

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING AGENDA\***

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

DATE: March 19, 2012

LOCATION: Beaumont City Hall  
Conference Room #2  
550 East Sixth Street  
Beaumont, CA 92223

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Habib Motlagh, Cities of Canyon Lake, Perris and  
San Jacinto  
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## **RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA\***

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1. Call to Order
2. Self-Introductions
3. Approval of January 30, 2012 Minutes
4. Public Comments (This is for comments on items not listed on agenda. Comments relating to an item on the agenda will be taken when the item is before the Committee.)
5. Federal Surface Transportation Reauthorization Update (Attachment)
6. Draft 2012 State Transportation Improvement Program – CTC Staff Recommendations (Attachment)
7. Proposition 1B Corridor Mobility Improvement Account – CTC Programming of Project Savings (Verbal Presentation)
8. RCTC Proposed Programming for Proposition 1B State Local Partnership Program – formula Funds (Attachment)
9. Caltrans Local Assistance Report (Verbal Presentation)
  - New Labor Compliance Laws, SBX2 9 and AB 436
  - New Checklist for Request for Authorization
  - Cycle 10 for State Safe Routes to Schools Program

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10. Draft FFY 11/12 Obligational Authority Delivery Plan (Attachment)
11. SB 821 – Volunteers for Evaluation Panel (Verbal Presentation)
12. March Commission Meeting Highlights (Verbal Presentation)
13. Other Business
14. Adjournment (The next meeting will be May 21 in Riverside.)

# ***MINUTES***

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES**

**Monday, January 30, 2012**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) was called to order at 10:02 a.m. at the Riverside County Transportation Commission, 4080 Lemon Street, Riverside, CA.

**2. SELF-INTRODUCTIONS**

Members Present: Don Allison, City of Menifee  
Ahmad Ansari, City of Moreno Valley  
Dave Barakian, City of Palm Springs  
Tom Boyd, City of Riverside  
Greg Butler, City of Temecula  
Bo Chen, City of Palm Desert  
Tim D’Zmura, City of Wildomar  
Grant Eklund, City of Indio  
Kip Field, City of Corona  
Joe Forgiarini, SunLine Transit Agency  
Bruce Harry, City of Rancho Mirage  
Kevin Hughes, City of Beaumont  
Tim Jonasson, City of LaQuinta  
Savat Khamphou, Caltrans  
Prem Kumar, City of Moreno Valley  
Eric Lewis, City of Moreno Valley  
Diana Nguyen, Cities of Eastvale and Wildomar  
Kahono Oei, City of Banning  
Gordon Robinson, Riverside Transit Agency  
Jim Rodkey, City of Blythe  
Patty Romo, County of Riverside  
Ken Seumalo, City of Lake Elsinore  
Chris Sunde, Cities of Canyon Lake, Perris, and  
San Jacinto  
Mike Shoberg, CVAG  
Bill Simons, City of Cathedral City  
Patrick Thomas, City of Murrieta

Others Present: George Alvarez, City of Eastvale  
Grace Alvarez, RCTC  
Jorge Biagioni, City of Hemet  
Cathy Bechtel, RCTC  
Paul Blackwelder, RCTC

J. D. Douglas, InfraConsult  
Jillian Edmiston, RCTC  
Ernie Figueroa, Parsons  
Johnny Ghazal, City of Calimesa  
Larry Gonzales, City of Moreno Valley  
Shirley Gooding, RCTC  
Mitali Gupta, InfraConsult  
Aaron Hake, RCTC  
Tanya Love, RCTC  
Shirley Medina, RCTC  
Roy Null, County of Riverside  
Evita Premdas, Caltrans  
Eric Weck, City of Indio  
Andrea Zureick, RCTC

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

M/S/C (Harry/Boyd) to approve the minutes as submitted.

Abstain: Barakian, Field, Harry, Jonasson

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**5. UPCOMING RCTC WORKSHOP**

Cathy Bechtel, RCTC, provided the Commission workshop agenda for Feb 2-3 in La Quinta and gave a brief description of each of the agenda items. She informed the TAC that at the February 2 dinner, Supervisor Benoit and Tom Kirk would present Coachella Valley's Multi-Use plan effort for golf carts, bicycle lanes, and pedestrian walkways. She invited the TAC to attend the workshop in La Quinta.

