

REVISED SEE ITEM 4a
NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING

OF THE
TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Merced County Association of Governments
Conference Room
369 W. 18th Street
Merced, CA 95340
(209) 723-3153

THURSDAY, February 5, 2009– 10:00 A.M.

1. **INTRODUCTION**

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY ADDRESS ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA DURING CONSIDERATION OF THAT ITEM.

2. **ORAL COMMUNICATION**

PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS AGENDA ITEMS OR COMMENT ON ANY ITEM NOT ON THE AGENDA MAY DO SO AT THIS TIME. COMMENTS ARE LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES PER PERSON. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS FOR THE RECORD.

FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA, NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN AT THIS TIME. IF IT REQUIRES ACTION, IT WILL BE REFERRED TO STAFF AND/OR PLACED ON THE NEXT AGENDA.

COPIES OF STAFF REPORTS OR OTHER WRITTEN DOCUMENTATION RELATING TO ITEMS OF BUSINESS REFERRED TO ON THE AGENDA ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF MERCED COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS. PERSONS WITH QUESTIONS CONCERNING AGENDA ITEMS MAY CALL MCAG TO MAKE INQUIRY REGARDING THE NATURE OF THE ITEM DESCRIBED ON THE AGENDA.

- * **3. Minutes of the January 8, 2009 Technical Planning Committee Meeting**
- * # **4. Draft Formal Amendment No. 4 to the 2009 Interim Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)** Terri Lewis

 Recommend the MCAG Governing Board adopt Formal Amendment No. 4 to the 2009 Interim FTIP adding the Federal Stimulus Economic Recovery Fund program (\$80,000,000 FHWA and \$3,300,000 FTA) as a revenue source by adoption of Resolution No. 2009/2-19-01.
- * **4a. Draft Formal Amendment No. 5 to the 2009 Interim Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)** Terri Lewis

 Recommend the MCAG Governing Board adopt Formal Amendment No. 5 to the 2009 Interim FTIP adding a lump sum listing for exempt local projects.
- 5. Oral Report – Valleywide Blueprint Summit Recommendation** Marjie Kirn
- # **6. Regional Transportation Impact Fee Report** Christina Smith

 For information only.
- 7. Atwater/Merced Expressway Update** Jesse Brown

 For information only.

* *Action*

Attachment

+ *Enclosure*

The next Technical Planning Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, March 5, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at MCAG, 369 W. 18th Street, Merced, California

TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

January 8, 2009

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the **TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE** held Thursday, January 8, 2009, at the Merced County Association of Governments conference room located at 369 W. 18th Street, Merced, California, was called to order by Chairman Richard Schwarz at 10:00 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mark Hamilton, City of Merced
Mark Fachin, City of Los Banos
John Gedney, Caltrans District 10
Richard Schwarz, Merced County Public Works
Larnold Jones, Merced County Transit

MEMBERS ABSENT

Paul Creighton, City of Livingston
Justin Hendrix, City of Atwater
Jake Raper, City of Gustine
Michael Rhodes, Merced County
City of Dos Palos
San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District

OTHERS PRESENT

Jesse Brown, MCAG
Matt Fell, MCAG
Lori Flanders, MCAG
Marjie Kirn, MCAG
Terri Lewis, MCAG
Candice Steelman, MCAG

1. Introductions

So noted.

2. Oral Communication

None.

3. Minutes of the December 4, 2008 Technical Planning Committee Meeting

Mark Hamilton made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2008 Technical Planning Committee meeting.

Seconded by Mark Fachin.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Continuum of Care

Lori Flanders reviewed the Continuum of Care (CoC) program that is administered by MCAG and funded with monies from the City of Merced and Merced County. The purpose of the CoC program is to transition the homeless to permanent housing. Monthly meetings are held with local stakeholders in an effort to provide solutions to reduce homelessness. The CoC program includes an annual plan that is sent to HUD. With the CoC plan in place, any organization in Merced County can apply for grant funds to help with homelessness.

Mark Fachin asked if he could get information on HUD's CoC grant program. Lori Flanders confirmed that she would provide CoC information to Mark Fachin.

Also, Lori Flanders stated that MCAG staff would help local agencies with the HUD CoC grant application process.

