 expressway, southeast of Brawley, to Route 78/86, northwest of Brawley, creating new alignments for Routes 78 and 111 around the southern, eastern, and western perimeters of the city. Existing portions of Routes 78 and 111 bypassed by this project will be subsequently relinquished to the local jurisdiction.

The Bypass project is scheduled for construction in three stages, the first of which was completed in July 2005:

- Stage 1 extends the new Route 111 expressway from just north of Mead Road to Main Street (construction completed).
- Stage 2 bypasses downtown Brawley with a new lane on Route 78 from just east of Hovley Road to north of Route 78/111 junction, and on old Route 111 from just south of Shank Road to New River Bridge (construction to begin Fall 2007).
- Stage 3 extends the new Route 78 expressway from Hovley Road to Route 78/86 just south of Fredericks Road (future project).

In addition to the requested \$10,000,000 of BIP funding, IVAG added \$2,700,000 of Regional Improvement Program (RIP) in the 2006 STIP Augmentation in order to fully fund right of way. This will enable the Department to continue acquiring the necessary right of way for the entire Brawley Bypass corridor. An allocation request for construction of Stage 2 will be presented in early FY 2007-08.

The Department will continue to seek funding through future STIP cycles and/or the Governor's Strategic Growth Plan for the remaining unfunded phase of the Route 78 corridor (Stage 3).

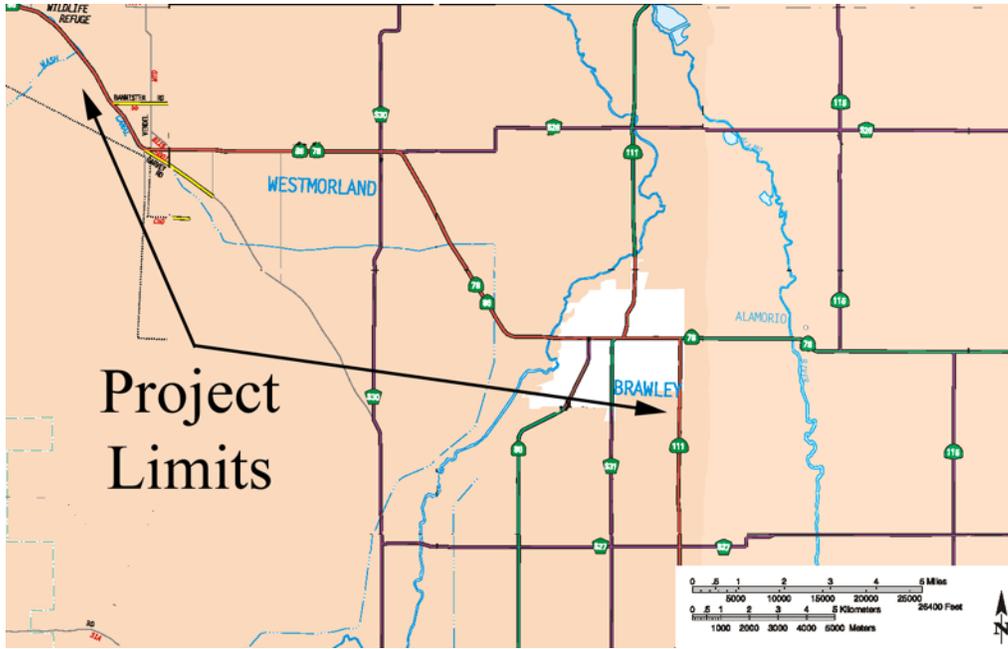
**RESOLUTION:**

Resolved, that the California Transportation Commission revise the 2006 State Transportation Improvement Program at the end of the 30-day notice period in accordance with the attached spreadsheet that illustrates the proposed programming changes for the project.

Attachment

**STIP AMENDMENT 06S-016**

Location Map



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Location: Near Brawley, Route 78 from just east of Hovley Road to north of Route 78/111 Junction and on old Route 111 from just south of Shank Road to New River Bridge

Description: Construct 4-lane expressway



**Imperial County  
 STIP Amendment Notice (06S-016)**

Route 78 (PPNO 0021) - Existing Funding													
Fund Type	Project Totals By Fiscal Year (\$ in 1,000's)							Project Totals by Component (\$ in 1,000's)					
	Total	Prior	06/07	07/08	08/09	09/10	10/11	R/W	Const	E & P	PS&E	R/W Sup	CON Sup
Demo-Lu (HPP)	\$ 7,600		\$ 4,560	\$ 1,520	\$ 1,520			\$ 3,040	\$ 4,560				
STIP IIP	\$ 4,061	\$ 4,061						\$ 2,982				\$ 1,079	
STIP-RIP	\$ 17,854	\$ 17,854						\$ 17,854					
GF IIP	\$ 13,664	\$ 13,664						\$ 5,100		\$ 2,390	\$ 5,058	\$ 1,116	
Unfunded Need	\$ 14,200			\$ 14,200				\$ 11,500				\$ 2,700	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 57,379</b>	<b>\$ 35,579</b>	<b>\$ 4,560</b>	<b>\$ 15,720</b>	<b>\$ 1,520</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 40,476</b>	<b>\$ 4,560</b>	<b>\$ 2,390</b>	<b>\$ 5,058</b>	<b>\$ 4,895</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

Route 78 (PPNO 0021) - Proposed Funding													
Fund Type	Project Totals By Fiscal Year (\$ in 1,000's)							Project Totals by Component (\$ in 1,000's)					
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Border Infrastructure Program	\$ 10,000			\$ 10,000				\$ 10,000					
ITIP Augmentation	\$ 1,500			\$ 1,500				\$ 1,500					
RTIP Augmentation	\$ 2,700			\$ 2,700				\$ 1,500				\$ 1,200	
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