**6. MSHCP FUNDING**

Ms. Bechtel said that RCTC had a commitment to provide \$153 million to the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority (RCA) towards the assembly of the reserve lands for the Western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan. RCTC provided \$128.65 million to purchase conservation land. There was an outstanding balance of about \$24.35 million. RCA recently asked RCTC to commit to giving RCA \$3 million annually over the next eight years, which would fulfill RCTC's commitment towards the reserve. The Commission approved RCA's request.

**7. 2012 FUNDING STRATEGY: A BLUEPRINT FOR ADVANCING GOODS MOVEMENT PROJECTS**

Tanya Love, RCTC, provided a Grade Separation Priority Update Study, and introduced J. D. Douglas, InfraConsult, who presented a project status map and priority ranking results along with a comparison of priority groupings results with 2006 priority ranking. Mr. Douglas then responded to various questions.

Ms. Love requested the TAC's support of Option II.

M/S/C (Harry/Boyd) to recommend Option II.

**8. 2012 STIP UPDATE**

Shirley Medina, RCTC, presented the Riverside County 2012 STIP program of projects that had been proposed to the California Transportation Commission (CTC). She stated that she has not heard how the CTC is going to approach RCTC's STIP submittal; however, the CTC did indicate that as a whole the regions have over-programmed the first few years of the STIP. For example, the first year is about \$100 million over-programmed and the CTC will have to look at a way to move projects to the last two years.

Ms. Medina responded to various questions.

**9. 2012 RTP UPDATE**

Andrea Zureick, RCTC, indicated that SCAG has the draft Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) on its website for public review and comment. SCAG will accept public comments until February 14. RCTC staff is reviewing the project list and will provide formal comments to SCAG on any inconsistencies. Ms. Zureick encouraged the TAC to review the project lists to make sure they are correct in SCAG's database. She requested that RCTC staff be contacted first if there are any inconsistencies so that staff can ensure consistent comments. She further stated that there may have already been changes to the project list that have not yet been reflected.

SCAG plans to adopt the 2012 RTP on April 4, and forward it to the state and federal agencies for approval in early June.

Ms. Medina stated that once RCTC's comments are ready, staff will share the comments with the TAC.

## **10. FTIP**

Grace Alvarez, RCTC, said there is not much to report on the 2011 FTIP since the TAC update of November. This is mainly due to the efforts focused on the preparation of the 2013 FTIP and the review of the draft 2012 RTP. She provided a quick recap on the 2011 FTIP amendment activity, which includes 19 amendments since the adoption of the FTIP in December 2010. The latest amendment was administrative modification No 19, approved on December 19. All amendments submitted to SCAG have been approved with the exception of the Consistency Amendment No. 16, recently renumbered as 24, which anticipated approval is June 2012, concurrently with the 2012 RTP.

Ms. Alvarez included with the staff report the listing of the 2011 FTIP amendments with their corresponding submittal and approval dates as well as the listing of the projects included in our latest amendment, Amendment No. 19.

She further reported that SCAG staff is focusing on the review of the 2013 FTIP and 2012 RTP and from now until June SCAG will be processing alternating formal amendments and administrative modifications every other month instead of the regular monthly amendments. Projects to be included in these amendments are projects that need changes for obligation in FY 11/12 and/or environmental approval.

Moving on to the 2013 FTIP, on January 4 RCTC submitted the 2013 FTIP to SCAG; the submittal consisted of 348 projects. The breakdown of the projects is as follows: 111 local highway projects, 88 state highway projects, and 149 transit projects. She thanked the TAC for the assistance provided with this effort, allowing RCTC to meet the submittal deadline of Jan. 4. The ultimate approval of the 2013 FTIP, which is the conformity determination by the federal agencies, is mid December 2012. The staff report includes the timelines for review and approval of the 2013 FTIP.

Ms. Alvarez answered questions relating to the FTIP.

