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Memorandum

TO: Partnership Technical Advisory Committee

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RE: TIP Update

SAFETEA UPDATE TIP AMENDMENT

Last month we informed the Partnership that the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act, A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA) requires the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) to update its Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) making it compliant with the Act by July 1, 2007. As such, MTC is preparing an update to the 2007 TIP in form of a formal amendment bringing the document into compliance. This amendment will also include a conformity determination that will allow us to amend new projects into the TIP.

The Congestion Management Agencies (CMAs), transit operators, Caltrans and other sponsors are therefore encouraged to consider adding or deleting projects or project phases through the upcoming SAFETEA Update TIP Amendment. The programs to be considered include, but in no way are limited to the following:

- Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA)
- State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Augmentation
- Remaining balances in the Surface Transportation Program / Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (STP/CMAQ), including Regional Bicycle Program, Transportation for Livable Communities (TLC) and Housing Incentive Program (HIP)
- Federal Earmarks
- Unprogrammed FTA funds
- Regionally significant locally funded projects
- Any and all projects or project phases requiring federal action prior to February 2009

Attached is the tentative schedule for the TIP amendment to meet the July 1, 2007 SAFETEA compliance deadline.

TIP AMENDMENT UPDATE

The Commission has approved TIP Amendment 07-04, and on January 2, 2007 it was forwarded to Caltrans and FHWA/FTA for review and approval. FHWA/FTA approval of the Amendment is anticipated in February.

Because the SAFETEA-compliance TIP update will include an air quality conformity determination in conjunction with the RTP Amendment also being processed by July 1, 2007, the last date to submit projects requiring air quality analysis was December 4, 2006. Other TIP amendment requests are due by February 1, 2007. We ask the Partnership and project sponsors to review all the projects that are anticipated to be delivered or included in a FTA grant this federal fiscal year and check to make sure all funding and project phases are in order. This will be the last formal amendment this fiscal year.

For additional information, please contact Raymond Odunlami at (510) 817-5799.

Attachments

A - Tentative July 1, 2007 SAFETA Update TIP Amendment Schedule