Marjie Kirn added that local agencies are encouraged to apply for CoC funds each and every year because there are points deducted in the application process if you do not submit an annual application.

5. Regional Transportation Plan Amendment

Matt Fell highlighted the need for the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Amendment 2, including a new air quality conformity analysis since the 2009 Interim FTIP had been adopted in July 2008, as well as the segmenting of the Los Banos Bypass project. Segments 1 and 2 are in Tier 1, whereas Segment 3 is a Tier 2 project in the RTP.

Mark Hamilton inquired on why the Hwy 99 Widening project from Livingston to Stanislaus County Line was not listed as a funded project on page 42 of the RTP. Matt Fell answered that MCAG applied for Prop 1B funding, yet funds were not awarded to the Hwy 99 Widening project.

Mark Fachin moved to recommend the MCAG Governing Board adopt 2007 Regional Transportation Plan Amendment #2.

Seconded by Mark Hamilton.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. Final Draft Formal Amendment No. 3 to the 2009 Interim Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)

Terri Lewis stated that a Formal Amendment No. 3 to the 2009 Interim FTIP is needed to add existing capacity increasing state highway projects, as well as projects that are exempt from air quality conformity analysis. Federal approval of Amendment No. 3 is anticipated in March 2009.

Marjie Kirn added that the federal approval of Amendment No. 3 to the 2009 Interim FTIP is critical for the Bradley Overhead Bridge Replacement project to move from the Right of Way phase to construction in 2009.

Mark Hamilton made a motion to recommend the MCAG Governing Board adopt Formal Amendment No. 3 to the 2009 Interim Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) adding both Type 5 (Air Quality Conformity Analysis required) and Type 3 (Exempt from Air Quality Conformity Analysis) projects making the FTIP as whole a programming document as possible.

Seconded by Mark Fachin.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. FY 2008-2009 Local Transportation Fund (LTF) Claims

Marjie Kirn stated that MCAG has revised the October 2007 LTF claim forms to reflect the adjusted amount for the transit budget shortfall (approximately \$1M) as directed by the MCAG Governing Board.

Mark Hamilton asked if we shouldn't keep this money in the bank for possible future issues that arise.

Marjie Kirn stated that ¼ of the funds have already been obligated, therefore, the new portion of funds are \$200,000 not the \$600,000 total.

Marjie Kirn suggested that local agencies not budget any LTF funds in the future. If LTF funds become reality, then it would be a bonus, yet locals would not be anticipating an unreliable source of money.

Mark Hamilton made a motion to recommend the MCAG Governing Board approve the revised Local Transportation Fund claims received by adoption of Resolution 2009/1-15-02.

Seconded by Larnold Jones.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. One Voice State and Federal Policy Platforms

Candice Steelman highlighted the One Voice legislative program and the collaborative process for determining the 2009 state and federal policy platforms and priorities. One

Voice stakeholders have identified a state and federal listing of priorities for 2009, including:

State

1. Economic Development - Prevailing Wage;
2. Water - Comprehensive Water Plan;
3. Transportation – lower voter approval to 55% from the 2/3 currently required;
4. Healthcare – Support a County Organized Health System (COS); and
5. Education – Pass legislation to put career technical education on equal footing with other forms of education.

Federal

1. Water - Comprehensive San Joaquin Valley Water Plan;
2. Transportation #1 – Fund right of way purchase for Phase II of the Campus Parkway;
3. Transportation #2 – Fund right of way purchase for Phase I of the Los Banos Bypass;
4. Healthcare – Pass legislation to make Merced County a medical needs region for enhanced reimbursement; and
5. Education – Fund the Engineering Academy Model program.

Mark Hamilton made a motion to recommend the MCAG Governing Board approve:

- a. The One Voice 2009 state and federal policy platforms; and
- b. The One Voice 2009 state and federal priorities, with staff's recommendation.

Seconded by Larnold Jones.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS OF THE TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY CHAIRMAN RICHARD SCHWARZ AT 10:35 A.M.

