

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE
Urgent _____ Routine X
CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES (Signature) NO _____
(Information Attached)

BOARD AGENDA # B-14
AGENDA DATE April 24, 2001
4/5 Vote Required YES _____ NO ✓

SUBJECT: APPROVE THE COUNTY'S TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT STRATEGY AND PRIORITIES AS IT RELATES TO THE STANISLAUS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (STANCOG) UPDATE OF THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN.

STAFF
RECOMMEN-
DATIONS:

1. AUTHORIZE THE "MOVEMENT OF GOODS" AS A PRIMARY STRATEGY IN THE COUNTY'S TRANSPORTATION PROJECT RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE STANCOG POLICY BOARD FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION IN THE UPDATE OF THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN.
2. AUTHORIZE THE BOARD'S REPRESENTATIVES TO THE STANCOG POLICY BOARD TO WORK WITH OTHER MEMBERS TO PRIORITIZE COUNTYWIDE TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS IN A MANNER TO MAXIMIZE THE COUNTY'S RECEIPT OF STATE AND FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDING AND TO ALLOW FOR TIMELY COMPLETION OF TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS.

FISCAL
IMPACT:

No immediate impact to the County's budget. Timely and efficient transportation of goods and services are critical to economic development. Unless transportation improvements are strategically planned, properly designed, and constructed in a timely manner, an area's economy can be negatively impacted.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2001-306

On motion of Supervisor Mayfield, Seconded by Supervisor Simon
and approved by the following vote,
Ayes: Supervisors: Mayfield, Simon, Caruso, and Chair Paul
Noes: Supervisors: None
Excused or Absent: Supervisors: Blom
Abstaining: Supervisor: None

- 1) X Approved as recommended
- 2) _____ Denied
- 3) _____ Approved as amended

Motion:

ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

By: Christine Ferraro Deputy

File No.

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DISCUSSION: The Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) is currently being updated by the StanCOG Policy Board. The RTP is a planning and policy document that identifies the countywide transportation projects and available funding over the next twenty years. This plan must be updated every three years. The 2001 update of the plan must be submitted to CalTrans by September of this year. Transportation projects that are not included in the plan are not eligible for State and Federal funding. At this time in the RTP process twenty-nine additional capital transportation projects have been submitted to StanCOG for funding consideration. The estimated total cost of these projects is \$1.2 billion. These projects have been submitted by an ad hoc business group, CalTrans, the cities and county. These projects are being considered by the StanCOG Policy Board for inclusion to the RTP.

As recognized by many, transportation improvements in Stanislaus County have not kept pace with the needs of the community. The lack of the appropriate capital improvements is negatively impacting the area's economy and will continue to hinder economic development.

For the purpose of discussion, transportation funding can be divided into four general categories (Attachment #1). These categories are road maintenance, public transit, special projects and capital projects. Road maintenance projects receive about \$21 million of all the annual regional funding that comes to the county for transportation. Transit projects receive approximately \$11 million.

Funding for special projects in the amount of approximately \$ 5 million annually is for bridge replacement, landscaping, hazard elimination, etc. Funding for special projects is categorical and the use is very restrictive. However, in some cases the use of special project funding can be integrated with capital improvement projects.

Funding for transportation capital projects can reach \$25 million a year. However, only about half of this amount is discretionary. The remaining amount is categorical but can be creatively integrated with locally selected capital projects.

There exists eight major transportation projects on the regional transportation project list. Total funding for these eight projects is approximately \$309 million. Approximately, \$107 million has been programmed for these projects. A remaining \$202 million is required to fully fund these eight projects. In a "best case" scenario" these projects

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would be fully funded in eight years using existing regional transportation funding allocations. Additional funds from the California Transportation Commission and/or from special legislation would reduce this time schedule. Recently, three projects from the RTP list have been submitted by the StanCOG Policy Board to our legislative representatives and CTC for funding consideration (Attachment #2).

As to the above referenced regional allocation of transportation funding, there are times when special funds are made available for transportation improvements. In last year's State budget, the Legislature and Governor authorized additional funding for "congestion relief". In the first year of this special program, Stanislaus County received \$3.2 million and in the subsequent five years, the County will receive approximately \$1.2 million annually.