## **11. STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PLATFORMS AND REAUTHORIZATION UPDATE**

Aaron Hake, RCTC, reported that the Governor released his budget and there are not a lot of negative impacts on the transportation side. RCTC is watching to make sure that Proposition 1B bond appropriations are included in the state budget.

He further reported that RCTC is also interested in what will happen with High Speed Rail.

Whenever the state budget is late, Highway Users Tax Account (HUTA) payments are delayed. Last year Assemblyman Jeff Miller ran a bill to make sure HUTA continue to local governments even if the state budget is late. That was rejected by the Legislature last year, but the administration appears to be open to budget language that

guarantees that HUTA payments will continue regardless of what happens with the budget.

The Federal Surface Transportation Reauthorization process is moving forward. This week the House Republicans will release their legislation. The current program expires in March; therefore, Congress will have to enact a multi-year transportation bill or do another short term extension.

The House Republicans are proposing to pay for transportation for five years by allowing drilling and off shore oil drilling. Senator Boxer's bill is a shorter (two-year) term bill.

A major provision of the House bill will be the ability for states to substitute their own environmental laws for NEPA where the state's environmental laws are more stringent, such as California.

Senator Boxer's bill also includes a \$2 billion goods movement program across the country.

## **12. CALTRANS LOCAL ASSISTANCE REPORT**

Savat Khamphou, Caltrans Local Assistance, reported that e-mails have been sent to request surveys for storm damages from those agencies that had wind damages so Caltrans can program funding for any project damages related to the storm.

There is a call for projects for cycle 10 safe routes to schools funds. Applications should be sent to Caltrans by March 30. Postmarks will be accepted. Criteria are available on Caltrans' website.

Mr. Khamphou indicated he is going to Sacramento this week for an annual local assistance council meeting. He also indicated that there will be less webinars and less of the training he has been planning.

He requested that request for authorizations for projects programmed for FFY 11/12 be submitted to Local Assistance as soon as possible.

## **13. JANUARY COMMISSION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

Tanya Love reported that discussions included mid-year budget adjustments, next year's revenue projections, completed projects, and legislative platform. She further stated that Commission meeting highlights are in the monthly newsletter that the TAC receives.

Cathy Bechtel said there would be a ribbon cutting ceremony for the I-215/74 IC improvements, which construction completion is ahead of schedule.

#### 14. OTHER BUSINESS

Jillian Edmiston, RCTC, announced that there will be an SB 821 call for projects about February or March, estimated at \$1.1 million. She requested four volunteers from agencies not applying for funding to sit on the evaluation committee. She needs three members and one would be a back-up. She will attend the March TAC meeting to obtain the names of the volunteers.

Funds that were allocated in the FY 2010/11 fund cycle will expire June 30. She requested any jurisdictions that are unable to claim the funds to contact her quickly to discuss whether or not an extension is possible.

Dave Barakian, City of Palm Springs, announced that CVAG's joint ribbon cutting for the I-10 Indian and I-10 Gene Autry is March 9, 9:00 a.m.

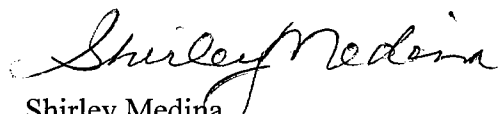
Bruce Harry, City of Rancho Mirage, announced that the March 19 TAC meeting is the same time as the League of California Cities meeting in San Jose. Although the league dates are March 20 through March 23, some people may leave on Monday, March 19.

Greg Butler from the City of Temecula announced that Temecula received Caltrans' authorization to go forward with their bid for Phase I of the French Valley Parkway. Bids are due March 1 and a groundbreaking will be scheduled shortly after that.

