

Metropolitan Transportation Commission Programming and Allocations Committee

March 10, 2021

Agenda Item 2b - 21-0261

Concurrence Request for State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Amendment for Alameda County

Subject: Concurrence with STIP Amendment Request to add the I-680 Southbound Express Lane project to the 2020 STIP.

Background: The Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC) requests MTC's concurrence for a STIP amendment to program \$40 million in future STIP shares to the construction phase of the I-680 Southbound Express Lane from Route 84 to Alcosta Boulevard project ("Express Lane project") in the 2020 STIP for Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-22.

MTC adopted the 2020 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) program of projects on December 18, 2019, which forms part of the STIP. ACTC included the Express Lane project as a contingency project in Alameda County's 2020 RTIP submittal to MTC. However, the project was not included in the final program of projects due to county share capacity constraints and other ACTC funding priorities. Work has progressed in the corridor since the 2020 STIP adoption and the amendment is now needed to coincide with a major Caltrans roadway rehabilitation project within the Express Lane project limits. The Caltrans project is programmed in the 2020 State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP).

Aligning the two projects required Caltrans to delay the construction of the SHOPP project by one year and ACTC to advance delivery of the Express Lane project by one year. ACTC has accelerated the Express Lane project design and construction schedule to meet SHOPP delivery deadlines, with ACTC ready to advertise in October 2021. Therefore, ACTC requests to advance \$40 million in future 2022 and 2024 county STIP shares to complete the funding plan. The total project cost is \$259 million comprised of local, regional, and state sources including:

- \$92 million in Local Measure BB
- \$80 million in Regional Measure 3 (RM3) Express Lanes Category
- \$25 million in SB 1 Local Partnership Competitive Program (LPP-C)
- \$12 million in SB 1 LPP Formula; and
- \$10 million of MTC/BATA's share of SB 1 LPP Formula

Note that the funding plan includes funds committed by MTC in early 2020 as part of the programming of RM3 Express Lane funds and selection of SB1 competitive program nominations. Since RM3 funds are not yet available to allocate, ACTC will request an RM3 Letter of No Prejudice (LONP) within the next six months to allow spending local funds in lieu of RM3. Approval of the LONP is subject to future Commission action. Similarly, MTC prioritized \$10 million of MTC/BATA's share of Local Partnership Formula Program funds to this project, final approval of which is subject to Commission action in the next few months.

Since this action proposes to amend the STIP to add a new project to the STIP and exceeds the available county share capacity, Committee action is required to concur with the proposed amendment consistent with the 2020 RTIP Policies and Procedures (MTC Resolution No. 4398).

The current and proposed 2020 STIP programming is shown below.

Existing Programming:

<u>PPNO</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Phase</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>FY</u>	<u>Title</u>
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Proposed Programming:


<u>PPNO</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Phase</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>FY</u>	<u>Title</u>
<u>New</u>	<u>ACTC</u>	<u>CON</u>	<u>\$40,000,000</u>	<u>21/22</u>	<u>I-680 Southbound Express Lane from Route 84 to Alcosta Boulevard</u>

The CTC is scheduled to notice the proposed STIP amendment at its May meeting and is expected to act on the amendment at the June 23-24, 2021 meeting.

Issues: CTC staff noted that approval of the STIP amendment will be contingent on available program capacity in the current STIP share period. It is possible CTC will program an amount less than \$40 million, in which case, ACTC is prepared to further advance local funds to fully fund the project. ACTC and MTC staff will continue to monitor program capacity and anticipate CTC staff will provide a recommendation by June 2021.

Recommendation: Approve the requested STIP amendment concurrence from ACTC and direct staff to send a letter of concurrence to Caltrans and CTC.

Attachments: Attachment 1: ACTC STIP Amendment Request Letter


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Attention: Karl Anderson

RE: Request for 2020 STIP amendment

Dear Ms. McMillan:

The Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) respectfully requests an amendment to the 2020 State Transportation Improvement Program (2020 STIP) to add the I-680 Southbound Express Lanes from SR-84 to Alcosta Boulevard Project (Project) to the 2020 STIP, and program up to \$40 million for the Construction phase in Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-22.

Alameda CTC's 2020 STIP program of projects was adopted by the Alameda CTC in October 2019 and included the I-680 Southbound Express Lanes from SR-84 to Alcosta Boulevard Project as a contingency project. The request for California Transportation Commission (CTC) to amend the 2020 STIP at this time is needed to advance the Project's approved funding plan in time to ensure delivery of the construction phase in coordination with a Caltrans State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) project to rehabilitate the pavement within the Project limits. Combining the two projects required Caltrans to delay the construction of the SHOPP project by one year and Alameda CTC to expedite delivery of this Project by one year. Staff has prepared an expedited schedule to meet this deadline, including advancing the design of the southbound Project, with the Ready to List (RTL) milestone anticipated in October 2021.

The current estimated total cost of the Project is \$259 million and the funding plan currently includes a combination of Local Sales Tax Measure, Regional Measure 3 (RM3) and Senate Bill 1 (SB1) Local Partnership Program (LPP) funds. At the June 2020 meeting, the Alameda CTC approved prioritizing \$40 million STIP from the next two STIP cycles (2022 STIP and 2024 STIP), towards the construction phase of the Project. In order to access future STIP funds in time to keep the construction phase scheduled for FY 2021-22, the Project would need to be formally amended into the 2020 STIP by the CTC in spring 2021. Alameda CTC staff has been working closely with MTC and CTC staff on this effort.

The Alameda CTC will consider the 2020 STIP amendment request at its February 26, 2021 meeting. CTC staff have clarified that the STIP amendment, requested amount (up to \$40 million) and the timing of availability of STIP funds will be subject to the available programming/revenue capacity in the current STIP. Accordingly, the Alameda CTC's February action includes approval of a resolution of local support and approval to submit an Assembly Bill 3090 (AB 3090) request to use local funds in lieu of STIP funds being made available by the CTC in the outer years of the STIP (beyond FY 2021-22). A confirmation from CTC regarding the available programming capacity and year of programming is anticipated by June 2021.

Thank you for considering Alameda CTC's request to amend the 2020 STIP. If you have any questions, please contact Vivek Bhat at (510) 208-7430 or vbhat@alamedactc.org.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director

Enclosures: Project ePPR Form (PPNo. 2025J)

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