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January 29, 2010

Bimla G. Rinehart, Executive Director
California Transportation Commission
Mail Station-52
1120 N St.
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: Council of Fresno County Governments 2010 Regional Transportation
Improvement Program (RTIP) Submittal

Dear Ms. Rinehart:

Consistent with the administrative guidance provided by the California Transportation Commission, and a joint programming plan developed by the San Joaquin Valley MPO's to delay 30% of the projects programmed from 2009-10 through 2012-13 to 2013-14 and 2014-15, the Council of Fresno County Governments Policy Board has completed discussions and formally approved a policy decision on how to mutually accomplish the Commission's, Valley MPO's and Board's objectives. The \$29.6 million construction phase of SR 180 - Temperance Avenue to Academy Avenue is programmed in the current State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) in 2012/13. That project is now being delivered by using a combination of Federal ARRA Stimulus funding and local Measure "C" revenues. We propose shifting the \$29.6 million in STIP funds currently programmed for that project in 2012/13 to 2013/14 and instead use them to construct the SR 180 Braided Ramp project. This would exceed the CTC's request to delay 30% of the programmed amount through 2012/13 and is consistent with the joint plan to meet the CTC's request by the Central Valley as a region.

Background

The spacing of the interchange joining State Routes 180, 41, SR 168 is inadequate to meet future traffic flow projections. The Federal Highway Administration approved the original design specifications conditioned on including the proposed Braided Ramp project as a future mitigation measure. Compounding the current congestion problems, Route 180 is currently being extended out to Academy Avenue and future plans involve extending it even further out to Frankwood Avenue, thereby adding increased traffic demands to the existing interchange. The project is high on the priority list which was included in the Measure "C" ballot measure approved by Fresno County voters in 2007. The project is also a candidate for a newly created

Member Agencies: The cities of Clovis, Coalinga, Firebaugh, Fowler, Fresno, Huron, Kerman, Kingsburg, Mendota, Orange Cove, Parlier, Reedley, San Joaquin, Sanger, Selma & Fresno County

Regional Transportation Mitigation fee that went into effect January 1, 2010. Recently the Council of Fresno County Governments Policy Board and the Fresno County Transportation Authority jointly approved amendments to the Measure "C" Short Range Plan to provide \$7.5 million in funding to have this \$84 million project cleared, designed, and shelf ready for construction bids by December 2012.

\$1,000's			
Project	FY 2011/12	FY 2012/13	FY 2013/14
SR 180 – Temperance Ave. to Academy Ave.			
Construction Support		(\$7,000)	
Construction		(\$22,600)	
SR 180 Braided Ramp Project			
Construction Support			\$6,500
Construction			\$23,100
Planning Program Monitoring			\$322
TE Reserve	\$450	\$823	

SR 180 Braided Ramp Project

Construction Support	\$ 6.5 mil.
Construction	\$23.1 mil.

The SR 180 Braided Ramp Project consists of a number of improvements to the existing Interchange connecting three State Routes SR 180, SR 41, and SR 168.

The braided ramp system would eliminate major weaving movements within the freeway system, reduce traffic congestion, and improve traffic operation, while maintaining all existing traffic connections and movements between Routes 41, 168, and 180. The volumes of traffic merging and the weaving movements between the three freeways are very heavy and occur within short weaving distances. The level of service has deteriorated to "F" during peak hours. Also, traffic accident rates are higher than the state wide average rates for similar facilities. This project will be ready to advertise in December 2012. This project is being designed and is presently programmed as two phases, with Phase I being the west bound connections on the north side of the alignment and Phase II the east bound connections on the south side of the alignment. This request is to aid in construction of the \$38 million Phase I which will be funded with a combination of STIP and Local Measure "C". However, we are also exploring alternative funding sources including CMIA and Federal Demonstration grants that would allow us to build out the entire project in 2013/14. Design for both phases is proceeding concurrently on that assumption.

Planning, Programming & Monitoring (PPM):

Funding amounts have been established to conform with STIP Fund Estimate.

TE Reserves:

Some of the projects programmed under the 2009/10 TE Reserve will be delivered using Federal ARRA stimulus funding. We are making adjustments to the phasing of remaining projects to conform with implementation schedules requested by member agencies and request changes to the 2011/12 and 2012/13 TE targets to be funded with a combination of the 2009/10 TE Reserve that rescinds and rolls back into the program or additional TE funding that may be available.

