

MEMORANDUM

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: October 15-16, 2026

From: STEVEN KECK, Chief Financial Officer

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Subject: **STIP AMENDMENT 26S-13 (NOTICE)**
PPNO 8113 – TULARE COUNTY
PPNO 8113A – TULARE COUNTY

SUMMARY:

The California Department of Transportation will request that the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve the proposed State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) amendment at the next scheduled Commission meeting following the required notice period.

The Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) proposes to amend the 2026 STIP to program an Assembly Bill (AB) 3090 Reimbursement Project (PPNO 8113A) to advance the Project Approval and Environmental Document (PA&ED) phase of the State Route (SR) 198 and Road 148 Interchange, Safety, and Multi-Modal Project (PPNO 8113), from Fiscal Year 2028-29 to 2026-27 using local Measure R funds. Reimbursement would be scheduled over a 2-year period beginning in 2028-29.

BACKGROUND:

SR 198 and Road 148 Interchange, Safety, and Multi-Modal Project (PPNO 8113) will construct a new interchange on SR 198 in the city of Visalia, in Tulare County, to improve the transportation network for all users and alleviate congestion on local roads within the project limits. The project limits extend from 0.25 mile west of Lovers Lane Interchange Postmile (PM) R11.5 to 0.25 mile east of Road 156 Undercrossing (PM R14.0).

The project is needed to address congestion caused by local traffic in the vicinity and poor operational performance along SR 198. The existing Lovers Lane (SR 216) and Road 156 interchange cannot be fully modified without significantly impacting the surrounding businesses and residences.

The project also includes multi-modal elements, including bicycle paths, and safety improvements such as rumble strips, lighting along the bicycle path, and upgrades to concrete barriers and guardrails.

Currently, \$4,990,000 in Regional Improvement Program (RIP) funding is programmed for the PA&ED phase in 2028-29. Advancing the PA&ED phase by two years will allow environmental studies, engineering, and other project development activities to begin sooner. This will reduce project delivery risk and position the project for timely advancement into the design, right-of-way, and construction phases.

This request follows AB 3090 Guidelines, which allow a local agency to utilize its own funds to advance a project component ahead of schedule, with reimbursement to come later from STIP funds already programmed for the project.

The proposed changes described above are summarized in the following tables:

**REVISE: State Route 198 and Road 148 Interchange, Safety, and Multi-Modal Project
(PPNO 8113)**

County		District	PPNO	EA	Element	Const. Year		PM Back		PM Ahead	Route/Corridor		
Tulare County		06	8113	1C290	CO	2033-34		R11.500		R14.000	198		
Implementing Agency: (by component)		PA&ED		Caltrans				PS&E		Caltrans			
		R/W		Caltrans				CON		Caltrans			
RTPA/CTC:		Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG)											
Project Title:		State Route 198 and Road 148 Interchange, Safety, and Multi-Modal Project											
Location:		In Tulare County, within the City of Visalia on State Route 198 between 0.25 mile west of Lovers Lane Interchange and 0.25 mile east of Road 156 Undercrossing (between post miles R11.5 and R14.0).											
Description:		Construction of a new interchange at the intersection of State Route 198 and the alignment of Road 148.											
(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)													
FUND	TOTAL	Project Totals by Fiscal Year						Project Totals by Component					
		Prior	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	30/31+	R/W	CON	PA&ED	PS&E	R/W Supp	CON Supp
RIP													
Existing	4,990	0	0	0	4,990	0	0	0	0	4,990	0	0	0
Change	(4,990)	0	0	0	(4,990)	0	0	0	0	(4,990)	0	0	0
Proposed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Local Funds - Measure R													
Existing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Change	4,990	0	4,990	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,990	0	0	0
Proposed	4,990	0	4,990	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,990	0	0	0
Local Funds													
Existing	9,350	0	0	0	0	0	9,350	0	9,350	0	0	0	0
Change	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Proposed	9,350	0	0	0	0	0	9,350	0	9,350	0	0	0	0
Future Need													
Existing	283,525	0	0	0	0	0	283,525	46,550	211,800	0	7,875	5,450	11,850
Change	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Proposed	283,525	0	0	0	0	0	283,525	46,550	211,800	0	7,875	5,450	11,850
Total													
Existing	297,865	0	0	0	4,990	0	292,875	46,550	221,150	4,990	7,875	5,450	11,850
Change	0	0	4,990	0	(4,990)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Proposed	297,865	0	4,990	0	0	0	292,875	46,550	221,150	4,990	7,875	5,450	11,850

ADD: AB 3090 Reimbursement Project (PPNO 8113A)

County	District	PPNO	EA	Element	Const. Year	PM Back	PM Ahead	Route/Corridor					
Tulare County	6	8113A	-	CO	-	-	-	198					
Implementing Agency: (by component)	PA&ED	Caltrans				PS&E	-						
	R/W	-				CON	-						
RTPA/CTC:	Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG)												
Project Title:	AB 3090 Reimbursement Project												
Location:													
Description:	AB 3090 Reimbursement Project												
(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)													
FUND	TOTAL	Project Totals by Fiscal Year						Project Totals by Component					
		Prior	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	30/31+	R/W	CON	PA&ED	PS&E	R/W Supp	CON Supp
RIP													
Existing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Change	4,990	0	0	0	2,495	2,495	0	0	0	4,990	0	0	0
Proposed	4,990	0	0	0	2,495	2,495	0	0	0	4,990	0	0	0
Total													
Existing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Change	4,990	0	0	0	2,495	2,495	0	0	0	4,990	0	0	0
Proposed	4,990	0	0	0	2,495	2,495	0	0	0	4,990	0	0	0