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TO: Policy Board Staff Report
Resolution

Through: Vince Harris, Executive Director

FROM: Sam Kaur, Assistant Planner
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DATE: June 4, 2007

SUBJECT: Transportation Control Measure (TCM) Substitution

Recommendation

By Resolution, approve the Transportation Control Measure (TCM) Substitution, and authorize the Executive Director to respond to public comments and request U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and California Air Resources Board concurrence, as well as officially submit for incorporation into the State Implementation Plan (SIP).

Background

Transportation Control Measures are specific steps taken by local, regional, state, or federal jurisdictions for the purpose of reducing emissions or concentrations of air pollutants from transportation sources by reducing vehicle use or changing traffic flow conditions.

Examples of TCM's include synchronizing traffic signals, construction of bicycle paths and pedestrian walkways, expansion of public transportation system.

Stanislaus County committed to implement the River Road Bicycle Project by December 2004. The commitment for this project was approved by US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as a transportation control measure. Subsequently, preliminary design work on the project resulted in unforeseen Right-of-way (ROW) cost and environmental issues. In response to FHWA concerns regarding the status of project implementation, the FTIP was amended and StanCOG agreed to pursue a SIP amendment to remove or modify the commitment via TCM substitution. As allowed under federal legislation Stanislaus County proposes to substitute the Grayson Road Bike Lane that was completed in January 2005 as the substitute TCM. Supporting documentation for this substitution has been

developed in accordance with EPA Interim Guidance for Implementing the Transportation Conformity Provisions in SAFETEA -LU.

Discussion

The necessity of this substitution is thoroughly explained in the attached "Summary of StanCOG Timely Implementation Documentation i ssue."

The Draft TCM Substitution consists of the following supporting materials:

- April 10, 2006 Inter-agency Consultation Memo regarding the Draft Approach for Collaborative Process and Concurrence for TCM Substitution
- October 25, 2006 Inter-agency Consultation Memo regarding Quantification of the Existing TCM and Substitute TCM
- Chronological Summary of the Timely Implementation Documentation Issue

A public notice initiating a 30-day public review and comment period was posted on May 15, 2007. Public comments will be received at the June 13, 2007 Policy Board meeting or submitted in writing.

Advisory Committee Action

Citizens Advisory Committee: Citizens Advisory Committee unanimously recommended that the Policy Board concur on TCM Substitution, and authorize the Executive Director to respond to public comments and request U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and California Air Resources Board concurrence, as well as officially submit for incorporation into the SIP.

Technical Advisory Committee: Technical Advisory Committee unanimously recommended that the Policy Board concur on TCM Substitution, and authorize the Executive Director to respond to public comments and request U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and California Air Resources Board concurrence, as well as officially submit for incorporation into the SIP.

Attachments

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