

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION STIP State-Only Funding Policy

Resolution G-01-26

- WHEREAS, the Commission's adoption of the 2000 STIP in December 2000 included a State only funding policy generally giving blanket approval for local projects under \$750,000 and, until March 2001, for all local road rehabilitation projects regardless of cost, and providing for approval of other projects on an exception basis, and
- 1.2 WHEREAS on March 28, 2001, the Commission approved the Department's request to extend the State Only Funding Policy for currently programmed STIP projects.
- 1.3 WHEREAS, the Commission's approval included an exception to the current policy and requires that any new request for State only funding, regardless of project cost, will need to submit an exception and approval for State only funding to the Department.
- 1.4 WHEREAS, the Commission indicated that the approval is an interim policy measure, and that future availability of state only funds and the State only funding policy will be reevaluated as part of the 2002 Fund Estimate.
- 1.5 WHEREAS on August 23, 2001, the Commission approved Resolution G-01-25 adopting the 2002 STIP Fund Estimate; and
- 1.6 WHEREAS, the Commission approved the allocation of State only funding for new projects which generally gives blanket approval for local projects under \$750,000, subject to the availability of funds,
- 2.1 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that currently programmed STIP projects, which have been previously approved for state-only funds are still approved.
- 2.2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that future requests for programming new projects within the following categories shall be given priority for state-only funding, pending review by the Department and confirmation to the Commission that sufficient funds are available.
 - Projects with a total cost of \$750,000 or less;
 - Planning, programming and monitoring activities;
 - Regional rideshare and traffic demand management activities;
 - Match for local Federal funds.

- 2.3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all other new projects programmed in the STIP, which are not in one of these categories, are required to be federalized. Exceptions to this requirement may be approved pending a review and approval of the project need for state-only funding and verification that sufficient funds are available.
- 2.4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that project exception requests for state-only funding shall be included in the submittal to the Commission of the 2002 Regional or Interregional Transportation Improvement Programs. These requests will be forwarded to the Department for review of the Region's justification on the appropriateness, benefit to accelerated delivery, and reduction in cost for individual projects; and, the availability of state-only funds. The Department shall offer technical advise to facilitate the use of federal funds in those instances when the Department does not recommend the designation of state-only funding at the time of programming. Regional agencies requesting state-only funding shall do so with the understanding that changes in the availability of state-only funding may necessitate shelving a project cleared for state only funding until such time as state-only funds become available, or federalizing the project.
- 2.5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that state-only funding approval for projects will be confirmed as part of the STIP adoption.
- 2.6 THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department shall monitor the use and availability of state-only funds, report to the Commission annually in July on its findings with recommendations as necessary for modification of the policy.