ITEM 4

MEMORANDUM

DATE: JANUARY 29, 2009

TO: TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

FROM: TERRI LEWIS, ASSOCIATE PLANNER

**RE: DRAFT FORMAL AMENDMENT NO. 4 TO THE 2009 INTERIM
 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (FTIP)**

BACKGROUND

Merced County Association of Governments (MCAG) has been requested by Caltrans Headquarters to process a formal amendment No. 4 (Type 2 Funding Changes) to the 2009 Interim FTIP adding a new funding source anticipated from the Federal Stimulus Economic Recovery (ECREC) Bill that Congress is currently considering. It is anticipated that the President will sign the Federal Stimulus Economic Recovery package in mid February. Any funding revenue estimates are subject to change until the bill is signed into law.

Caltrans has asked that MPO's add the ECREC (estimates provided by Caltrans Headquarters) as a revenue source in the 2009 Interim FTIP. The ECREC fund source is being added without an associated list of projects at this time so that state and federal approval on this amendment can take place quickly. Under the current house bill version, recipients of the federal ECREC funds have only 150 days to obligate this revenue before it is lost to the state. The state (Caltrans) will have only 180 days to obligate this revenue before it can be captured by another state.

Draft Amendment No. 4 adds the Federal Stimulus Economic Recovery fund source and estimated revenue: FHWA - \$80,000,000 with \$4,400,000 estimated for local projects; FTA \$3,300,000 in the 2009 Interim FTIP. Updated financial tables are attached reflecting the addition of the Economic Stimulus fund source.

San Joaquin Valley COG's are currently discussing possible programming options on a separate FTIP amendment that will be needed to program specific Economic Stimulus projects in the 2009 Interim FTIP. It is unclear at this time whether or not a separate amendment will be released concurrently with Amendment No. 4.

REQUESTED ACTION

Recommend the MCAG Governing Board adopt Formal Amendment No. 4 to the 2009 Interim FTIP adding the Federal Stimulus Economic Recovery Fund program (\$80,000,000 FHWA and \$3,300,000 FTA) as a revenue source by adoption of Resolution No. 2009/2-19-01.

Attachments: Economic Stimulus Share Distribution
Draft Economic Stimulus Distribution Statewide Totals

Economic Stimulus Share Distribution

MPO	FHWA \$(1000s)	FTA \$(1,000s)
AMBAG	\$90,000	\$14,500
BCAG	\$32,000	\$2,750
COFCG	\$47,000	\$12,000
KCAG	\$8,000	\$2,300
KCOG	\$73,000	\$1,900
Madera	\$22,000	\$1,500
MCAG	\$80,000	\$3,300
MTC	\$845,000	\$265,000
Rural Non-MPO	\$365,000	\$5,700
SACOG	\$300,000	\$34,000
SANDAG	\$172,000	\$72,500
SBCAG	\$33,000	\$9,000
SCAG	\$1,000,000	\$450,000
SHASTA	\$255,000	\$2,000
SJCOG	\$63,000	\$12,500
SLOCOG	\$25,000	\$3,500
StanCOG	\$37,000	\$7,300
TCAG	\$50,000	\$5,000
TRPA	\$3,000	\$250
TOTAL	\$3,500,000	\$905,000

