

Memorandum

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Subject: **STIP STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM NEEDS**

SUMMARY:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) prepared a constrained State Highway Needs Assessment and Inventory Report (Report,) pursuant to Government Code 14527(d) and STIP Guidelines Section 20. The Report references adopted Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) project lists and RTP Fiscal Elements. The Report also utilizes the recently completed California Transportation Commission (Commission) 2011 Statewide Transportation System Needs Assessment. The Report provides the Commission with regionally specific information, including project lists, regarding State highway needs and potential programming opportunities for use during the development of the 2012 STIP.

BACKGROUND:

The Commission's 2011 Statewide Transportation Needs Assessment identified approximately \$85 billion in State Highway System management and expansion needs through 2020. A Department District level highway needs assessment for the same ten-year period identified approximately \$130 billion in potential needs that were used in discussions with Regional Transportation Agencies for funding consideration within the RTPs and Regional Transportation Improvement Programs. A rolled up set of adopted RTPs, looking at a similar ten-year horizon, found approximately \$92 billion in fiscally constrained needs.

The Report finds that some regions are not proposing to use all of their available STIP funding for State highway needs even though there are unfunded highway needs. Other regions allocate substantial locally available funding to State highway needs in excess of the amounts available via the STIP.