As a result of many discussions with community leaders the consensus seems to have developed that this community, through the StanCOG Policy Board, must set transportation priorities. This is especially true of major capital projects. A strategy that has been articulated is that all possible funding be directed at one or two projects until construction is complete. A "shotgun approach" to the funding of transportation improvements in this county results in a long construction schedule for projects. This, of course, is primarily the result of insufficient funding for this community's transportation needs.

As the RTP process continues, staff will keep the Board updated on all critical issues and will work with the County's representatives to the StanCOG Policy Board on issues related to our transportation needs, especially as it relates to the movement of goods and services and job creation potential.

POLICY
ISSUES:

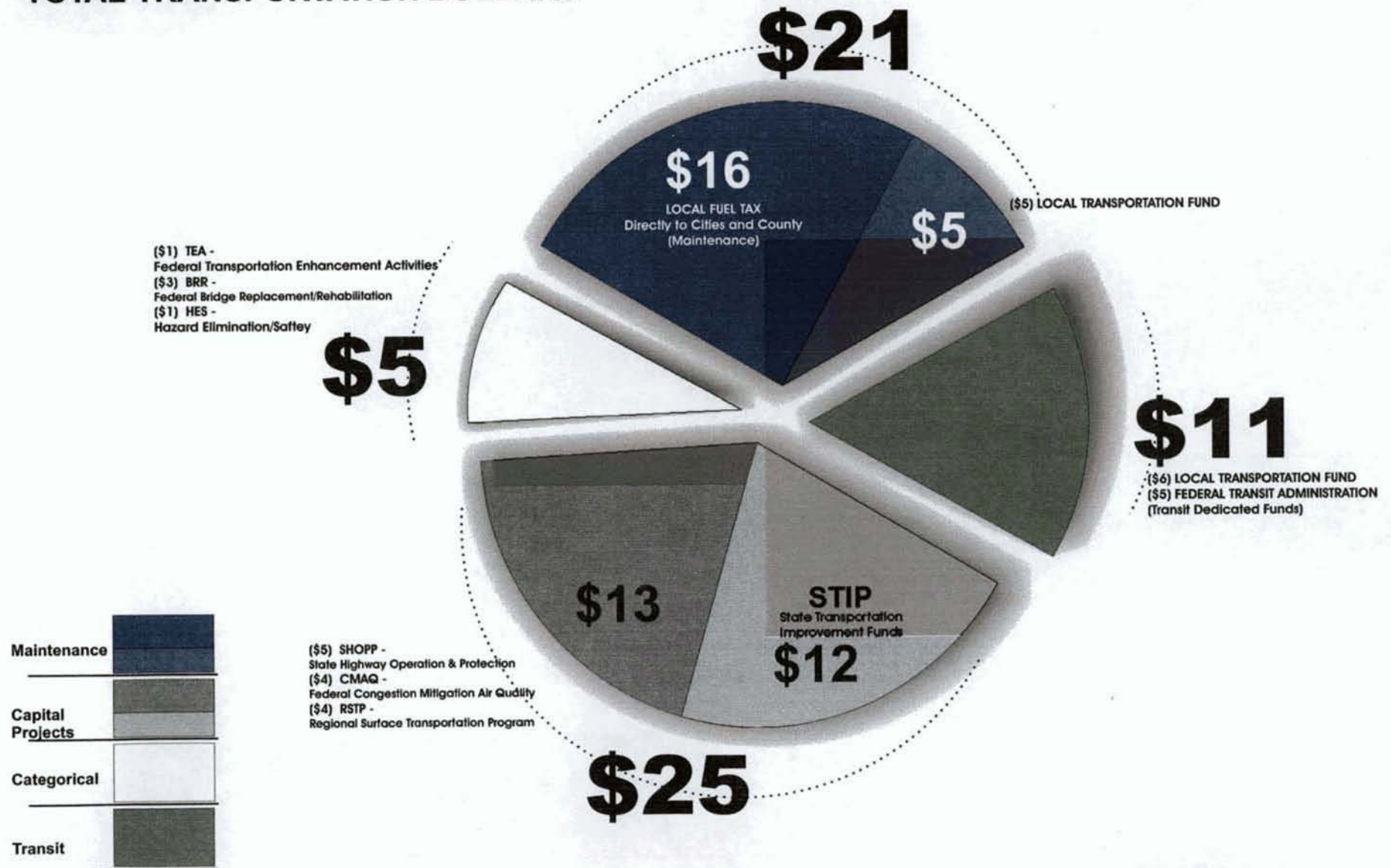
The Board should decide if staff's recommendations are consistent with their priority of economic development and multi-jurisdictional cooperation.

