

TO: Regional Transportation Commission

FROM: Rachel Moriconi, Transportation Planner

RE: Amendments to the *Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP)*
Consistent with the Adopted *2006 State Transportation Improvement Program
Augmentation*

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Regional Transportation Commission amend the *2006 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP)* to be consistent with the adopted *2006 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Augmentation (Attachment 1)*.

BACKGROUND

At its April 5, 2007 meeting, the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) identified projects to receive the region's share of State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Augmentation funds. STIP project funding is subject to approval by the California Transportation Commission (CTC).

DISCUSSION

Because statewide proposals exceeded the amount of funds available for highway and road projects, the CTC was not able to accommodate all of the highway and road projects that were proposed by regional agencies and Caltrans. Additionally, the CTC counted the cost increases on the Highway 1/17 Merge Lanes project against the region's 2006 STIP Augmentation target, thereby reducing the possibility of approval for all of the RTC's STIP funding requests. As such, at its June 7, 2007 meeting, the CTC approved 80% of the RTC's \$12 million in requests. **Staff recommends that the RTC amend the 2006 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) to be consistent with the 2006 STIP (Attachment 1).**

RTC staff will work with the Regional Transportation Commission and California Transportation Commission to reconsider the balance of projects as part of future funding cycles.

SUMMARY

In April 2007, the RTC submitted a proposal for Santa Cruz County's share of STIP funds to the CTC. On June 7, 2007, the CTC approved 80% of the RTC funding request. The RTIP needs to be amended for consistency with the adopted STIP.

Attachment: Resolution and RTIP Amendments