#### 15. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for consideration by the Technical Advisory Committee, the meeting adjourned at approximately 11:08 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Shirley Medina  
Programming and Planning Manager

# ***AGENDA ITEM 5***

## **RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

<b>DATE:</b>	March 14, 2012
<b>TO:</b>	Riverside County Transportation Commission
<b>FROM:</b>	Budget and Implementation Committee Aaron Hake, Government Relations Manager
<b>THROUGH:</b>	Anne Mayer, Executive Director
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Federal Surface Transportation Reauthorization Update

### **BUDGET AND IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE AND STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

This item is for the Commission to receive and file an update on federal surface transportation reauthorization.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Over the last several weeks, Congress has made significant strides towards enacting a new multi-year surface transportation authorization bill. With a March 31 deadline looming for the expiration of the nation's current transportation programs and the federal excise tax on gasoline, Washington's attention to transportation infrastructure investment has spiked in recent days. Several key committees moved their pieces of the legislation forward in early February. However, as both the House and Senate versions of the transportation bill neared consideration on their respective floors prior to the President's Day holiday recess, Beltway politics began to cloud the prospects for passage.

Despite major differences in the House and Senate versions of the bill and pundits' skepticism about the prospects of a final bill making it to the President's desk, the Commission remains optimistic that the process will continue. Commission staff is encouraged by the progress made thus far by Committee Chairs Barbara Boxer and John Mica in their respective chambers. Staff recommends that the Commission continue a posture that encourages Congress to move all of the pieces of a transportation bill to a Conference Committee as quickly as possible so that negotiations on a final bill can begin in order to avoid further short-term extensions of the nation's transportation program.

Here is a brief update of where the bills stand at this time and how the Commission has been engaged on the national stage. Commission staff's oral presentation on this item will contain more up-to-date information as developments in Washington, D.C. evolve quickly.

### **House of Representatives – H.R. 7**

Consideration of the core transportation bill in the House has been delayed by Speaker John Boehner until after the President's Day recess. Speaker Boehner has decided to allow an open rule, allowing Members to offer amendments to the bill. More than 240 amendments have been offered in House Rules Committee, meaning that a lengthy process is ahead to consider all of these policy ideas. The Commission has reviewed all of the amendments and is prepared to advocate in support and opposition to key amendments that impact Commission priorities, as adopted in the Commission's legislative platform. The Commission is also working closely with allied transportation agencies throughout California.

The Commission authored an amendment, sponsored by Representatives Ken Calvert and Mary Bono Mack, which would eliminate bureaucratic red tape that can delay certain projects by three to six months. Such streamlining policies have long been a priority of the Commission. A copy of the amendment is attached to this staff report. The Commission is grateful to Mr. Calvert and Ms. Bono Mack for bringing this policy item for consideration by the House. First, the amendment must be approved by the House Rules Committee, and then ordered to the House floor for debate and a vote.

In general, the House bill contains many favorable provisions that will streamline environmental approvals for projects and increase local control. The bill also includes a robust Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) program, funding for State Infrastructure Banks, and reduces restrictions on tolling and innovative financing. However, the Commission remains concerned about the House's approach to removing public transportation funding from the Highway Trust Fund and reversing three decades of precedent by moving transit to the General Fund and removing long-term funding certainty.

### **Senate – MAP-21**

The Senate process continues to be bi-partisan. Senator Boxer and Majority Leader Harry Reid continue to navigate the bill forward. Many amendments are also being offered to the Senate bill; however, more than 80 Senators voted to begin debate on the bill. The Commission is working with the staff of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee on policy recommendations to Chair Boxer's bill.

MAP-21 contains key provisions helpful to the Commission on TIFIA and expanding the amount of formula dollars that get sent to the Commission for projects. MAP-21 also contains the most robust goods movement program of any proposal at this time; a key priority to the Commission. Senator Boxer's visit to the Magnolia Avenue Grade Separation project in Riverside in January underscores the Senate's emphasis on freight and the need for federal funding for goods movement projects.

While MAP-21 revamps our planning processes in many ways, the bill does a number of things that increase flexibility for the Commission and ensures performance and accountability for the federal transportation program. However, there is one provision that is of concern to the Commission that would send some of the Commission's

formula funds for congestion mitigation and air quality projects to private construction companies to purchase clean construction equipment. While this provision is well-intentioned, it will have a negative impact on the Commission's ability to fund key projects, create jobs in Riverside County, and reduce congestion. The Commission and allied transportation groups are communicating with Senate staff and other stakeholders on this issue.

