

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: March 25, 2020

From: MITCH WIESS, Executive Director

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Subject: Adoption of the 2020 State Transportation Improvement Program
Resolution G-20-29

Issue:

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) adopt the 2020 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)?

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the Commission adopt the proposed 2020 STIP in accordance with Staff Recommendations presented under Reference No. 4.6 and made available to the Commission, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), and regional agencies on February 28, 2020. Staff recommends that the Commission adopt the STIP consistent with the attached resolution, noting any specific changes, corrections, or exceptions to the February 28, 2020 Staff Recommendations.

Background:

Government Code Section 14529 requires the Commission to adopt the STIP no later than April 1 of each even-numbered year. The STIP covers a period of five years (2020-21 through 2024-25) and is the statement of intent by the Commission for the allocation of funds during those five years. When the Commission adopted the STIP Guidelines for the 2020 STIP, on August 14, 2019, it scheduled the STIP adoption for March 25-26, 2020. State law requires that, at least 20 days prior to the adoption of the STIP, the Executive Director make the staff recommendations available to the Commission, Caltrans, and regional agencies.

This book item includes the Resolution adopting Staff Recommendations. It does not include the text nor the 86 pages of spreadsheet tables and their description that comprise the Staff Recommendations. Commission staff has made the full Staff

Recommendations available by email to Commissioners, Caltrans, and the regional agencies and posted them on February 28, 2020 on the Commission's website (www.catc.ca.gov). Staff has also made a hard copy available to each commissioner.

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Resolution G-20-29
- Attachment B: Errata
- Attachment C: Late Changes and Clarifications

**CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
ADOPTION OF THE 2020 STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

RESOLUTION G-20-29

- 1.1 **WHEREAS**, Government Code Section 14529 requires the California Transportation Commission (Commission) to adopt biennially and submit to the Legislature and Governor a state transportation improvement program (STIP), and
- 1.2 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Government Code Section 14529, the 2020 STIP is a five-year STIP, adding two new program years, 2023-24 and 2024-25, and
- 1.3 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Government Code Section 14525, the Commission adopted the 2020 STIP Fund Estimate, on August 14, 2019, and
- 1.4 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Government Code Section 14530.1, the Commission adopted amendments to the STIP guidelines, to be applicable to the 2020 STIP development process on August 14, 2019, and
- 1.5 **WHEREAS**, the 2020 STIP Fund Estimate provided \$569 million in new STIP programming capacity, and
- 1.6 **WHEREAS**, the new capacity includes \$1.112 billion from the State Highway Account, -\$542 million from the Public Transportation Account, and
- 1.7 **WHEREAS**, the statutes define the STIP as a resource management document to assist the state and local entities to plan and implement transportation improvements and to utilize resources in a cost-effective manner, and
- 1.8 **WHEREAS**, the statutes make 75 percent of all new STIP funds available for the regional improvement program, subdivided by formula into county shares, with projects to be nominated by each regional agency in its regional transportation improvement program (RTIP), and
- 1.9 **WHEREAS**, the statutes make the remaining 25 percent of all new STIP funds available for the interregional improvement program, with projects to be nominated by the California Department of Transportation in its interregional transportation improvement program (ITIP) or, under limited circumstances, by a regional agency in its RTIP, and
- 1.10 **WHEREAS**, the Commission has received and reviewed the 2020 RTIPs and the 2020 ITIP submitted by December 15, 2019, as well as various amendments and corrections submitted subsequently, and
- 1.11 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 14529, the Commission held two public hearings, one in Sacramento on January 30, 2020, and the other in Irvine on February 6, 2020, for the purpose of reconciling any objections by any county or regional agency to the ITIP or the California Department of Transportation's objections to any RTIP, and has considered the testimony at those hearings along with further written and oral comments, and

- 1.12 **WHEREAS**, the total amount programmed in each fiscal year may not exceed the amount specified in the adopted fund estimate, and
- 1.13 **WHEREAS**, the Commission staff recommendations for the 2020 STIP were published and made available to the Commission, the California Department of Transportation, regional transportation agencies, and county transportation commissions on February 28, 2020, and
- 1.14 **WHEREAS**, the staff recommendations conform to the fund estimate and other requirements of statute for the STIP.
- 2.1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Commission hereby adopts the 2020 STIP to include the program described in the staff recommendations, including the attachments to this resolution, and
- 2.2 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that, except as otherwise noted in the staff recommendations or this resolution, the 2020 STIP includes all projects remaining from the 2018 STIP, as currently amended, for which funding has not yet been allocated, and
- 2.3 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that each of the local road and transit rehabilitation projects included in the staff recommendations or remaining from the prior STIP is included in the 2020 STIP, subject to verification by the Department of Transportation at the time of allocation by the Commission that the project meets the standard for rehabilitation and does not include ineligible maintenance costs, and
- 2.4 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that each of the projects identified in the staff recommendations as a bicycle and pedestrian project is included in the 2020 STIP subject to verification by the Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration that the project is indeed eligible for State Highway Account or Federal funding, and
- 2.5 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Commission intends that STIP rail and transit projects, including grade separations on passenger rail lines, be eligible for, and funded from the Public Transportation Account, if available, or, if eligible, from the state's Federal Surface Transportation apportionment, and
- 2.6 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that if available funding is less than assumed in the fund estimate, the Commission may be forced to delay or restrict allocations using interim allocation plans, or, if available funding proves to be greater than assumed, it may be possible to allocate funding to some projects earlier than the year programmed, and

- 2.7 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Commission staff, in consultation with the California Department of Transportation and regional agencies, is authorized to make further technical changes in cost, schedules, and descriptions for projects in the 2020 STIP, consistent with the fund estimate, in order to reflect the most current information, or to clarify the Commission's programming commitments, with report of any substantive changes back to the Commission for approval at the May 13-14, 2020 meeting.