



**DATE:** September 26, 2019

**TO:** Transportation Authority of Marin Board of Commissioners

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**SUBJECT:** Approve the Programming of 2020 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Funds (Action), Agenda Item No. 6d

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

Adopt the programming of 2020 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funds for Planning Programming and Monitoring (PPM) activities in the amounts of \$18,000 for FY 20/21 and \$74,000 for FY 24/25.

## **BACKGROUND**

The State Transportation Improvement Program is a biennial programming document adopted no later than April 1 of each even-numbered year. Each STIP will cover a five-year period, of which the upcoming 2020 STIP includes FY 20/21 to FY 24/25. Each new STIP will include projects carried forward from the previous STIP plus new projects and reserves from among those proposed by regional agencies in their Regional Transportation Improvement Programs (RTIP) and by Caltrans in its Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP).

The California Transportation Commission (CTC) adopted a STIP Fund Estimate in August 2019, estimating all federal and state funds reasonably expected to be available in the upcoming STIP. The Fund Estimate provides each county and region of the state an estimate of funds they can request programming against.

## **DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS**

### **2020 STIP Fund Estimate**

TAM advanced its share of STIP funding to attract Proposition 1B bond funds for the Marin Sonoma Narrows (MSN) projects. By programming its local STIP funds to the MSN, TAM was able to attract over \$63 million in Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA) funds from the Prop 1B transportation bond program approved by voters. These grant funds would not have otherwise come to Marin and were above and beyond any funds TAM had available. The funds enabled us to proceed with the safety improvements, multi-use paths, and carpool lanes that are being constructing currently in the Narrows.

While TAM has no new STIP funds for programming for projects, Caltrans has still made available STIP funds for Planning Programming and Monitoring (PPM) activities. Caltrans has set aside \$92,000 in STIP funds for TAM to use for PPM activities during the 2020 STIP cycle.

**2020 STIP Schedule**

The following schedule lists major milestones dictating the 2020 STIP.

TAM Board approves STIP programming	September 26, 2019
Final List of Projects due to MTC	November 1, 2019
MTC approves STIP programming	December 18, 2019
CTC adopts STIP programming	March 28, 2020

**Programming of STIP Funds**

TAM will not be programming STIP funds for new projects in the 2020 STIP with the exception of Planning Programming and Monitoring (PPM) activities. Per statute, TAM uses PPM funds for its planning activities and multi-fund programming and monitoring efforts. PPM fund is included in the adopted TAM budget annually. The last year that TAM received an allocation for PPM was FY 17/18. The next expected allocation from previous programming is FY 20/21.

STIP funds for PPM activities are made available each STIP cycle by the CTC in one lump sum and CMAs have the discretion to program the STIP funds for PPM activities in any of the latter fiscal years of the STIP cycle as needed.

As noted above, TAM has a total of \$92,000 in STIP funds in the 2020 STIP for PPM activities that can be programmed. Of the \$92,000 available for PPM activities, \$18,000 must be programmed in FY 22/23 or sooner and the remaining \$74,000 must be programmed in FY 24/25.

Because of the relatively small amount of STIP funds available in the 2020 STIP for PPM activities, staff recommends programming all available STIP funds for PPM activities as shown in the below table:

STIP Funds for PPM	FY 20/21	FY 21/22	FY 22/23	FY 23/24	FY 24/25	Total
Existing	\$287,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$287,000
New	\$18,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$74,000	\$92,000
Total	\$305,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$74,000	\$379,000

The only available option allowed by Caltrans was to program \$18,000 in FY 20/21, FY 21/22, or FY 22/23. Since TAM has existing funds of \$287,000 programmed in FY 20/21, it is efficient to program the small amount of \$18,000 in the same year to avoid the need to process multiple allocations with the CTC and Caltrans. Once allocated by the CTC, PPM funds can be expended over a three-year period.

**FISCAL IMPACTS**

While TAM will receive allocations of \$305,000 and \$74,000 from the CTC in FY 20/21 and FY 24/25, respectively, the PPM funds can be budgeted over multiple years for planning, programming, and monitoring activities related to state and federal projects. There is no requirement to budget the entire

amount of \$305,000 in FY 20/21. CTC allows the allocated funds to be expended over three fiscal years. No further action is needed at this time.

**NEXT STEPS**

Complete the necessary documents and inform Caltrans that TAM will program \$92,000 in STIP funds for PPM activities. After the funds have been approved by the CTC, staff will submit an allocation requests for the respective programmed funds before the start of FY 20/21 and FY 24/25.

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