Economic Stimulus Distribution

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		\$707,737,500
MPO/RTPA/County	Large UZA \$	
	LARGE Urbanized Area \$	Rest of the State
		TOTAL
MTC Region		\$141,744,547
MTC (SF UZA)	\$0	\$20,084,392
<i>Antioch</i>	\$4,546,496	\$0
<i>Concord</i>	\$11,546,906	\$0
<i>SF-Oakland</i>	\$67,460,693	\$0
<i>Santa Rosa</i>	\$5,963,511	\$0
(San Jose UZA)	\$32,142,549	\$0
SACOG	\$25,118,277	\$6,877,925
El Dorado	\$0	\$2,182,429
<i>Sacramento</i>	\$373,075	\$0
Placer	\$0	\$1,310,828
<i>Sacramento</i>	\$3,625,354	\$0
TRPA	\$0	\$964,353
SCAG Region		
Los Angeles (SCAG)	\$0	\$5,628,715
<i>LA-LongBeach-SantaAna</i>	\$186,949,930	\$0
<i>Lancaster-Palmdale</i>	\$5,506,419	\$0
<i>Thousand Oaks</i>	\$818,528	\$0
	\$0	\$0
San Bernardino	\$0	\$5,160,089
<i>Riverside-SBd</i>	\$15,254,668	\$0
<i>Victorville-Hesperia-Apple Valley</i>	\$4,188,048	\$0
<i>LA-LongBeach-Santa Ana</i>	\$11,115,284	\$0
	\$0	\$0
Riverside	\$0	\$5,933,652
<i>Riverside-SBd</i>	\$16,229,781	\$0
<i>Indio-CathedralCity</i>	\$5,325,136	\$0
<i>Temecula-Murrieta</i>	\$4,801,808	\$0
	\$0	\$0
Orange	\$0	\$97,683
<i>MissionViejo</i>	\$11,137,182	\$0
<i>LA-LongBeach-Santa Ana</i>	\$48,237,455	\$0
	\$0	\$0
Ventura	\$0	\$5,058,959
<i>Oxnard</i>	\$7,053,858	\$0
<i>Thousand Oaks</i>	\$3,590,042	\$0
<i>LA-LongBeach-Santa Ana</i>	\$34,957	\$0
<i>Imperial (El Centro UZA)</i>	\$0	\$2,974,589
AMBAG Region	\$0	\$14,847,723
Monterey	\$0	\$8,394,691
Santa Cruz	\$0	\$5,340,724
San Benito	\$0	\$1,112,308
Alpine	\$0	\$25,241
Amador	\$0	\$733,404
Butte	\$0	\$4,245,195
Calaveras	\$0	\$847,363
Colusa	\$0	\$392,904
Del Norte	\$0	\$574,750
Fresno (COFCG)	\$11,593,271	\$5,110,088
Glenn	\$0	\$552,727
Humboldt	\$0	\$2,643,554
Inyo	\$0	\$374,955
Kern (Bakersfield) (KCOG)	\$8,276,908	\$5,547,957
Kings (KCAG)	\$0	\$2,705,047
Lake	\$0	\$1,218,348
Lassen	\$0	\$706,825
Madera (MCTC)	\$0	\$2,570,653
<i>Fresno</i>	\$1,672	\$0
Mariposa	\$0	\$357,926
Mendocino	\$0	\$1,802,480
Merced (MCAG)	\$0	\$4,399,460
Modoc	\$0	\$197,434
Mono	\$0	\$268,559
Nevada	\$0	\$1,923,001
Plumas	\$0	\$435,111
San Diego (SANDAG)	\$55,881,504	\$2,912,657
San Joaquin	\$6,548,228	\$5,017,044
<i>Modesto</i>	\$210,932	\$210,932
San Luis Obispo (SLOCOG)	\$0	\$5,154,322
Santa Barbara (SBCAG)	\$0	\$8,344,231
Shasta	\$0	\$3,411,183
Sierra	\$0	\$74,281
Siskiyou	\$0	\$925,656
Stanislaus (Modesto) (StanCOG)	\$6,286,167	\$3,053,696
Tehama	\$0	\$1,170,917
Trinity	\$0	\$272,091
Tulare (TCAG)	\$0	\$7,689,684
Tuolumne	\$0	\$1,138,781
STATEWIDE TOTALS	\$559,818,637	\$147,918,863
		\$707,737,500

MEMORANDUM

DATE: JANUARY 30, 2009

TO: TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

FROM: TERRI LEWIS, ASSOCIATE PLANNER

**RE: DRAFT FORMAL AMENDMENT NO. 5 TO THE 2009 INTERIM
 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (FTIP)**

BACKGROUND

The Federal Economic Recovery Bill that Congress is currently considering may include some very short time frames for obligating funds. Also, it is anticipated the bill or package will be signed into law in mid February, so we are attempting to act as quickly as is possible. Since any funds will be federal and we will be unable to “exchange” them for State funds, these monies and projects funded with them will need to be in the FTIP before they can be obligated.

The prior item on Draft Formal Amendment No. 4 discussed Caltrans request to add a new fund type. However, we would also like to attempt to add a lump sum listing of projects so that these projects can perhaps get a jump-start on whatever the obligation deadline ends up being.

