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AGENDA ITEM 8a
TAC Meeting
November 4, 2021

DATE: October 27, 2021
TO: Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
FROM: Beth Burks, Executive Director
SUBJECT: **2022 Regional Transportation Improvement Program**

STAFF REPORT

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Staff's Recommended Action:

1. Introduce the item as an action item;
2. Allow staff to present the item;
3. Receive public comment;
4. Discuss item and consider making the motion:
"I move that the TAC recommend the HCAOG Board amend the 2017 Regional Transportation Plan to include the Rio Dell Neighborhood connectivity project and adopt the 2022 Regional Transportation Improvement Program for submittal to the California Transportation Commission."

Staff Summary:

Each Regional Transportation Planning Agency, including HCAOG is required to submit a Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) by December 15 of every odd numbered year for inclusion in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

The STIP is a biennial five-year plan adopted by the CTC for future allocations of state transportation funds for road and transit improvements. The CTC provides an estimate of STIP shares for each region.

In addition to the STIP fund estimate, this year there are Mid-Cycle STIP funds available through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 (CRRSAA).

Table 1: Summary of CRRSAA and STIP funding

	Projects	PPM	Total
CRRSAA	1,271,043	63,552	1,334,595
2022 STIP	4,164,000	314,000	4,478,000
	\$5,435,043	\$377,552	\$5,812,595

Previously the TAC recommended, and the Board approved up to \$300,000 of funding from this STIP cycle to go towards the spartina removal on Tuluwat Island, a mitigation project associated with the Caltrans Highway 101 Eureka/Arcata Corridor Project. Based on discussions with Caltrans the earliest these funds will be needed is 2024. Staff is recommending that the shares be reserved for this purpose rather than programmed. Reserving the shares leaves them available when needed and if not needed they will remain credited to the Humboldt region and can be programmed in future cycles.

Table 2: Available Funds for Projects

Available Funds for Projects		
CRRSAA		1,271,043
2022 STIP		4,164,000
	Total	\$ 5,435,043
Caltrans 101 Eureka/Arcata		(300,000)
	Remaining Funds Available:	\$ 5,135,043

The Draft 2022 RTIP attached to this staff report reflects the slate of projects recommended at the TAC’s October meeting. The Draft follows the CTC provided RTIP template and includes all RTIP required elements.

All projects that are funded in the RTIP must be included in the current RTP. The project proposed by Rio Dell is not included in the 2017 RTP and therefore staff recommends an amendment to the 2017 RTP to include the project. The project is included in the Draft VROOM 2022-2024 RTP update but the update will not be adopted before the RTIP is due.

Discussion and Decision Points for Draft RTIP

The CTC requires that all reporting be done in thousands of dollars. The original TAC recommendations were more detailed and were individual dollar amounts. To comply with reporting requirements all projects that the TAC recommended for approval were rounded up and reported in thousands.

The CTC indicated that programming in the 2022 STIP will be constrained by fiscal year with most new programming in the two years added to the STIP in 2025-26 and 2026-27. However, this does not prevent us from requesting funds earlier. Staff opted to request project programming in the years consistent with the Project Study Reports. This will allow projects to be considered sooner if there is funding available due to other projects within the State being delayed. The CTC

recommends indicating which projects are a priority for funding should funds become available early. Staff requests that the TAC discuss and give guidance on which projects to prioritize.

The CRRSAA funds must be programmed no later than August 2023. Projects funded with CRRSAA are noted in the Draft RTIP.

State only funds have been requested for the projects proposed by the County, Trinidad, and Rio Dell. Generally, projects are eligible to receive state only funds if the entire project is less than \$10 million. The \$10 million cutoff is applicable to the entire project regardless of which phases are proposed to be funded by the STIP.

Staff requests that the TAC review the draft RTIP, direct staff to incorporate any recommended changes, and recommend that the HCAOG Board adopt the 2022 RTIP for submittal to the CTC.

RTIP Schedule

The Board will review the RTIP at the November Board meeting. Staff will compile the final RTIP and submit it to the CTC prior to the December 15 deadline. After several hearings, the CTC is scheduled to adopt the STIP in March 2022. Once adopted, the 2022 STIP will be effective starting Fiscal Year 2022/2023. Projects approved for funding in Fiscal Year 2022/2023 can request funding allocation beginning at the August 2022 CTC meeting.