# ***AGENDA ITEM 6***

**RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

<b>DATE:</b>	March 19, 2012
<b>TO:</b>	Technical Advisory Committee
<b>FROM:</b>	Shirley Medina, Programming and Planning Manager
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	2012 State Transportation Improvement Program – California Transportation Commission Staff Recommendations

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Receive and File.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The 2012 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) is scheduled for adoption by the California Transportation Commission (CTC) at its March 28-29, 2012 meeting. Last week, the CTC's staff recommendations were released. The majority of the recommendations for each region included moving projects one or two years beyond the year that the regions proposed for programming. This was due to the lack of programming capacity available in the first three years of the STIP, and since most of the capacity is in the last two years of the STIP projects had to be pushed back in order for the STIP to meet financial constraint requirements for each year of the STIP.

The recommendations for Riverside County STIP projects included the following changes to three projects:

Project	Change
I-215, Scott to Nuevo	Reduced funding from \$62.6 M to \$56 M
I-15/French Valley IC	Moved fiscal year from 2014/15 to 2015/16
I-10/Jefferson IC	Moved fiscal year from 2013/14 to 2015/16

RCTC will continue to monitor the schedules for the I-15/French Valley and I-10/Jefferson interchanges. Based on our latest review of the project schedules the projects could be delivered earlier than what the CTC is proposing for programming in the 2012 STIP. RCTC staff will continue to follow the schedules for these projects and work with the project sponsors to deliver the projects when they are ready for construction such as requesting advance allocations, AB 3090 reimbursement option, or any other method available so that the projects are not delayed.

# ***AGENDA ITEM 7***

A presentation will be made but there is no attachment to the agenda for item 7.

# ***AGENDA ITEM 8***

## **RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

<b>DATE:</b>	March 14, 2012
<b>TO:</b>	Riverside County Transportation Commission
<b>FROM:</b>	Budget and Implementation Committee Shirley Medina, Programming and Planning Manager
<b>THROUGH:</b>	Anne Mayer, Executive Director
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Proposition 1B State-Local Partnership Program – Formula Program Project Recommendations

### **BUDGET AND IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE AND STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

This item is for the Commission to:

- 1) Approve programming State-Local Partnership Program (SLPP) formula funds on the following projects: Perris Valley Line, State Route 91 Corridor Improvement Project (SR-91 CIP), Interstate 215 Central widening (Scott Road to Nuevo Road), and Foothill Parkway; and
- 2) Authorize the Executive Director to determine the appropriate programming amount for each project.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006, approved by the voters as Proposition 1B on November 7, 2006, authorized \$1 billion to be deposited in the SLPP account. The California Transportation Commission (CTC) is responsible for administering and allocating these funds over a five-year period between 2009 and 2013. The funds are divided among two programs – competitive and formula. The competitive grant program is a discretionary program, and projects are submitted by local agencies directly to the CTC for selection. For the formula program, the CTC determines a funding share for each eligible applicant with a voter-approved tax or toll that was approved prior to the adoption of the funding. Therefore, the Commission is the eligible applicant for programming SLPP formula funding share in Riverside County.

SLPP guidelines require formula funds to be matched on 50-50 basis (match must be Measure A funds) and used for the construction phase only. The Commission previously programmed SLPP funding for the 74/215 interchange project, but subsequently replaced the SLPP funds with federal stimulus funds since bonds were not being sold due to unfavorable market conditions. Over the last couple of years, Proposition 1B bond sales continued to be infrequent and unreliable. Therefore, staff programmed other reliable fund sources, such as federal fund sources, so that projects were not delayed due to the uncertainty of bond sales.

CTC guidelines also allowed regions to carryover unprogrammed balances from year to year until the fifth or last year of the program, which is FY 2012/13. To date, the Commission's SLPP programming balance is \$42,294,000.

In following the Commission's direction to fund construction ready projects that the Commission previously committed to, such as projects identified in the Measure A 10-year Western Riverside County Highway Delivery Plan (Delivery Plan), Grade Separation program, or Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fee (TUMF) Regional Arterial program, staff is recommending the following projects for SLPP formula programming:

- Perris Valley Line (Measure A);
- SR-91 CIP (Measure A);
- I-215 Central widening from Scott to Nuevo (Measure A); and
- Foothill Parkway (TUMF Regional Arterial).

