

Agenda: August 16, 2007

To: Regional Transportation Commission/Transportation Policy Workshop

From: Luis Pavel Mendez, Deputy Director

RE: Draft 2007 Central Coast Intelligent Transportation System (CCITS) Implementation Plan

RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) inform staff whether individual Commissioners would like a copy of the Draft 2007 Central Coast Intelligent Transportation System (CCITS) Implementation Plan for review and comment (deadline September 6, 2006).

BACKGROUND

The Central Coast Intelligent Transportation System (CCITS) Coordinating Group composed of stakeholder agencies from the 5-county Central Coast Region (Santa Cruz, San Benito, Monterey, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara) has been working to produce the CCITS Implementation Plan through a consultant contract managed by the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG). The draft 2007 CCITS Implementation Plan was recently completed by the consultant (TransCore) thanks to a Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Partnership Planning Grant secured in 2004. The 2007 CCITS Implementation Plan is designed to update the CCITS Strategic Deployment Plan completed in 2000 and to ensure our region's compliance with federal requirements for a Regional ITS Architecture. Compliance with federal requirements will ensure that ITS projects and ITS components of projects qualify for federal funds.

DISCUSSION

As part of the development of the CCITS Implementation Plan, staff took sections of the plan as they were being produced to the Interregional Transportation Advisory Committee (ITAC) for review and comment. To ensure that ITS projects qualify for federal funding, they should be included in the inventory list (Appendix A). Therefore, RTC staff presented the inventory list to the ITAC in January 2006. In addition, the Draft 2007 CCITS Implementation Plan was forwarded to ITAC members for their review and comment. When the final plan is completed staff and the consultant will present it to the RTC for acceptance. Completion of the final plan is expected in September or October.

The Draft CCITS Implementation Plan is also available for comments from Commissioners; therefore, if individual Commissioners would like to review the draft document please inform

staff to obtain a copy of the document. Commissioner comments would be due on September 6, 2007 at the RTC meeting.

Working with the consultant, the Central Coast ITS Coordinating Group completed a Central Coast ITS brochure to provide information regarding ITS projects and their benefits to the Central Coast region's transportation systems. A copy of the brochure is included as Attachment 1. The Central Coast ITS Coordinating Group also hosts an administrative website with background information, meeting information and related documents at <http://www.iteris.com/ccits-admin/index.html>

SUMMARY

The Draft 2007 Central Coast ITS Implementation Plan was recently completed. Staff forwarded the document to the ITAC for review and comment. If individual Commissioners would like to review the document, please inform staff to obtain a copy of the document. Commissioner comments would be due on September 6, 2007 at the RTC meeting.

Attachment 1: Central Coast ITS Informational Brochure

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