

**NORTH COUNTY CORRIDOR
EXPRESSWAY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**

ITEM: 4a

SUBJECT: NCC Route Adoption Strategy

Per Matt Machado's letter (attached), the North County Corridor Route Adoption strategy has significantly changed. The TAC, at the February 3, 2009 meeting, voted to carry a recommendation to the NCC TEA Board that would:

1. Recommend to Caltrans that the deprogrammed SR 120 Oakdale Bypass ITIP funding of up to \$91M be nominated to SR 132 and to program a viable project segment into the 2010 STIP. The NCC remains the alternative to the SR 120 Oakdale Bypass without ITIP funding.
2. Contingent on SR132 receiving CTC programming for the \$91M of ITIP funding, recommend to Board of Supervisors and Stan COG Policy Board to re-program \$91M PFF funding from SR132 to Phase 1 NCC, described as the Oakdale Bypass portion.

The TEA Board decided to table the discussion pending the February 18, 2009 meeting with Will Kempton, Department of Transportation Director. The meeting was attended by the following:

Will Kempton, Department of Transportation Director
Matt Machado, Authority Manager
Kome Ajise, Acting Deputy Director of Planning
Tony Tavares, Acting District 10 Director
Richard Land, Chief Engineer
Farrel Jackson, Mayor, City of Oakdale
Steve Hallam, City Manager, City of Oakdale
Vince Harris, Executive Director StanCOG
Carlos Yamzon, Senior Planner, StanCOG
Kris Balaji, Project Manager, Jacobs Engineering

As the letter states, the revised strategy would pursue the NCC as a state highway between McHenry Avenue (SR 108) to east of Oakdale at SR 120/108. It is intended that this revised strategy will meet eligibility requirements for the previously committed \$91 million of ITIP funds to the Oakdale Bypass project in 2004.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Information Only

FISCAL IMPACT:

Task 2 is currently being developed based on the revised strategy. Fiscal impact will not be known until complete.



North County Corridor Transportation
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February 19, 2009

Mr. Will Kempton
Department of Transportation - Director
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RE: NCC Route Adoption Strategy

Dear Director Kempton,

Thank you for meeting with our NCC team yesterday to discuss our route adoption strategy for the North County Corridor (NCC) Project. We want to continue our partnership with Caltrans by having a shared understanding and commitment to this project development and eventual project delivery.

The NCC has made good progress in the areas of public outreach, preliminary engineering and environmental studies, traffic analysis, and field surveys. This progress has furthered our effort to develop the NCC as a replacement for the Oakdale Bypass project, therefore becoming eligible for up to \$91 million of ITIP funding as referenced in your February 19, 2008 letter of support.

Our strategy for the past seven months has been to develop the Route Adoption documentation for the corridor between SR99 and SR120 / SR108 east of Oakdale. The Route Adoption process requires all design standards to be met. As stated and discussed yesterday the western portion through the Salida Community area cannot meet freeway design standards. This constraint led our discussion into a revised strategy developed by you and your staff at yesterday's meeting and supported unanimously by those present. This strategy would be to pursue the NCC as a State Highway between McHenry Avenue (SR108) and east of Oakdale to SR120 / SR108. This revised route adoption scope is intended to meet eligibility requirements for the previously committed \$91 million of ITIP funds to the Oakdale Bypass project in 2004.

At our next regularly scheduled JPA Board meeting I will present our revised route adoption strategy and accompanying consultant task order, for their approval to proceed in this direction.



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Your continued support is greatly appreciated. I am confident that as a team we will be successful in the delivery of this regionally significant project.

Respectfully,

Matt Machado, PE
JPA Manager

Cc: JPA Board Members
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