The first three projects have sufficient Measure A funds programmed to meet the match requirements and also meet the project readiness criteria based on the ability to request the construction allocation by the CTC's June 2013 meeting. Foothill Parkway in the city of Corona is a TUMF Regional Arterial project. There are insufficient funds available to fund the project with TUMF Regional Arterial funds; however, the project also qualifies for Western County Measure A Regional Arterial funds. In order to program SLPP funding on the Foothill Parkway project, Measure A funds would be used as match and would replace TUMF funds. Measure A programming for the Foothill Parkway will be brought back to the Commission for approval at a future meeting.

Staff will also be meeting with the county of Riverside and the Coachella Valley Association of Governments to review eligible projects for SLPP funds located in the Coachella Valley. In addition, staff will be monitoring other fund sources and programs as they may have an impact on current funding plans, such as the 2012 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and Proposition 1B Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA) funds. Therefore, staff is requesting that the Commission approve the above projects for programming and authorize the Executive Director to determine the appropriate programming amount for each project within the next few months as more information becomes available regarding the 2012 STIP adoption estimated to occur by April, and the next cycle of CMIA programming anticipated in June 2012. Staff will report on the SLPP project programming amounts at a future meeting as well as the resulting financial impact regarding the receipt of any SLPP funds.

# ***AGENDA ITEM 9***

A presentation will be made but there is no attachment to the agenda for item 9.

# ***AGENDA ITEM 10***

## **RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

<b>DATE:</b>	March 19, 2012
<b>TO:</b>	Technical Advisory Committee
<b>FROM:</b>	Andrea Zureick, Senior Staff Analyst
<b>THROUGH:</b>	Shirley Medina, Program Manager
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Draft Federal Fiscal Year 2011/12 Obligation Plan

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Receive and File.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Each year, states are allocated federal STP and CMAQ funds that are suballocated to the regions (or counties) based on the specific funding distributions for each fund source. Caltrans requires each region to prepare an obligation plan that identifies each project that is scheduled for obligation in the current fiscal year. This plan provides critical information to RCTC on the need to develop contingency plans, such as loans between regions or project substitution, based on the target amount of federal funds that needs to be obligated during the fiscal year. Likewise, the plan allows Caltrans to monitor the rate of obligations and develop contingency plans for use of any funds that may not be obligated at a statewide level. The expectation is for each region to obligate 100% of its STP and CMAQ allocations or Obligation Authority (OA).

Regions have until May 1<sup>st</sup> of each year to obligate their annual OA target, after which the OA becomes available for use by other regions within the state. If the state as a whole does not use all of the OA, then the unobligated balance will return to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for redistribution to other states that have obligated 100% of the OA. This is an opportunity that allows states to obligate more federal funding than initially received. This is referred to as "August Redistribution". Therefore, while some projects simply can not obligate earlier than the schedule allows because of issues such as environmental or right of way certification requirements, staff encourages agencies to obligate as early as possible. This increases the likelihood that there will be OA available for the project in the current fiscal year and may even bring more OA for Riverside County agencies than originally anticipated.

The FFY 2011/12 obligation plan will be submitted to Caltrans by the April 1, 2012, deadline. Based on the draft plan (attached), it is possible that more OA is required than is expected to be available. If projects stay on the schedules shown in the plan, RCTC will work with other regions to arrange OA loans so that project obligations are not delayed. However, because there are several large projects that will be submitted late in the fiscal year, it is unlikely this will be required.

If some of the planned obligations are delayed, there is a risk of losing any unobligated balances because of August Redistribution going to other states or even FHWA rescissions of unobligated balances. There have been a couple of fiscal years that Riverside County did not obligate 100% of its OA. In these instances, RCTC "loaned" OA to regions that could obligate above their OA levels. Per Caltrans' OA Management policy, OA that is loaned is protected from being lost to the county as long as the state obligates 100% of the OA. Agencies are encouraged to notify RCTC when projects that are contained in the delivery plan begin to experience delay. This will allow staff the time necessary to develop contingency plans that ensure federal funds are not lost to the region.

