



Delegated Authority for Adoption of the 2024 Regional Transportation Improvement Program

Action

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**Attachments:** No

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**Referring Committee:** Transportation

**1. Issue:**

The Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) is due to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) on December 15, 2023.

**2. Recommendation:**

The Transportation Committee recommended by majority vote (Joiner opposed) s that the SACOG Board of Directors delegate authority to the December 11, meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee to adopt the 2024 RTIP and submit it to the CTC.

**3. Background/Analysis:**

The State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) is the biennial five-year plan adopted by the CTC that programs state transportation funds on multi-modal projects that typically includes roads, transit, and active transportation projects. The 2024 STIP cycle begins in state fiscal year (FY) 2024-2025 and extends through FY 2028-2029.

The regional agency element of the STIP is referred to as the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (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. The board typically takes a December action to authorize the submittal of the RTIP to the CTC. However, for the 2024 cycle the submittal deadline of December 15, is six days before the SACOG board meeting on December 21. While staff has requested permission from the CTC to allow for a late submission of the board authorization to submit the RTIP, it is possible that the December 21, board meeting will not have sufficient attendance to satisfy quorum requirements to take action on the RTIP. The request for delegated authority described below will allow SACOG to move forward with the RTIP submission by the CTC deadline and without the risk of further delay should the December board meeting have low attendance.

**4. Discussion/Analysis:**

Staff is requesting that the Transportation Committee recommend that the board delegate authority to the Strategic Planning Committee to approve the submission of the RTIP at their December 11, meeting.

The 2024 RTIP being prepared by staff will not involve policy actions to fund new projects. Staff will only propose projects for programming in the 2024 RTIP that have already been approved for funding by the board

in prior funding rounds, such as those projects funded in the recent 2023 regional funding rounds. Therefore, the 2024 RTIP is based on prior board policy actions. Typically, the CTC approves all the projects in the RTIP when it approves the STIP. However, CTC staff may ask that SACOG change the year of programming based on statewide financial constraints. Staff will brief the board in January or February of 2024, on any changes required through the CTC review period. In March 2024, the CTC is expected to adopt SACOG's RTIP as part of its larger STIP approval action.

The Transportation Committee recommends the item for approval to the Board, however, there was a discussion resulting in one oppositional vote. The discussion centered around being cautious when delegating authority. Staff will bring the item to the full board to ratify the action taken by the Strategic Planning Committee.

**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.