

AGENDA: August 4, 2005

TO: Regional Transportation Commission
FROM: Pat Dellin, Acting Executive Director
RE: Director's Report for August 2005

This item is for information only.

Amendment to the FY05-06 Budget and Work Program

Staff will be working with the Budget and Administration/Personnel Committee next month on developing the major amendment to the FY05-06 SCCRTC Budget and Work Program. This amendment will take into account the year-end closing balances for the funds managed by the Commission, the carryover of funds and expenditures for projects that have not been completed, and new information on revenues, expenditures and tasks.

On the revenue side, Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds for last fiscal year exceeded the projection by \$160,000. This surplus will be considered by the Budget and Administration/Personnel Committee and the Commission for allocation in the budget amendment, consistent with the allocation priorities in the Commission's Rules and Regulations.

Congress' approved federal reauthorization bill (to be discussed in the regular agenda) includes an increase in FHWA Planning (PL) funds that flow through AMBAG and are passed on to the RTC. As noted in earlier reports, the Budget and Administration/Personnel Committee plans to discuss with AMBAG renegotiation of the PL allocation formula in light of the additional funding.

For expenditures, the Budget and Administration/Personnel Committee will consider updates to the project budgets for the Highway 1, Rail Line Acquisition and SCCRTC autonomy projects, and inclusion of the Comprehensive Transportation Funding Committee, if it is approved by the RTC at today's meeting.

The Budget and Administration/Personnel Committee's recommendations on the amendment to the FY05-06 Budget and Work Plan, including the two funding increases noted above, will be reviewed by the Commission at its October meeting.

Staff Update

Please join me in welcoming Nathan Luedtke to his new position as Transportation Planning Technician for the SCCRTC. This is a temporary appointment. There is also an additional vacant half-time Transportation Planning Technician position. A recruitment will be done in the near future.

Nathan is a Community Studies student at UCSC, focusing in urban studies and city planning. He is currently finishing his undergraduate thesis on the role of the public in the urban redevelopment process, and did field work with the Centre City Development Corporation in San Diego over the summer of 2004. His responsibilities as a Transportation Planning Technician include representing the Commute Solutions Program, loading and updating the SCCRTC's website, and assisting the Transportation Planners in data entry and analysis.