The attachments within this submittal include Project Nomination Fact Sheets and Project Nomination Funding Sheets for each request, together with a Council of Fresno County Governments Policy Board Resolution 2010-02.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Finance Director, Les Beshears (559) 233-4148 Extension 209, or myself at (559) 233-4148, Extension 204.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tony Boren". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

TONY BOREN, Executive Director
Council of Fresno County Governments

Attachments

cc: Mitch Weiss

BEFORE THE
COUNCIL OF FRESNO COUNTY GOVERNMENTS
RESOLUTION NO. 2010-02

In the Matter of:)
)
The 2010 STIP REGIONAL)
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM)

RESOLUTION ADOPTING
THE 2010 REGIONAL
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Council of Fresno County Governments (Fresno COG) has been designated the Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) for Fresno County by the Secretary of the Business and Transportation Agency pursuant to Section 29532 of the California Code of Regulations (as amended by AB 402, 1977); and acting as the Metropolitan Planning Agency (MPO) (Federal Highway Act of 1974 and the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964, as amended, pursuant to the joint regulations-Code of Federal Regulations, Title 23, Part 450; Title 49, Part 613); and

WHEREAS, the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) is a statement of Intent by the California Transportation Commission (CTC) and a schedule for project delivery for the allocation of funds during the five year period ending June 30, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the CTC has adopted programming policies, instructions and criteria for the 2010 STIP process; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the adopted CTC policies, instructions and criteria the Fresno COG, after consultation with Caltrans, is the responsible agency for adopting the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) portion of the 2010 STIP for Fresno County and submitting the adopted RTIP to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) by January 30, 2010; and

WHEREAS, a 2010 Fresno County Regional Transportation Improvement Program has been prepared by Fresno COG in cooperation with its member agencies, Caltrans and the CTC in accordance with the 2010 STIP programming policies, instructions and criteria; and

WHEREAS, the candidate projects for the 2010 Fresno County region RTIP are listed in the attached exhibit.

WHEREAS, the 2010 Fresno County RTIP has been reviewed for consistency with the adopted Regional Transportation Plan for Fresno County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fresno COG does hereby adopt the 2010 Fresno County Regional Transportation Improvement Program as identified in the attached exhibit.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION was passed and adopted by the Council of Fresno County Governments this 28th day of January, 2010.

AYES: Clovis, Coalinga, Firebaugh, Fowler, Fresno, Huron, Kerman, Mendota, Orange Cove, Parlier, Reedley, San Joaquin, Sanger, Selma and Fresno County

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Kingsburg

ATTEST:

Signed: _____


Trinidad M. Rodriguez, Chairman

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution of the Council of Fresno County Governments duly adopted at a regular meeting thereof held on the 28th day of January, 2010.

Signed: _____

Tony Boren, Executive Director

PROJECT PROGRAMMING REQUEST

DTP-0001 (REV. 3/08)

General Instructions

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New Project <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment (Existing Project)				Date: 12/14/09	
Caltrans District		EA	PPNO	MPO ID	TCRP No.
06		0C110	6276		
County	Route/Corridor	Project Sponsor/Lead Agency		MPO	Element
FRE	180	Caltrans			
Project Title					
180 Braided Ramp Project					
PM Bk	PM Ahd	Project Mgr/Contact	Phone	E-mail Address	
58.8	60.4	Neil Bretz	559-243-3465	neil_bretz@dot.ca.gov	
Location, Project Limits, Description, Scope of Work, Legislative Description					
In the City of Fresno on Route 180 between Routes 41 and 168. Construct a braided ramp system.					
Component	Implementing Agency		AB 3090	Letter of No Prejudice	
PA&ED	Caltrans		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
PS&E	Caltrans		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Right of Way	Caltrans		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Construction	Caltrans		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Legislative Districts					
Assembly: 29, 31		Senate: 14, 16			
Congressional: 19, 20					
Purpose and Need					
Construct a braided ramp system that would eliminate major weaving movements within the freeway system, reduce traffic congestion and improve traffic operation, while maintaining all existing traffic connections and movements between Routes 41, 168 and 180. The volumes of traffic merging and the weaving movements between the three freeways are very heavy and occur within short weaving distances. The level of service (LOS) has deteriorated to "F" during peak hours. Also, traffic accident rates are higher than the state wide average rates for similar facilities.					
Project Benefits					
Improve the operation of the facility and lower the accident rate.					
Project Milestone					Date
Project Study Report Approved					07/31/09
Begin Environmental (PA&ED) Phase					11/01/09
Circulate Draft Environmental Document				Document Type ND/CE	06/01/09
Draft Project Report					08/01/09
End Environmental Phase (PA&ED Milestone)					09/01/09
Begin Design (PS&E) Phase					09/01/09
End Design Phase (Ready to List for Advertisement Milestone)					09/01/12
Begin Right of Way Phase					10/01/10
End Right of Way Phase (Right of Way Certification Milestone)					08/01/12
Begin Construction Phase (Contract Award Milestone)					12/15/12
End Construction Phase (Construction Contract Acceptance Milestone)					11/01/15
Begin Closeout Phase					12/01/15
End Closeout Phase (Closeout Report)					05/01/17

