

**TO:** Regional Transportation Commission  
**FROM:** Kim Shultz, Senior Transportation Planner  
**RE:** Status Report on Related Highway 1 Projects

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**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Staff recommends that the Regional Transportation Commission accept this Status Report on activities related to Highway 1 Projects.

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**DISCUSSION**

Highway 1/17 Merge Lanes Project

As part of another item in this agenda, Caltrans will make a presentation on the status of the Highway 1/17 Merge Lanes project.

Highway 1 Widening/HOV Lane Project

Through focused negotiations between the staff, the project consultants and AMBAG, issues related to execution of the Model Use Agreement to access the Travel Demand Model will be resolved in early February. Through this process, staff has attempted to avoid any increase to the project budget related to AMBAG's imposition of a security deposit to access the model.

At your last meeting, the RTC held a public meeting and choose the set of alternatives for analysis through the PA/ED phase of the project. Those alternatives include:

- No Build
- Ramp Metering/Auxiliary Lane (Transportation System Management)
- Widen to Six Lanes with HOV Lanes and Standard Shoulder Widths
- Widen to Six Lanes with HOV Lanes and Reduced Shoulder Widths
- Diamond Interchange Configurations with Widening/HOV Lanes
- Improved Transit Access at Interchanges with Widening/HOV Lanes
- Undefined – A Hybrid to be Developed through the PA/ED Process

The RTC deiced not to pursue analysis of an eight-lane facility or the six-lane mixed-flow alternative.

A written request for Caltrans approval of the recommended set of alternatives for analysis has been submitted.

At the February TPW meeting, staff will present a report on the consultant budget with recommended actions regarding the release of the next increment of funding for the consultant contract.

## **SUMMARY**

Caltrans will make a presentation on the Highway 1/17 Merge Lane Project as part of another item in this agenda. A request has been submitted for Caltrans approval of the set of alternatives to be developed through the PA/ED phase of the Highway 1 Widening/HOV Lane project, as identified by the RTC following the public hearing on January 20<sup>th</sup>.

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