

## 2024 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

### Fact Sheet for Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG)

#### Executive Summary

The Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) adopted the 2024 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) on November 16, 2023. The 2024 STIP Fund Estimate shows \$20.122M as SBCAG's formula distribution. SBCAG proposes to program RTIP funding towards the region's highest transportation priority which is completion of the Santa Barbara U.S. 101 Multimodal Corridor which meets goals included in the State's Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI) by providing users with accessibility through managed lanes, rail, transit and active transportation.

SBCAG's RTIP funding is a fund source included in a suite of multiple funding sources including federal, state and local funding. Over ten fund sources have been utilized in a partnership by the CTC, Caltrans, SBCAG and Local Partners. Federal funding includes the Regional Surface Transportation Program. State sources include, but are not limited to Proposition 1B, State Highway Operations Improvement Program, Active Transportation Program, State Transportation Improvement Program, and SB1 programs like the Local Partnership, Solutions for Congested Corridors and Trade Corridor Enhancement Programs. Local Sources include SBCAG's voter approved sales tax measures, Measure D and Measure A. Caltrans and SBCAG are close to completing the final funding necessary to complete the corridor and we will be submitting final SB1 funding applications for Cycle 4 to the CTC in late 2024.



The following is a description of SBCAG's 2024 RTIP programming:

#### SBCAG Planning, Programming and Monitoring (PPM)

SBCAG is requesting \$1.633 million for PPM.

#### Highway 101 High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Project – Segment 4E North – Final Segment

\$14.3M will be programmed to construction support for the Highway 101 HOV Project, Segment 4E North which is the final gap in the Highway 101 HOV project. The HOV lanes are included in the suite of multimodal improvements in the Santa Barbara U.S. 101 Multimodal Corridor which aims to relieve congestion between Santa Barbara and Ventura counties Multimodal Corridor with sixteen miles of HOV lanes and improved throughput for public transit provided by Ventura County Transportation Commission and Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District.

#### Cabrillo Boulevard Rail, Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements Project

\$4.189M will be programmed to Right of Way capital for the Cabrillo Boulevard Project, which will replace the existing Union Pacific Railroad undercrossing and provide improved mobility and access including new sidewalks, multi-purpose paths, and bike lanes. The project includes rail improvements with the potential for rail double tracking and improved access to bus transit service.

#### Programming by Fiscal Year (thousands)

Project	FY 24/25	FY 25/26	FY 26/27	FY 27/28	FY 28/29	Total
PPM	\$331.75	\$331.75	\$331.75	\$331.75	\$306	<b>\$1,633</b>
4E North	\$0	\$14,300	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$14,300</b>
Cabrillo Blvd	\$4,189	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$4,189</b>
Total	\$4,521	\$14,632	\$331.75	\$331.75	\$306	<b>\$20,122</b>

#### **Benefits**

Evaluated in combination with the projected growth allocation in the Connected 2050 RTP-SCS preferred scenario, there is a 15.6% reduction in per capita VMT (-4.08), reduce per capita CO2 emissions by 4.1% from the future baseline (-0.75), and increase transit, school bus, bike, and walk mode share percentage (+7.7%) while decreasing automobile mode share by the same. The RTIP projects are a key component of SBCAG's Connected 2050 RTP-SCS and serve the overall vision by facilitating flow, supporting infill development within existing urban areas, and incentivizing travel by alternative mode (transit, bike and walk) over vehicle trips.

#### **Goals and Objectives**

*How the RTIP is advancing the goals and objectives of the Regional Transportation Plan and, where applicable, the Sustainable Communities Strategy as well as other regional plans, such as Regional Bicycle Plans and the Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plans.*

The projects included in the RTIP directly relate to and would implement Connected 2050 RTP. These projects are high-priority locally supported projects that are specifically intended to implement one or more of Connected 2050's goals for Environment, Mobility and System Reliability, Equity, Health and Safety, and a Prosperous Economy. The RTIP projects will enhance the performance of the regional transportation system. These projects are also included in SBCAG's Multimodal Corridor Plan, which outlined an action plan for a multimodal solution for improving mobility, and projects in SBCAG's RTIP help those multimodal needs.

*A description of how the RTIP aligns with the State's goals regarding plans such as the Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI), Caltrans Race and Equity Action Plan (REAP), California Freight Mobility Plan (CFMP), etc.*

Supporting public health, safety, and equity, the corridor meets state goals included in CAPTI to combat and adapt to climate change by reducing dependence on single occupant vehicle trips and expanding rail, transit, and active transportation trips especially for disadvantaged communities in Santa Barbara, Oxnard, and Ventura. The Project also meets state goals by:

- Reducing GHG and pollutant emissions by encouraging carpooling and shifting to alternative modes of transportation.
- Improving safety of all users by eliminating conflict points and closing gaps in existing bicycle and pedestrian networks.
- Enhancing freight and passenger rail service and provide for state of good repair.
- Removing the need for owning automobiles and encouraging modal shift by removing barriers to accessibility for historically disadvantaged communities.