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AGENDA ITEM 9a
COMMITTEE Meeting
November 18, 2021

DATE: November 10, 2021
TO: HCAOG Policy Advisory Committee (PAC)
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 PAC recommend the HCAOG Board approve Resolution 21-27 amending the 2017 Regional Transportation Plan to include the Rio Dell Neighborhood Connectivity Project and approve Resolution 21-28 adopting the 2022 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) and direct staff to submit the RTIP to Caltrans and 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 additional STIP funds available through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 (CRRSAA).

Table 1: Summary of CRRSAA and STIP funding for the Humboldt region

	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 follows the CTC provided RTIP template and includes all RTIP required elements.

HCAOG issued a call for projects to all TAC members in September and received 12 requests from 6 jurisdictions. The requests received far exceeded the funding available. The TAC was able to work collaboratively to determine which projects and funding levels to recommend. The projects, funding levels, and sources (CRRSAA vs STIP) presented in the Draft RTIP have all been unanimously recommended by the TAC.

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. Although the project is included in the Draft VROOM 2022-2024 RTP update, the update will not be adopted before the RTIP is due. Therefore, staff recommends an amendment to the 2017 RTP, by way of adopting Resolution 21-27 to include the project.

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 (2025-26 and 2026-27). However, this does not prevent HCAOG from requesting funds earlier and projects have been proposed earlier in the STIP cycle than funding is anticipated to be available. The timing is consistent with what was requested by the proposing jurisdiction. 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. This is done in the RTIP consistent with the TAC direction on how to prioritize the projects.

RTIP Schedule

After Board approval, staff will collect Project Programming Request forms from the proposing jurisdiction which will be added to the RTIP appendices and compile the final RTIP to submit 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 using CRRSAA funds or those approved for funding in Fiscal Year 2022/2023 can request funding allocation beginning at the August 2022 CTC meeting.

Requested Action

Staff recommends that the PAC recommend the HCAOG Board amend the 2017 Regional Transportation Plan to include the Rio Dell Neighborhood Connectivity Project (Resolution 21-27), and adopt the 2022 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (Resolution 21-28).