**Agencies should contact RCTC staff by March 28, 2012, if projects are missing from the plan or if project information contained in the plan has changed.**

Attachment: Draft FFY2011/12 Obligation Plan

**Local Assistance Obligation Plan**  
**Obligation Authority needs for remainder of FFY 2012**  
**AB 1012 Requirements**  
**Due: April 1, 2012**  
**(Should include all obligations from April 1, 2012 and later)**

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Local Agency	Project Number <small>(enter as: STP 1234567; if not known please provide the project FTP or PPNO number)</small>	Project Scope / Description <small>Provide a brief description and scope of project</small>	Planned Date of Obligation for 4/1/12 and beyond (please enter as MM/DD/YYYY)	Federal Fund Type		Fed. STIP \$	CMAQ \$	Total Obligation	Remarks  <small>Enter any comments or additional information and provide a contact, with a name &amp; phone number, for questions</small>
				RSSTP \$	Fed. STIP \$				
Riverside County	RIV990701	SR60/Valley Way IC RAW Transfer	6/1/2012		500000		\$500,000	Initially submitted cost adjustment 5/25/10 - eligibility concerns	
Cathedral City	RIV071247	East Palm Canyon Signal Synchron	4/1/2012		247000		\$247,000	Submitted Cons RFA 10/2011	
Riverside	RIV070703	Iowa Ave Grade Separation	4/1/2012		3550000		\$3,550,000	Submitted Cons RFA 12/2011	
Riverside County	RIV071259	Mecca Community Roundabout	4/15/2012		2000000		\$2,000,000	Submitted Cons RFA 1/2012	
Corona	RIV011241	Auto Center Grade Separation	4/1/2012	-674500	-16000000		(\$16,674,500)	Submitted cost adjustment 2/2012	
Riverside County	RIV060123	Clay St GS	6/1/2012		6000000		\$6,000,000	Submit R/W RFA 3/2012	
Indio	RIV091208	Jackson St signal synchron	8/1/2012		332000		\$332,000	Submit Cons RFA 5/2012	
Coachella	RIV071246	Ave. 52 GS	9/1/2012		2500000		\$2,500,000	Submit R/W RFA 6/2012	
Palm Desert	RIV031208	I-10 at Monterey Ave IC	8/1/2012	378000	2069000		\$2,447,000	Submit Cons RFA 5/2012	
Palm Desert	RIV071243	Free rt - Fred Waring/111	8/1/2012		531000		\$531,000	Submit Cons RFA 5/2012	
RCTC	RIV520109	Pertis Valley Line	9/15/2012		6000000	52498000	\$58,498,000	Submit transfer request 5/2012	
RCTC	RIV120201	SR-60 Truck Climbing Lane	9/1/2012		6500000		\$6,500,000	Submit PA&ED RFA 6/2012	
Riverside County	RIV071278	Magnolia Ave GS	9/15/2012		16400000		\$16,400,000	Submit Cons RFA 7/2012	
Cathedral City	RIV011212	Ramon Rd Widening	4/15/2012	1524000			\$1,524,000	Submitted Cons RFA 12/2011	
Cathedral City	RIV52001	Ramon Road Improvements	7/1/2012	408000			\$408,000	Submit Cons RFA 4/2012	
Riverside County	46460	SR-79 Widening Ph 1	4/15/2012	-5310000			(\$5,310,000)	Submitted cost adjustment 11/2011	
Riverside County	46460	SR-79 Widening Ph 2	4/15/2012	7310000			\$7,310,000	Submitted Cons RFA 2/2012	
Moreno Valley	RIV090117	SR-60/Nason OC	7/1/2012	4100000			\$4,100,000	Submit Cons RFA 4/2012	
RCTC	RIV090902	I-215 Blaine to MLK	9/15/2012	2000000			\$2,000,000	Submit Cons RFA 7/2012	
RCTC	RIV070309	I-215 Central Widening	9/1/2012			56000000	\$56,000,000	CTC allocation scheduled for July	

# ***AGENDA ITEM 11***

A presentation will be made but there is no attachment to the agenda for item 11.

# ***AGENDA ITEM 12***

A presentation will be made but there is no attachment to the agenda for item 12.