

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: August 6, 2013

Reference No.: 4.6
Action

From: ANDRE BOUTROS
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Subject: ADOPTION OF THE 2014 STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM GUIDELINES

ISSUE

The Commission is required to adopt guidelines for the development of the STIP.

RECOMMENDATION

Commission staff recommends that the Commission adopt the 2014 STIP Guidelines presented at the 2014 STIP Guidelines Hearing (reference number 4.5). These guidelines include both guidelines specific to the 2014 STIP cycle and amendments to the permanent guidelines

BACKGROUND

Statute (Senate Bill 45, 1997) calls for the Commission to adopt STIP guidelines to serve as “the complete and full statement of the policy, standards, and criteria that the commission intends to use in selecting projects to be included in the state transportation improvement program.”

The statutes further authorize the Commission to amend the adopted guidelines after conducting at least one public hearing. The STIP guidelines were most recently amended on June 27, 2012. The statutes call for the Commission to make a reasonable effort to adopt guideline amendments prior to the adoption of the fund estimate. In no event may the Commission change its guidelines during the period between 30 days after the fund estimate adoption and the STIP adoption.

The Draft 2014 STIP Guidelines were presented at the June 11, 2013 Commission meeting. Commission staff participated in a July 16, 2013 conference call to discuss the draft guidelines, and the Commission held hearings on the draft guidelines on July 18, 2013 and on August 6, 2013.