

**Agenda:** October 7, 2004

**To:** Regional Transportation Commission  
**From:** Linda Wilshusen, Executive Director  
**Re:** Updated RTP Project List for the 2005 Regional Transportation Plan

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the Commission approve the changes to the *2005 Regional Transportation Plan* (RTP) draft project lists (Attachment 1).

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## **BACKGROUND**

At the April 1, 2004 meeting, the Commission approved the draft project list for the *2005 Regional Transportation Plan* (RTP) update. The Draft Project Lists for the RTP identify projects that are “Within Projected Funds” (Constrained) and projects that “Need New Funds” (Unconstrained). State guidelines require project lists to be projected over a minimum 20-year time frame from the date the final RTP is adopted. The “Within Projected Funds (Constrained)” project list for this RTP includes all of the projects that could be funded with projected revenues (including the ½-cent transportation sales tax/Measure J) through 2030 (25 year timeframe).

As part of the joint effort between the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG), the Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) and the RTC, the consulting firm of Lamphier-Gregory is in the process of preparing the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the RTP based on the potential impacts of the projects included on the lists.

## **DISCUSSION**

Since the Commission approved the draft project lists, there have been minor technical changes to the lists (Attachment 1). These changes represent revised funding estimates, recent SCCRTC funding decisions, as well as project descriptions and consolidation of projects.

When the draft list was developed in April, the Commission had not yet finalized the Expenditure Plan for the ½-cent transportation sales tax measure. Since then, the Commission has approved and included the final projects and funding plan on the November 2004 ballot, now known as Measure J. The 2005 RTP project list has been revised to reflect the amounts listed in Measure J. Projects that have partial funds from the expenditure plan now reference the expenditure plan funding in their project description. Two large projects listed in the expenditure plan, the Highway 1 Widening/Carpool Lane project and the Coastal Pedestrian and Bike Trail had several project listings in the last draft RTP list. These project listings have been combined

to accurately reflect the funding planned for each of the projects, including funds committed during the Major Transportation Investment Study (MTIS). Additionally, as part of adoption of the *2004 Regional Transportation Improvement Program* (RTIP) at the April 1, 2004 meeting, the Commission programmed Transportation Enhancement (TE) funds to several projects that were not previously listed in the RTP. The approved projects are shown on the new RTP list. These changes are summarized in Attachment 1.

The 2005 RTP project list remains a draft until final adoption of the 2005 RTP, scheduled for Spring 2005. Staff anticipates releasing the entire draft 2005 RTP for Commission and public review later this calendar year.

## **SUMMARY**

Staff recommends that the Commission approve the changes to the draft 2005 RTP project list. These changes now reflect the final amounts as shown in Measure J as well as new Transportation Enhancement (TE) projects and other administrative changes.

Attachments: 1. Changes to the RTP Project List

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