

# Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS  
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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Subject: **STIP AMENDMENT 10S-009**

## **SUMMARY:**

The California Department of Transportation (Department) and the Merced County Association of Governments propose to amend the 2010 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to delete the Route 59 Widening project (PPNO 6688) and add the Atwater-Merced Expressway Phase 1A project (PPNO 5264A).

The Department will request that the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve the requested STIP amendment at the next scheduled Commission meeting following the notice period.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The Route 59 Widening project (PPNO 6688) is programmed in the 2010 STIP with a total of \$14,600,000 in Regional Improvement Program (RIP) funds. It is proposed to delete this project because the Atwater-Merced Expressway project will achieve greater benefits and, as a result, this section of Route 59 will be relinquished. At total of \$1,800,000 will remain programmed to the Environmental phase to cover expenditures through closeout.

The Castle Highway project (PPNO 5264) was deleted from the 2006 STIP when local funds were added to the Environmental phase. During the Environmental phase it became the Atwater-Merced Expressway project, which was divided into several phases. The ultimate outcome of the project will realign Route 59 from Route 140 to Bellevue Road and relinquish a portion of existing Route 59 through the city of Merced. The Atwater-Merced Expressway Phase 1A project (PPNO 5264A) will realign and widen a portion of Route 99 from four to six lanes on an 8-lane right of way and construct a new interchange to replace the Buhach Road interchange. It is proposed to program \$4,000,000 RIP to the Design phase and \$8,800,000 RIP to the Right of Way phase in Fiscal Year 2010-11 for Phase 1A. The intent is to complete design and right of way acquisition for Phase 1A in time to use savings from Proposition 1B Route 99 Bond projects, if any, for construction.

The changes proposed above are reflected in the following tables.

**DELETE:**

**Route 59 Widening project (PPNO 6688)**

County	District	PPNO	EA	Element	Const. Year	PM Back	PM Ahead	Route/Corridor					
Merced	10	6688	0E590	CO	2012-13	15.2	15.9	59					
<b>Implementing Agency: (by component)</b>	<b>PA&amp;ED</b>	Caltrans				<b>PS&amp;E</b>	Caltrans						
	<b>R/W</b>	Caltrans				<b>CON</b>	Caltrans						
<b>RTPA/CTC:</b>	Merced County Association of Governments												
<b>Project Title:</b>	Route 59 Widening												
<b>Location</b>	In the city of Merced, from Bear Creek to Cooper Avenue.												
<b>Description:</b>	Widen to 4 lanes.												
<b>(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)</b>													
FUND	TOTAL	Project Totals by Fiscal Year						Project Totals by Component					
		Prior	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15	R/W	CON	PA&ED	PS&E	R/W Supp	CON Supp
<b>RIP</b>													
Existing	14,600	1,850		1,990	10,760			1,100	10,100	1,850	650	240	660
Change	(12,800)	(50)		(1,990)	(10,760)			(1,100)	(10,100)	(50)	(650)	(240)	(660)
Proposed	<b>1,800</b>	<b>1,800</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,800</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>													
Existing	14,600	1,850		1,990	10,760			1,100	10,100	1,850	650	240	660
Change	(12,800)	(50)		(1,990)	(10,760)			(1,100)	(10,100)	(50)	(650)	(240)	(660)
Proposed	<b>1,800</b>	<b>1,800</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,800</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**ADD:**

**Atwater-Merced Expressway Phase 1A project (PPNO 5264A)**

County	District	PPNO	EA	Element	Const. Year	PM Back	PM Ahead	Route/Corridor					
Merced	10	5264A	0G441	CO	2014-15+	19.3	20.9	99					
<b>Implementing Agency: (by component)</b>		<b>PA&amp;ED</b>	MCAG			<b>PS&amp;E</b>	MCAG						
		<b>R/W</b>	MCAG			<b>CON</b>	MCAG						
<b>RTPA/CTC:</b>		Merced County Association of Governments											
<b>Project Title:</b>		Atwater-Merced Expressway Phase 1A											
<b>Location</b>		Near Atwater, from 1.3 miles south of Buhach Road Overcrossing to 0.3 mile north of Buhach Road Overcrossing.											
<b>Description:</b>		Widen to 6-lane freeway on 8-lane right of way.											
<b>(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)</b>													
FUND	TOTAL	Project Totals by Fiscal Year						Project Totals by Component					
		Prior	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15+	R/W	CON	PA&ED	PS&E	R/W Supp	CON Supp
<b>RIP</b>													
Existing	0												
Change	12,800		12,800				8,800				4,000		
Proposed	<b>12,800</b>		<b>12,800</b>				<b>8,800</b>				<b>4,000</b>		
<b>Local Funds (RTIF)</b>													
Existing	0												
Change	4,782		4,782				3,082				1,200	500	
Proposed	<b>4,782</b>		<b>4,782</b>				<b>3,082</b>				<b>1,200</b>	<b>500</b>	
<b>Local Funds (Private)</b>													
Existing	0												
Change	750		750				750						
Proposed	<b>750</b>		<b>750</b>				<b>750</b>						
<b>Future Need</b>													
Existing	270,905	6,256	17,996				246,653	15,900	241,000		6,256	2,096	5,653
Change	(216,665)	(6,256)	(17,996)				(192,413)	(15,900)	(193,300)		(6,256)	(2,096)	887
Proposed	<b>54,240</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>				<b>54,240</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>47,700</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6,540</b>
<b>Total</b>													
Existing	270,905	6,256	17,996				246,653	15,900	241,000		6,256	2,096	5,653
Change	(198,333)	(6,256)	336				(192,413)	(3,268)	(193,300)		(1,056)	(1,596)	887
Proposed	<b>72,572</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18,332</b>				<b>54,240</b>	<b>12,632</b>	<b>47,700</b>		<b>5,200</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>6,540</b>