



STAFF REPORT
Board Meeting of October 20, 2021

AGENDA ITEM: 5-A
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SUBJECT:

Draft 2022 California Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP)

Enclosure: No

Action: Information and Discussion Only

SUMMARY:

Caltrans released the Draft 2022 Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP) on October 15, 2021. The Madera South Widening project is included in the draft for construction funding in FY 2025-26. The ITIP funding request for the project is \$33.5 million (page 9). The remaining funds are Madera County's Mid-Cycle Regional Improvement Program funds - \$832,000, and approximately \$44 million in State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP).

The South Madera Widening project is on SR 99 in Madera County from south of Avenue 7 to north of Avenue 12. The project will eliminate the 5.8 mile four-lane bottleneck on SR 99 in the *southbound and northbound* directions, between Fresno and Madera by providing an additional lane in each direction in the median. The scope of work includes increasing vertical clearance at one of the overcrossing structures.

Funding for this project is contingent on Caltrans districts (District 6 and 10) convening a summit in partnership with local and regional agencies and including diverse stakeholders and community-based organizations to establish a vision for the SR 99 corridor that addresses local needs in a manner aligned with state goals as outlined in the Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI), before the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) adoption, by March 15, 2022. In addition, funding for this project is contingent on Caltrans districts, in partnership with regional agencies, completing a comprehensive multimodal corridor plan for SR 99 to implement that vision before the allocation of ITIP funds.

There are currently two public hearings to receive comments on the Draft 2022 ITIP. A North Hearing will be held virtually on November 1, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. The South Hearing will be conducted virtually on November 8, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. MCTC staff will provide testimony at the November 1, 2021 hearing.

The Madera South Widening Project is included on pages 9, and 23. The Draft 2022 ITIP may be found here: [Draft 2022 ITIP](#)

Background:

California Government Code Section 14526 requires that the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) submit a Draft Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP) to the California Transportation Commission (Commission) by October 15 of each odd-numbered year. The purpose of the ITIP is to improve interregional mobility for people and goods across the State of California on highway and passenger rail corridors of strategic importance. These strategic corridors provide the transportation network that connects the state's major regions to one another and connects the rural regions to the large urban areas. The corridors also provide connectivity to neighboring states and the international border with Mexico. Caltrans submits to the Commission the draft five-year ITIP consisting of all the following: (1) Projects to improve State highways, pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 164 of the Streets and Highways Codes. (2) Projects to improve intercity passenger rail system. (3) Projects to improve interregional movement of peoples, vehicles, and goods. (b) Projects included in the ITIP shall be consistent with the State Interregional Transportation Strategic Plan (ITSP) prepared pursuant to Section 14524.4. The ITIP is a program of projects funded through the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) that obtains funding primarily through the per-gallon State tax on gasoline.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact to the approved 2021-22 Overall Work Program and Budget.