



Memorandum

TO: TRANSPORTATION AND
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

FROM: James R. Helmer

**SUBJECT: STATE AND FEDERAL
TRANSPORTATION FUNDING**

DATE: 02-23-07

Approved

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RECOMMENDATION

Accept status report on State and Federal transportation funding and project priorities.

BACKGROUND

The purpose of this report is to update the Transportation and Environment Committee on current actions related to the distribution of regional transportation funding for projects of interest to the City of San Jose action. Attached is a status summary of funding opportunities for priority projects adopted by the City Council. This report focuses on the status the State Proposition 1B program, the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), and efforts to establish a VTA partnership policy that rewards local jurisdictions that help finance regional transportation improvements.

ANALYSIS

Proposition 1B Implementation

In an effort to begin to address the significant transportation infrastructure needs within California, voters passed Proposition 1B in November 2006, which authorized the issuance of \$19.9 billion in transportation improvement bonds. Proposition 1B provides funds for local streets and roads, highway corridors, public transportation, intercity rail, air quality, and other transportation infrastructure improvements. The passage of Proposition 1B will offer new funding to address critical transportation needs statewide over a ten-year period.

The California Transportation Commission (CTC) is charged with the allocation of the majority of the Proposition 1B funds. The initial transportation bond allocation will include \$4.5 billion of these funds and will be distributed through the Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA) program. San José is advocating to receive funding for the following three projects:

- Route 101 Widening, Yerba Buena to 280/680
- I-880/I-280 Interchange Upgrade
- Route 880 HOV, Route 237 to Route 101

Based on initial CTC staff recommendations released on February 16, 2007, only the Route 101 Widening, Yerba Buena to 280/680 project is proposed for funding. City staff is actively advocating for additional project funding. The CTC Board is scheduled to take action on the CMIA program on February 28, 2007. DOT staff will provide a verbal report on the results of the CTC action at the March T&E Committee meeting.

VTA State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Allocations

VTA, as the Congestion Management Agency (CMA) for Santa Clara County, has the responsibility for prioritizing and programming discretionary Federal, State, regional and certain local funds for transportation projects in Santa Clara County. These include a portion of the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

The STIP is updated every two years. The 2006 STIP was approved by the VTA Board in December 2005 and by the CTC in April 2006. The next cycle will be the 2008 STIP, beginning in August 2007.

Proposition 1B directs \$2 billion of the bond proceeds into the STIP, where it is to be distributed between the Counties based on existing STIP formulas and can be used for eligible STIP projects. The Santa Clara County share of the \$2 billion is \$57.54 million. At its February meeting, the VTA Board approved an exchange of \$57.54 million in Measure A sales tax dollars with the aforementioned STIP allocation in order to accelerate funding and completion of several local projects while expediting design work on the Capitol Light Rail Extension Project, which is an adopted Measure A project.

At the same time, VTA is working with local jurisdictions in the allocation of current and future STIP dollars toward a number of projects including Soundwall retrofit, Local Streets and Roads (Pavement), and advancing other priority regional projects. It should also be noted that DOT staff is working with VTA to expedite the delivery of local projects like the Blossom Hill/Monterey Pedestrian Overcrossing through the allocation of Federal earmarks designated for the project.

VTA Partnership Policy

Previous City Council direction has encouraged the investigation and development of a funding allocation policy that recognizes local contributions toward the completion of regional transportation projects. DOT staff has held several meetings with VTA staff in an effort to formulate such a policy and these meetings have resulted in significant progress. VTA staff has agreed to develop a policy that recognizes and rewards extraordinary investment by local jurisdictions in regional transportation projects by allocating some measure of a jurisdiction's contribution to a priority local project. Staff will continue to work with VTA to complete the policy direction and bring the recommended policy to the City Council and the VTA Board for consideration and adoption.

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Valley Transportation Plan 2030 – Priority City Projects

(Initially established based on City Council action from December 2003; Updated by City Council on September 26, 2006;
Projects are not listed in priority order)

	Project	Comments/Status
1	BART Extension to San José	In VTA Expenditure Plan for 2016 completion
2	Airport Automated People Mover	In VTA Expenditure Plan for 2018 completion
3	Capitol LRT Extension to Eastridge	In VTA Expenditure Plan for 2012 completion
4	Santa Clara/Alum Rock Transit Corridor	In VTA Expenditure Plan for 2021 completion
5	Monterey Highway Bus Rapid Transit	In VTA Expenditure Plan for 2015 completion
6	Stevens Creek/San Carlos Bus Rapid Transit	In VTA Expenditure Plan for 2015 completion
7	Guadalupe South LRT Corridor Station Retrofit	Unfunded
8	Transit Mall Station Retrofit	Under construction
9	Diridon Station Expansion Planning	City funding share of \$0.1M is budgeted. VTA is pursuing possible MTC grants
10	Route 101 Improvements (280 to Yerba Buena)	Partially funded by Federal grant; Environmental clearance complete; Proposed for funding by State Transportation Bond program. Part of Evergreen EIR.
11	Route 880/Stevens Creek Interchange Upgrade	Funded by Federal grant; 280/880 Interchange is proposed for funding by State Transportation Bond program.
12	Freeway Aesthetic Enhancements	VTA implementing pilot litter project
13	Freeway Soundwalls	VTA is identifying candidate projects for future STIP programming
14	Montague Expwy Widening	Part of North San José plan
15	Almaden Expwy Improvements (near 85)	Funded by Federal grant
16	Lawrence Expwy Improvements	Unfunded
17	San Tomas Expwy Improvements	Part of North San José plan

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	Project	Comments/Status
18	Charcot Ave Overcrossing (at 880)	Part of North San José plan
19	Autumn Street Extension (St John to Coleman)	City/SJRA funding is budgeted for environmental clearance. Part of Downtown plan
20	Coleman Ave Widening (880 to Autumn)	City/SJRA funding is budgeted for environmental clearance. Part of Downtown plan
21	Downtown Couplet Conversions	Partial funded by SNI program and North San José plan. Part of Downtown Plan.
22	Blossom Hill/Monterey Ped Improvements	Partially funded by Federal grant. Candidate project for State Transportation Bond program
23	Almaden Expwy Ped Overcrossing (near Coleman)	Environmental clearance complete
24	Branham Lane Ped Overcrossing (at 101)	City funding is budgeted for planning
25	San José Traffic/Incident Management Center	Funded by Federal grant
26	San José Traffic Signal System Upgrades	LRT signal system upgrade funded by grants
27	Guadalupe River Trail (Airport to Alviso)	Funded by Federal grant
28	Los Gatos Creek Trail (Downtown Connection)	Under construction to Auzerais
29	Coyote Creek Trail (Keyes to Montague)	Partially funded by Federal grant
30	Local Street Pavement Maintenance	Partially funded by various sources
31	Downtown San José Freeway Access Management System	Part of Downtown plan. Candidate project for State Transportation Bond program
32	Route 101/Trimble Interchange Upgrade	Part of North San José plan.
33	Route 101/Zanker/Skyport/Fourth Interchange	Part of North San José plan
34	Route 101/Oakland Rd Interchange Upgrade	Part of North San José and Downtown plans
35	Route 101/Mabury Interchange	Part of North San José plan
36	Route 101/Blossom Hill Interchange Upgrade	Part of Edenvale plan