



## 2024 Regional Transportation Improvement Program

Action

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**Attachments:** Yes

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**Referring Committee:** Transportation

### 1. Issue:

SACOG must adopt and submit the 2024 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) by December 15, for inclusion in the 2024 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The 2024 RTIP is programming dollars to projects that have received funding awards from the SACOG Board of Directors in past funding rounds.

### 2. Recommendation:

At the time of this writing, the Transportation Committee has not met and reviewed this item. Staff recommends that the board act to: approve by resolution (Attachment A) the 2024 RTIP.

### 3. Background/Analysis:

The STIP is the five-year program of projects adopted every two years by the CTC. The STIP is primarily funded through state excise taxes on gasoline and diesel. The portion of these funds that SACOG has discretionary authority over are called Regional Improvement Program (RIP) funds but are commonly referred to as “STIP funds.” Caltrans administers a similar program for STIP funds under state-control called the Interregional Improvement Program.

The 2024 STIP cycle covers the state fiscal years (SFY) 2024-2025 through 2028-2029. The regional agency element of the STIP is referred to as the RTIP. SACOG, as the Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) for the counties of Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo, and Yuba, is required by state law to adopt an RTIP every two years. (El Dorado and Placer Counties adopt their own RTIPs.)

SACOG’s proposed 2024 RTIP only programs RIP/STIP funds to projects that the board has already approved. It does not make any new policy or funding decisions. The entire \$97 million of projects reflects previous board awards from funding rounds, particularly the recent 2023 Regional and Community Design Funding Round. The Draft 2024 RTIP also includes payments to the Counties of Inyo and Mono for Highway Infrastructure Program loans received in 2021.

The STIP represents roughly 30% on average of the funds SACOG administers through our regional funding programs. SACOG has programmed millions in Surface Transportation Block Grant Program and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality funds to deliver awarded projects across the region.

The CTC may only approve or reject an RTIP. At its discretion, however, CTC staff may suggest different proposed funding years for projects. The STIP Fund Estimate indicates that only 20% of the total STIP programming capacity will be available in the first two years. For this reason, CTC staff may suggest moving projects we propose in State Fiscal Years 24-25 and 25-26 to later years.

#### **4. Discussion/Analysis:**

The Draft 2024 RTIP prioritizes funding for projects in the first three years of the five-year STIP. Staff selected RTIP programming years based on sponsor applications, the progress of the projects, their likelihood of delivering on schedule, project-specific timing constraints, and the funding constraints of the 2024 STIP. It is possible that CTC staff will request that SACOG push projects into later years of the STIP based on limited funding statewide in the first two-years of the STIP. In this case, SACOG will work with project sponsors to make necessary adjustments.

Staff recommends programming \$48.6 million of STIP funds to projects leaving an unprogrammed balance of \$41 million. This unprogrammed balance will remain available to the SACOG board for awarding through future funding rounds.

#### **Authorized Changes**

As in past years, the resolution authorizes the submission of the 2024 RTIP and directs staff to make any necessary technical changes. As noted above, the CTC staff may ask that we change the year of programming based on statewide financial constraints. SACOG staff will work with staff at relevant project sponsors to make necessary adjustments should CTC require later programming for any projects.

#### **Next Steps**

- SACOG submits adopted 2024 RTIP by December 15, 2023
- CTC reviews and hosts a public hearing January 25, 2024
- CTC publishes recommendations March 1, 2024
- CTC adopts the 2024 STIP March 21-22, 2024

#### **5. Fiscal Impact/Grant Information:**

SACOG's development of the RTIP is funded primarily with Planning, Programming and Monitoring funds SACOG receives to support the administration of the STIP program within the four counties of Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo, and Yuba.