STAFFING
ISSUES:

None.

\$62 MILLION

TOTAL TRANSPORTATION DOLLARS



April 4, 2001

****SAMPLE LETTER****

The Honorable David Cogdill
Assembly Member, 25th Assembly District
3600 Sisk Road #5 – D3
Modesto, CA 95356

Letter sent to:
David Cogdill
Dick Monteith
Dennis Cardoza
Kirk Lindsey

ATTENTION: Mr. Chuck Hahn, Chief of Staff

Dear Assembly Member Cogdill:

I very much appreciate our past discussions regarding the major transportation priorities for Stanislaus County. I am writing to update you on the status of those priorities, and to seek your help in receiving desperately needed funding in the upcoming State budget.

On Monday, March 26, StanCOG hosted a Regional Transportation Forum, which was attended by more than 50 people, including Chuck Hahn from your staff. The Forum made important recommendations, which were considered by the StanCOG Policy Board at a special meeting on March 29. The Policy Board agreed to support, in order, the following as the official transportation priorities for the Stanislaus County region:

- 1) Route 132 West, known as the Modesto freeway, from Route 99 to west of Dakota Avenue. This project, which includes building a new 4-lane roadway with a new interchange at Route 99, requires an additional \$34 million to complete;
- 2) Route 219 (Kiernan Avenue) widening, from Route 99 to McHenry Avenue. This project, which will widen this roadway to 4 lanes with a median and turn pockets, requires an additional \$12.6 million to complete.
- 3) Route 99/Pelandale interchange reconstruction. This project, which is a total reconstruction of the existing outmoded interchange, requires as much as \$69 million more to complete.

These priorities were chosen for several reasons:

- The projects address and support all 3 strategies in our draft 2001 Regional Transportation Plan, as follows:
 - a) maintenance and safety; b) congestion relief; and c) economic development.
- The projects are supported by a broad consensus of the community, and were included in 3 separate planning lists, as follows: a) a "top two" list of priorities prepared by each city, the County, and Caltrans; b) the business community's ad hoc transportation committee list; and c) StanCOG's existing 1998 Regional Transportation Plan.
- Unlike some other needed projects, these projects are all in a position to be implemented fairly quickly if additional funds can be made available.

Assembly Member David Cogdill

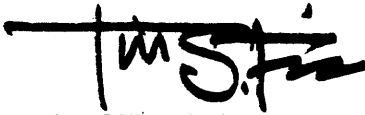
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I urge you to join with our other State representatives and support these projects exclusively for funding consideration. The priorities set by the Policy Board are very important projects that need immediate State funding and attention, which this County so richly deserves. It is time, in fact it is past time, for the Stanislaus County region to get the money it needs and deserves to meet the challenges of one of the fastest growing areas in the State.

Thank you for your consideration of this request, and for your support. If questions arise, please feel free to contact me or Executive Director Gary Dickson. We are anxious to work with you to get these projects built!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'TMS.Fisher', written over a horizontal line.

