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To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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Information Item

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Subject: **STIP AMENDMENT 14S-33**

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) will request that the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve the requested program amendment at the next scheduled Commission meeting following the notice period.

ISSUE:

The San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) proposes to program \$250,000 of Federal Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) Border Infrastructure Program (BIP) funds for a planning study entitled “California – Baja California Binational Region: A Fresh Look at Impacts of Border Delays” (PPNO 1179) in San Diego County.

BACKGROUND:

SAFETEA-LU, enacted in August 2005, authorizes funding through the BIP to improve transportation at international borders and ports of entry, and within trade corridors. Since the enactment of SAFETEA-LU, California has received a total apportionment of \$188 million in BIP funding. To date, approximately \$181.1 million has been committed to eligible border region projects, leaving a balance of approximately \$6.9 million for future obligation.

It is proposed to program \$250,000 of the remaining balance to the “California – Baja California Binational Region: A Fresh Look at Impacts of Border Delays” planning study. This planning study will assess economic impacts of border delays at the six existing land ports of entry (POEs) between San Diego and Imperial Counties with Baja California, Mexico. Extensive data collections and modeling work has been conducted on these areas by SANDAG and other agencies, and this project will build upon that work. The study will examine the state of the practice and methodologies to automate data collection of border wait times and delays at the land POEs and develop recommendations.

Pursuant to Section 164.1 of the California Streets and Highways Code, BIP funds shall be programmed, allocated, and expended in the same manner as other federal funds made available for capital improvement projects in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). These BIP funds are eligible in a border region, defined as any portion of a border state within 100 miles of an international land border with Canada or Mexico, for the following types of improvements to facilitate/expedite cross-border motor vehicle and cargo movements:

- Improvements to existing transportation and supporting infrastructure.
- Construction of highways and related safety and safety enforcement facilities related to international trade.
- Operation improvements, including those related to electronic data interchange and use of telecommunications.
- Modifications to regulatory procedures.
- International coordination of transportation planning, programming, and border operation with Canada and Mexico.

The proposed funding plan for the new study is as follows:

ADD: California – Baja California Binational Region: A Fresh Look at Impacts of Border Delays Study (PPNO 1179):

County	District	PPNO	EA	Element	Const. Year	PM Back	PM Ahead	Route/Corridor				
San Diego	11	1179		LA	2015							
Implementing Agency: (by component)		PA&ED	SANDAG			PS&E						
		R/W				CON						
RTPA/CTC:		San Diego Association of Governments										
Project Title:		California-Baja California Binational Region: A Fresh Look at Impacts of Border Delays										
Location		Planning study to assess economic impacts of border delays at the six existing land ports of entry (POEs) between San Diego and Imperial Counties with Baja California, Mexico.										
Description:		The study will examine the state of the practice and methodologies to automate data collection of border wait times and delays at the land POEs and develop recommendations.										
(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)												
FUND	TOTAL	Project Totals by Fiscal Year						Project Totals by Component				
		Prior	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	R/W	CON	PA&ED	PS&E	R/W Supp
Federal (Coordinated Border Infrastructure Program)												
Existing	0			0					0			
Change	250			250					250			
Proposed	250			250					250			
Local Funds (Transportation Development Act)												
Existing	0			0					0			
Change	33			33					33			
Proposed	33			33					33			
Total												
Existing	0			0					0			
Change	283			283					283			
Proposed	283			283					283			