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Date: 12/14/09

County	CT District	PPNO	TCRP Project No.	EA
FRE	06	6276		0C110
Project Title: 180 Braided Ramp Project				

Existing Total Project Cost									Implementing Agency
Component	Prior	08/09	09/10	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14+	Total	
E&P (PA&ED)									
PS&E									
R/W SUP (CT)									
CON SUP (CT)									
R/W									
CON									
TOTAL									
Proposed Total Project Cost									
E&P (PA&ED)			1,804					1,804	
PS&E				5,606				5,606	
R/W SUP (CT)				103				103	
CON SUP (CT)							6,500	6,500	
R/W									
CON							70,000	70,000	
TOTAL			1,804	5,709			76,500	84,013	

Fund No. 1:	RIP - State Cash								Program Code
	Existing Funding								20.XX.075.600
Component	Prior	08/09	09/10	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14+	Total	Funding Agency
E&P (PA&ED)									
PS&E									
R/W SUP (CT)									
CON SUP (CT)									
R/W									
CON									
TOTAL									
	Proposed Funding								Notes
E&P (PA&ED)									RIP - Council of Fresno County Governments
PS&E									
R/W SUP (CT)									
CON SUP (CT)							6,500	6,500	
R/W									
CON							23,100	23,100	
TOTAL							29,600	29,600	

Fund No. 2:									Program Code
	Existing Funding								
Component	Prior	08/09	09/10	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14+	Total	Funding Agency
E&P (PA&ED)									
PS&E									
R/W SUP (CT)									
CON SUP (CT)									
R/W									
CON									
TOTAL									
	Proposed Funding								Notes
E&P (PA&ED)			1,804					1,804	Fresno County Transportation Authority
PS&E				5,606				5,606	
R/W SUP (CT)				103				103	
CON SUP (CT)									
R/W									
CON							9,430	9,430	
TOTAL			1,804	5,709			9,430	16,943	

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County	CT District	PPNO	TCRP Project No.	EA
FRE	06	6276		0C110
Project Title: 180 Braided Ramp Project				

Fund No. 3: Future Need - Future Funds (NO-FUND)									Program Code
Existing Funding									FUTURE
Component	Prior	08/09	09/10	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14+	Total	Funding Agency
E&P (PA&ED)									
PS&E									
R/W SUP (CT)									
CON SUP (CT)									
R/W									
CON									
TOTAL									
Proposed Funding									Notes
E&P (PA&ED)									
PS&E									
R/W SUP (CT)									
CON SUP (CT)									
R/W									
CON							37,470	37,470	
TOTAL							37,470	37,470	

Fund No. 4:									Program Code
Existing Funding									Funding Agency
Component	Prior	08/09	09/10	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14+	Total	Funding Agency
E&P (PA&ED)									
PS&E									
R/W SUP (CT)									
CON SUP (CT)									
R/W									
CON									
TOTAL									
Proposed Funding									Notes
E&P (PA&ED)									
PS&E									
R/W SUP (CT)									
CON SUP (CT)									
R/W									
CON									
TOTAL									

Fund No. 5:									Program Code
Existing Funding									Funding Agency
Component	Prior	08/09	09/10	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14+	Total	Funding Agency
E&P (PA&ED)									
PS&E									
R/W SUP (CT)									
CON SUP (CT)									
R/W									
CON									
TOTAL									
Proposed Funding									Notes
E&P (PA&ED)									
PS&E									
R/W SUP (CT)									
CON SUP (CT)									
R/W									
CON									
TOTAL									

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County	CT District	PPNO	TCRP Project No.	EA
FRE	06	6276		0C110
Project Title: 180 Braided Ramp Project				

