

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

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Information Item

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Ref: **STIP AMENDMENT 02S-103**

The San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) has requested that this proposed State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) amendment be noticed at the September 2003 California Transportation Commission (Commission) meeting, and be considered for approval in October 2003. This notice is an informational item allowing the Commission to review the proposal, comment and/or ask questions prior to taking formal action in October 2003 or later.

SGVCOG proposes to designate Temple Avenue Train Diversion project in the City of Pomona, which is part of the Alameda Corridor East project (PPNO 2318), as a reimbursement project per AB 3090. Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) will provide a total of \$1,766,000 of local funds (Proposition C) to SGVCOG in FY 2003-04 to complete the Right of Way (R/W) phase for later Regional Improvement Program (RIP) reimbursement in FY 2005-06. This is a revenue neutral programming action.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the AB 3090 request be approved pending SGVCOG agreement that the STIP may be amended subject to availability of funds.

BACKGROUND:

This request follows Advanced Local Funding and Reimbursement Guidelines (AB3090), which allows a Local Agency to use Local (non-state/non-federal) funds to complete a project component early to be later reimbursed with STIP funds currently programmed on the project.

At the May 2003 Commission meeting, an allocation of \$5,511,000 of Regional Improvement Program (RIP) funds in FY 2002-03 was requested to fund R/W phase for Ramona Boulevard Grade Separation (\$3,745,000) and Temple Avenue Train Diversion (\$1,766,000) projects. Due to the current funding situation, the request for \$1,766,000 for Temple Avenue Train Diversion project was placed on the Highway/Rail and Transit Pending Financial Allocation List for future funding consideration. LACMTA will provide a total of \$1,766,000 in local funds (Proposition C) to complete the R/W phase for later RIP reimbursement in FY 2005-06.

SGVCOG is requesting cash reimbursement instead of a replacement project because they need cash to match various projects that are funded with federal funds, which require non-federal funds as a match. An AB 3090 reimbursement agreement will be drafted and submitted for Commission staff review prior to the October 2003 Commission meeting.

