

Memorandum

To: CHAIR and COMMISSIONERS

Date: August 10, 2011

From: BIMLA G. RHINEHART
Executive Director

Reference No. 4.6
Action

Ref: Adoption of 2012 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Guidelines

ISSUE

The Commission is required to adopt guidelines for the development of the STIP.

RECOMMENDATION

Commission staff recommends that the Commission adopt the 2012 STIP guidelines presented at the 2012 STIP Guidelines Hearing (reference number 4.19). These draft guidelines include both guidelines specific to the 2012 STIP cycle and amendments to the permanent guidelines.

BACKGROUND

Statute (Senate Bill 45, 1997) calls for the Commission to adopt STIP guidelines to serve as “the complete and full statement of the policy, standards, and criteria that the commission intends to use in selecting projects to be included in the state transportation improvement program.”

The statutes further authorize the Commission to amend the adopted guidelines after conducting at least one public hearing. The Commission most recently amended STIP guidelines on October 14, 2009 (Resolution G-09-11) and adopted an addendum to the STIP Guidelines for Local Alternative Transportation Improvement Programs on April 7, 2010 (Resolution G-10-06). The statutes call for the Commission to make a reasonable effort to adopt guideline amendments prior to the adoption of the fund estimate. In no event may the Commission change its guidelines during the period between 30 days after the fund estimate adoption and the STIP adoption.

Draft guidelines were first distributed on July 18, 2011. A workshop on the draft guidelines was held on July 27, 2011 and a hearing was held on August 10, 2011.