



**STAFF REPORT**  
Board Meeting of April 21, 2021

**AGENDA ITEM:** 5-C

**PREPARED BY:** Patricia Taylor, Executive Director

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**SUBJECT:**

Federal COVID-19 Relief Funds: 2021 Mid-Cycle State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and State Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program—H.R. 133

**Enclosure:** Yes

**Action:** Approve staff recommendation to request the California Transportation Commission (CTC) to (1) exchange the STIP funds for state only funds; (2) augment a current programmed project by supplanting local Measure T funds with the Mid-Cycle STIP funds. The project is the SR 99 Madera South project. The Measure T funds will revert to the Measure T regional flexible funds in the amount of \$831,706; and (3) request to program Planning, Programming, and Monitoring (PPM) funds in the amount of \$43,774 in FY 2021-22.

**SUMMARY:**

As part of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, H.R. 133, which was signed into law on December 27, 2020, California will receive approximately \$900 million of the \$10 billion that is provided for states through the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) program. H.R. 133, funds can be programmed to STBG eligible projects as well as for preventative maintenance, routine maintenance, operations, and personnel.

Total funds available to California is \$911,823,218. The funds will be split 60 percent to State and 40 percent to Regions. The distribution to the State and Regions is as follows:

State Programs (60 percent): \$547.1 million

- \$486.3 million: State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP)
- \$ 60.8 million: Interregional Improvement Program (IIP)

Regional Programs (40 percent): \$364.7 million:

- \$182.4 million: Regional Improvement Program (RIP)
- \$182.4 million: Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program

Madera's Share for STBG Program and STIP Distribution is: \$ 1,603,476

- Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program: \$727,996

- 2021 Mid-Cycle STIP Share: \$ 875,480
  - \$ 831,706
  - \$ 43,774 Planning, Programming, and Monitoring (PPM)

The CTC will adopt guidelines at its May 12-13, 2021 meeting for the *STBG Program*.

The California Transportation Commission (CTC) at its Wednesday, March 24, 2021 meeting, adopted the *2021 Mid-Cycle State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)* Guidelines and Share Distribution by CTC Resolution G-21-40 (attached). The adoption of the Mid-Cycle STIP includes the schedule below. CTC staff will bring the Draft 2021 Mid-Cycle STIP Guidelines (attached) and guidelines for the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program component for adoption at the May 12-13, 2021 CTC meeting.

2021 Mid-Cycle STIP Schedule:

- Schedule Draft Guidelines/Workshop – March 9, 2021
- CTC Adopts Schedule and Share Distribution – March 24, 2021
- List of Project Due to CTC – April 23, 2021
- CTC adopts Guidelines – May 12-13, 2021
- New projects are presented to the CTC (Notice) – May 12-13, 2021
- CTC Adopts the New Projects – June 23-24, 2021

Additional Information:

A region with a share target of \$3 million or less, excluding regions within an urbanized area with a population of over 200,000, may request state-only funds at the time of programming.

Programming Options: a region or Caltrans may choose to program shares from this cycle in one or more of the following ways:

1. Add new projects;
2. Augment projects that are currently programmed in the STIP;
3. Advance projects that are currently programmed in the STIP;
4. Delay programming their shares until 2022 STIP.

For more detailed information, please refer to the attachments.

Recommendation:

*2021 Midcycle STIP:* MCTC staff met with local jurisdiction staff to discuss the programming options. Staff recommends (1) exchanging the STIP funds for state only funds; (2) augment a current programmed project by supplanting local Measure T funds with the Midcycle STIP funds. The project is the SR 99 Madera South project. The Measure T funds will revert to the Measure T flexible funds in the amount of \$831,706; and (3) request to program Planning, Programming, and Monitoring (PPM) funds in the amount of \$43,774 in FY 2021-22.

*State Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program:* Staff recommends requesting that STBG program funds be exchanged for state only funds. It is unknown at this time how funds will be distributed to the Regions. It is anticipated that the funds may be distributed to Madera local jurisdictions like the RSTP Exchange program, according to per capita. The total amount to be distributed is \$727,996.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

No fiscal impact to the approved 2020-21 Overall Work Program and Budget.