TIMOTHY S. FISHER
CHAIR, STANCOG POLICY BOARD

cc: StanCOG Policy Board
Mark Leja, Director, Caltrans District 10

KEY CODE	PROJECT TYPE	LOCATION		CURRENT STATUS OF THE PROJECT	ADDITIONAL FUNDS NEEDED*	WHO PROPOSED IT?			PURPOSE OF THE PROJECT	PERFORMANCE		
						1998 RTP	City/ County/ Caltrans	Ad Hoc Committee		Maintenance, Safety, and Community Enhancement	Congestion Relief	Economic Opportunities
	State Highway Construction	State Highway or Major Road	Limits									
A		SR-99	Widen to 8-lanes from Ceres to Pelandale	Feasibility Study under preparation	\$100,000,000		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Congestion, safety, interregional goods movement	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH
B		SR-108	Expressway from Modesto City Limits to East of Oakdale via Claribel	Environmental document being prepared	\$120,000,000	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Safety, congestion, and economic development	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH
C		SR-120	Oakdale Expressway from Valley Home to East of Oakdale	Environmental document to be released in Summer 2001	\$30,000,000	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Interregional travel; congestion, safety for Oakdale	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH
D		SR-219 (Kieman)	Expressway from SR-99 to SR-108 (McHenry)	Environmental document to be released in June 2001	\$12,660,000	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Congestion, safety, economic development	MODERATE	HIGH	HIGH
E		SR-132 East of SR-99	Infill Widening to 4 Lanes from Riverside to Frazine/Codoni	Environmental document to be released in June 2001	\$0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Truck safety and congestion	HIGH	HIGH	MODERATE
F			Widening and operational improvements from SR-99 to Waterford, including Grade Separation at Empire	Limited pre-planning work completed; no firm cost estimate or scope	\$100,000,000			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Truck congestion and safety; interregional travel	HIGH	HIGH
G		SR-132 West of SR-99	Modesto Freeway from SR-99 to West of Dakota/Nebraska	Environmental document to be released in 2001	\$34,059,000	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Congestion, safety and interregional travel; major truck route	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH
H			SR-132 West Widening to 4-Lane Expressway from SR-33 to San Joaquin River	Environmental document being prepared	\$16,084,000	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					
I			SR-132 West Widening to 4-Lane Expressway from San Joaquin River to Dakota**	Project Study Report under preparation	\$68,000,000	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					
J			SR-132 West Widening to 4-Lane Expressway from I-580 to SR-33**	Project Study Report under preparation	\$8,000,000	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					

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	Interchanges	Major Street:										
K		Fink/ I-5	Reconstruct interchange to add capacity	Project Study Report under preparation	\$25,000,000		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Crows Landing Naval Air Base conversion to business park	MODERATE	LOW	HIGH
L		Hammett/ SR-99	Reconstruct interchange to add capacity	Limited pre-planning work completed; no firm cost estimate or scope	\$25,000,000		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	New development; potential for commercial and industrial	LOW	LOW	HIGH
M		Hatch/ SR-99	Reconstruct interchange to add capacity	Limited pre-planning work completed; no firm cost estimate or scope	\$25,000,000		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Safety, major truck route	HIGH	HIGH	MODERATE
N		Kiernan/ SR-99	Reconstruct interchange to add capacity	No pre-planning work completed; rough cost estimate	\$33,000,000			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Major truck route; new business development	MODERATE	MODERATE	HIGH
O		Pelandale/ SR-99	Reconstruct interchange to add capacity	Environmental document being prepared	\$69,000,000	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	New development, safety, congestion	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH
P		Service/ Mitchell/ SR-99	Construct new interchange at Service in Ceres	Project Study Report completed	\$50,000,000		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	New development, major truck route	HIGH	MODERATE	HIGH
Q		Sperry/ I-5	Reconstruct interchange to add capacity near Newman	Project Study Report under preparation	\$25,000,000		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	New development; major business park	MODERATE	LOW	HIGH
R		Stuhr/ I-5	Reconstruct interchange to add capacity near Newman	No pre-planning work completed; rough cost estimate	\$15,000,000			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	New development; business park	LOW	LOW	HIGH
S		West Main / SR-99	Reconstruct interchange to add capacity in Ceres	Project Study Report under preparation	\$14,000,000		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Congestion, safety, new industrial park development	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH
T		Westley Triangle/ I-5	Reconstruct interchange to add capacity	No pre-planning work completed; rough cost estimate	\$15,000,000			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	New and existing business development related to I-5 traffic	MODERATE	LOW	HIGH
U		Whitmore/ SR-99	Construct Interchange at Overpass in Ceres	Environmental document to be released in May 2001	\$25,051,000	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Congestion, safety, primarily existing development	HIGH	MODERATE	MODERATE
V		Yosemite (SR-132)/ SR-99	Improve connection (possible new interchange) in Modesto	Limited pre-planning work completed; no firm cost estimate or scope	\$70,000,000		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Improve access to existing industrial park along SR-132	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH

