

Memorandum

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Subject: **STIP AMENDMENT 08S-001**

SUMMARY:

The Department of Transportation (Department) and San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) are proposing to program \$600,000 of Federal Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) Border Infrastructure Program (BIP) funds to Plans, Specifications and Estimates (PS&E) in FY 2010-11 for the San Diego & Arizona Eastern Railway (SD&AE) San Ysidro Freight Yard Expansion project (PPNO 0854) in the city of San Diego, community of San Ysidro, in the 2008 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 within 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 limit of approximately \$91,298,000. In April 2007, the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approved the programming of \$80,000,000 for right of way for the Route 905 freeway in San Diego County. In July 2007, \$10,000,000 of BIP obligation was programmed for right of way for the Brawley Bypass project, leaving a balance of \$1,298,000. This amendment proposes to program \$600,000 of the remaining \$1,298,000 BIP obligation authority to PS&E for the SD&AE San Ysidro Freight Yard Expansion project.

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 San Ysidro Yard Expansion project will increase storage capacity from 100 to 196 cars, which will allow for an increase in cross border rail goods movement from 10,000 carloads per year to 19,600. This expansion is consistent with the eligibility requirements of the BIP.

The San Ysidro Yard Expansion project will increase freight capacity (goods movement) on the south line. Goods movement demand by rail, especially from northern Baja California, will soon surpass the existing capacity of the San Ysidro yard to accommodate rail cars and the yard switching. The project adds track to an existing rail yard. The project also includes acquisition of property and development of an access road, drainage and detention facilities, and expansion of the yard lead and storage tracks. Regional consumption of bulk commodities, along with demand for these same commodities in northern Baja California, has been and is expected to continue increasing.

RESOLUTION:

Resolved, that the California Transportation Commission revise the 2008 State Transportation Improvement Program at the end of the 30-day notice period in accordance with the table below illustrating the proposed programming for the project.

SD&AE San Ysidro Freight Yard Expansion (PPNO 0854) - Existing Funding														
Fund Type	Project Totals By Fiscal Year (\$ in 1,000's)								Project Totals by Component (\$ in 1,000's)					
	Total	Prior	08/09	09/10	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14+	R/W	Const	E & P	PS&E	R/W Sup	CON Sup
TCIF														
FHWA														
STIP-BIP														
TransNet Sales														
Tax														
TOTAL	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

SD&AE San Ysidro Freight Yard Expansion (PPNO 0854) - Proposed Funding														
Fund Type	Project Totals By Fiscal Year (\$ in 1,000's)								Project Totals by Component (\$ in 1,000's)					
	Total	Prior	08/09	09/10	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14+	R/W	Const	E & P	PS&E	R/W Sup	CON Sup
TCIF	\$25,900						\$25,900		\$25,900					
FHWA	\$8,700		\$432		\$8,268			\$7,420		\$432	\$848			
STIP-BIP	\$600				\$600						\$600			
TransNet Sales														
Tax	\$5,260		\$108		\$5,152			\$4,790		\$108	\$362			
TOTAL	\$ 40,460	\$ -	\$ 540	\$ -	\$14,020	\$ -	\$25,900	\$12,210	\$25,900	\$ 540	\$1,810	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

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Location Map



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Location: In the City of San Diego, community of San Ysidro, adjacent to the Mexican border. Project is on the San Diego & Arizona Eastern Railroad between Beyer Boulevard and border.

Description: The SD&AE San Ysidro Freight Yard Expansion project adds track to an existing rail yard. The project will also include acquisition of property and development of an access road, drainage and detention facilities, and expansion of the yard lead and storage tracks.

