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To: Regional Transportation Planning Agencies – County Transportation Commissions

### 2012 STIP Hearings

The California Transportation Commission has scheduled the following two hearings on the 2012 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

**Southern California STIP Hearing  
Wednesday, February 1 – 1:00 p.m.**

Los Angeles County Metropolitan  
Transportation Authority  
Board Room  
One Gateway Plaza  
Los Angeles, California

**Northern California STIP Hearing  
Wednesday, February 8 – 1:00 p.m.**

Department of Water Resources  
Auditorium, First Floor  
1416 9<sup>th</sup> Street  
Sacramento, California

At each hearing, Caltrans will make a presentation of its Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP) and each regional agency will have the opportunity to make a presentation regarding its Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) and to comment on the ITIP. Each regional agency should be prepared to explain its RTIP proposals and why the Commission should include them in the STIP.

The 2012 STIP fund estimate provides almost \$1.5 billion of new STIP program capacity. The new capacity is primarily in the two new years of the STIP (2015-16 and 2016-17). Because the level of projects proposed exceeds STIP capacity, the Commission will not be able to include all RTIP projects in the STIP. Additionally, because the level of projects proposed in the early years of the STIP exceeds capacity, the Commission will not be able to include all projects in the year in which they are proposed.

The Commission asks that regional presentations focus on new projects being proposed or on any changes in regional priorities. Presentations should explain the relationship to the region's long-range transportation plan, making reference to the performance and cost-effectiveness evaluation of the regional program. As outlined in the STIP guidelines (sections 60 and 61), the Commission will include RTIP projects nominated for the 2012 STIP that are within the county's Base (Minimum) target identified in the fund estimate. The Commission will select additional projects considering regional agency priorities, cost effectiveness, State highway needs, fund estimate targets, and the other criteria described in the guidelines.

Please contact Laurel Janssen at 916-651-6143 to schedule a time for your RTIP presentation. For the South hearing call by January 20 and for the North hearing by January 27. If you have other questions regarding the STIP hearings and the STIP development process, please address them to Mitchell Weiss, the Commission's Deputy Director, e-mail [Mitchell.Weiss@dot.ca.gov](mailto:Mitchell.Weiss@dot.ca.gov) or phone 916-654-7179.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bimla G. Rhinehart".

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