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	Local Roads	Street Name	Limits									
W		Brazo	Extend Brazo from Canal School Road to SR-33 in Newman	Limited pre-planning work completed; rough cost estimate	\$1,240,000		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		New industrial park development	LOW	LOW	MODERATE
X		Christoffersen Parkway	Construct expressway from Golden State to Geer Road in Turlock	Pre-planning work completed	\$3,040,000		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		New development; congestion relief	LOW	HIGH	MODERATE
Y		Crows Landing	Widen roadway from Service to I-5	No pre-planning work completed; rough cost estimate	\$115,500,000			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Interregional goods movement	MODERATE	MODERATE	HIGH
Z		East	Widen roadway from Turlock to Santa Fe	No pre-planning work completed; rough cost estimate	\$22,000,000			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Interregional goods movement	MODERATE	MODERATE	HIGH
AA		Geer/ Albers	Widen roadway from Turlock to Claribel Road	No pre-planning work completed; rough cost estimate	\$88,000,000			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Interregional goods movement	MODERATE	MODERATE	HIGH
BB		Grayson/ Howard	Widen roadway from Crows Landing to I-5	No pre-planning work completed; rough cost estimate	\$99,000,000			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Interregional goods movement	MODERATE	LOW	HIGH
CC		Hatch	Widening and intersection improvements from Geer to SR-99	Limited pre-planning work completed; rough cost estimate	\$30,000,000		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Congestion, safety	MODERATE	HIGH	HIGH
DD		Hughson	Downtown Corridor- curb, gutter, sidewalk	Limited pre-planning work completed; rough cost estimate	\$1,500,000		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Safety, increase walking, economic development	MODERATE	MODERATE	MODERATE
EE		Keyes	Widen roadway from Crows Landing to Santa Fe	No pre-planning work completed; rough cost estimate	\$49,500,000			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Interregional goods movement	MODERATE	LOW	HIGH
FF		Ladd/ Patterson	Widen and construct new roadway from Riverbank to SR-99	No pre-planning work completed; rough cost estimate	\$44,000,000			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Interregional goods movement	LOW	LOW	HIGH
GG		Montpelier	Operational improvements or widening from Merced County Line to Waterford	No pre-planning work completed; rough cost estimate	\$2,000,000		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		UC Merced traffic	LOW	MODERATE	LOW
HH		Santa Fe Avenue	Widen roadway from County Line to Empire	No pre-planning work completed; rough cost estimate	\$82,500,000			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Interregional goods movement	MODERATE	MODERATE	HIGH

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II		Santa Fe Street	Curb, gutter, and sidewalk from Claus to Snedigar and County island within Riverbank City Limits	Limited pre-planning work completed; rough cost estimate	\$1,000,000		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Neighborhood development, school safety	HIGH	LOW	LOW
JJ		Sperry/ Baldwin	Construct 4-lane expressway on Sperry and 4-lane arterial on Baldwin in Patterson	Projects are in master plan development; rough cost estimate	\$16,000,000		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		New industrial park development	LOW	MODERATE	HIGH
KK		West Main/ Las Palmas/ Sperry	Widen roadway from Turlock to I-5	No pre-planning work completed; rough cost estimate	\$104,500,000			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Interregional goods movement	MODERATE	MODERATE	HIGH
LL		Whitmore	Widen roadway from Ceres to Geer Road	No pre-planning work completed; rough cost estimate	\$27,500,000			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Interregional goods movement	LOW	LOW	HIGH
MM		Yolo Street	Curb, gutter, sidewalk, and bicycle lane in Newman	Some preliminary engineering work completed	\$355,000		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		School safety, increase bicycling	HIGH	LOW	LOW

TOTAL

\$1,567,489,000

* AMOUNTS ARE APPROXIMATE; FUNDS ALREADY COMMITTED BY STANCOG ARE NOT INCLUDED