Existing Total Project Cost									Implementing Agency
Component	Prior	08/09	09/10	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14+	Total	
E&P (PA&ED)									Caltrans
PS&E									Caltrans
R/W SUP (CT)									
CON SUP (CT)									
R/W									Caltrans
CON									Caltrans
TOTAL									
Net Change									
E&P (PA&ED)			1,804					1,804	
PS&E				5,606				5,606	
R/W SUP (CT)				103				103	
CON SUP (CT)							6,500	6,500	
R/W									
CON							70,000	70,000	
TOTAL			1,804	5,709			76,500	84,013	
Proposed New Result									
E&P (PA&ED)			1,804					1,804	
PS&E				5,606				5,606	
R/W SUP (CT)				103				103	
CON SUP (CT)							6,500	6,500	
R/W									
CON							70,000	70,000	
TOTAL			1,804	5,709			76,500	84,013	

Fund No. 1:	RIP - State Cash								Program Code
Existing Funding									
Component	Prior	08/09	09/10	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14+	Total	Funding Agency
E&P (PA&ED)									
PS&E									
R/W SUP (CT)									
CON SUP (CT)									
R/W									
CON									
TOTAL									
Change									Notes
E&P (PA&ED)									
PS&E									
R/W SUP (CT)									
CON SUP (CT)							6,500	6,500	
R/W									
CON							23,100	23,100	
TOTAL							29,600	29,600	
Proposed Funding									
E&P (PA&ED)									
PS&E									
R/W SUP (CT)									
CON SUP (CT)							6,500	6,500	
R/W									
CON							23,100	23,100	
TOTAL							29,600	29,600	

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County	CT District	PPNO	TCRP Project No.	EA
FRE	06	6276		0C110
Project Title: 180 Braided Ramp Project				

Fund No. 2:									Program Code
Existing Funding									
Component	Prior	08/09	09/10	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14+	Total	Funding Agency
E&P (PA&ED)									
PS&E									
R/W SUP (CT)									
CON SUP (CT)									
R/W									
CON									
TOTAL									
Change									Notes
E&P (PA&ED)			1,804					1,804	
PS&E				5,606				5,606	
R/W SUP (CT)				103				103	
CON SUP (CT)									
R/W									
CON							9,430	9,430	
TOTAL			1,804	5,709			9,430	16,943	
Proposed Funding									
E&P (PA&ED)			1,804					1,804	
PS&E				5,606				5,606	
R/W SUP (CT)				103				103	
CON SUP (CT)									
R/W									
CON							9,430	9,430	
TOTAL			1,804	5,709			9,430	16,943	

Fund No. 3: Future Need - Future Funds (NO-FUND)									Program Code
Existing Funding									
Component	Prior	08/09	09/10	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14+	Total	Funding Agency
E&P (PA&ED)									
PS&E									
R/W SUP (CT)									
CON SUP (CT)									
R/W									
CON									
TOTAL									
Change									Notes
E&P (PA&ED)									
PS&E									
R/W SUP (CT)									
CON SUP (CT)									
R/W									
CON							37,470	37,470	
TOTAL							37,470	37,470	
Proposed Funding									
E&P (PA&ED)									
PS&E									
R/W SUP (CT)									
CON SUP (CT)									
R/W									
CON							37,470	37,470	
TOTAL							37,470	37,470	

Date: 12/14/09

County	CT District	PPNO	TCRP Project No.	EA
FRE	06	6276		0C110
Project Title:	180 Braided Ramp Project			

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Date: 12/14/09

County	CT District	PPNO	TCRP Project No.	EA
FRE	06	6276		0C110
Project Title:	180 Braided Ramp Project			

Fund No. 10:	Existing Funding								Program Code
Component	Prior	08/09	09/10	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14+	Total	Funding Agency
E&P (PA&ED)									
PS&E									
R/W SUP (CT)									
CON SUP (CT)									
R/W									
CON									
TOTAL									
Change									Notes
E&P (PA&ED)									
PS&E									
R/W SUP (CT)									
CON SUP (CT)									
R/W									
CON									
TOTAL									
Proposed Funding									
E&P (PA&ED)									
PS&E									
R/W SUP (CT)									
CON SUP (CT)									
R/W									
CON									
TOTAL									

Fund No. 11:									Program Code
Existing Funding									
Component	Prior	08/09	09/10	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14+	Total	Funding Agency
E&P (PA&ED)									
PS&E									
R/W SUP (CT)									
CON SUP (CT)									
R/W									
CON									
TOTAL									
Change									Notes
E&P (PA&ED)									
PS&E									
R/W SUP (CT)									
CON SUP (CT)									
R/W									
CON									
TOTAL									
Proposed Funding									
E&P (PA&ED)									
PS&E									
R/W SUP (CT)									
CON SUP (CT)									
R/W									
CON									
TOTAL									

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