We are using the latest estimate from the state of the moneys to be distributed through us: \$4,399,359. **If it ends up being more than 20% more than this we may have to do another amendment later.** Breaking this down by population and rounding yields the following amounts:

Jurisdiction	% of population	Amount
Atwater	11%	\$ 483,088
Dos Palos	2%	\$ 85,692
Gustine	2%	\$ 90,118
Livingston	5%	\$ 232,413
Los Banos	14%	\$ 615,903
Merced	32%	\$ 1,394,358
County	34%	\$ 1,497,787
TOTAL		\$ 4,399,359

Draft Amendment No. 5 to the 2009 Interim FTIP is a “Type 3” amendment that adds a lump sum listing for new local projects. All are exempt from air quality conformity. The list of projects, CTIPs listing, and updated financial tables will be distributed at your meeting and will be posted on the MCAG website (www.mcagov.org) by Thursday February 5, 2009.

REQUESTED ACTION

Recommend the MCAG Governing Board adopt Formal Amendment No. 5 to the 2009 Interim FTIP adding a lump sum listing for exempt local projects.

MEMORANDUM

DATE: JANUARY 29, 2009

TO: TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

FROM: CHRISTINA SMITH, GRANT MANAGER

RE: REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPACT FEE REPORT

BACKGROUND

The Regional Transportation Impact Fee (RTIF) program collects one-time fees from new development to mitigate their impact on the regional road network.

Effective August 1, 2005, the cities of Atwater, Dos Palos, Los Banos, Merced and the County of Merced began collecting RTIF fees through their permitting process. The City of Gustine began collecting the fee effective August 22, 2005. The City of Livingston has not adopted an ordinance or resolution to implement the RTIF program fee collection.

MCAG Governing Board and member jurisdictions are updated on the status of the fee collection and the proposed transportation projects through staff report updates.

DISCUSSION

Attached please find:

1. Table one (1) showing fees collected for the current fiscal year by jurisdiction.
2. Table two (2) showing fees collected to-date by jurisdiction.
3. Table three (3) showing fees collected by project.
4. Table four (4) showing project expenditures paid to date.

REQUESTED ACTION

For information only.

Attachments: Table 1 – Fees Collected by Jurisdiction for FY 2008-2009
Table 2 – Fees Collected by Jurisdiction To-Date by Jurisdiction
Table 3 – Fees Collected by Project
Table 4 – Project Expenditures Paid To-Date

TABLE 1

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPACT FEES (RTIF) COLLECTED BY JURISDICTION FOR FY 2008-2009					
JURISDICTION	1ST QTR	2ND QTR	3RD QTR	4TH QTR	TOTAL
Atwater	0	0			0
Dos Palos	3,115	0			3,115
Gustine	0	662			662
Livingston	0	0			0
Los Banos	233,362	14,295			247,657
Merced City	0	180,792			180,792
Merced County	53,773	301,262			355,035
Interest Earnings	28,145	38,428			66,572
Total	318,395	535,438			853,833

TABLE 2

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPACT FEES (RTIF) COLLECTED BY JURISDICTION TO-DATE JUNE 30, 2008					
JURISDICTION	FY 2005-06	FY 2006-07	FY 2007-08	FY 2008-09	TOTAL
Atwater	16,748	24,338	47,187		88,273
Dos Palos	31,625	57,080	17,707		106,412
Gustine	18,711	45,068	2,802		66,581
Livingston	0	0	0		0
Los Banos	69,534	601,679	433,153		1,104,366
Merced City	1,355,575	1,125,032	738,658		3,219,265
Merced County	973,251	435,576	288,520		1,697,347
Interest Earnings	32,060	141,768	155,912		329,740
Total	2,497,504	2,430,541	1,683,940		6,611,985

Above amounts shown net of refunds.

Please note that all information provide for the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 are pre-audit.

TABLE 3**FEES COLLECTED BY PROJECT**

Project Name	Total to Date	FY 2005-2006 Total	FY 2006-2007 Total (Net) *	FY 2007-2008 Total (Net)
Deposit Amount:	\$ 6,280,765.80	\$ 2,465,444.65	\$ 2,288,772.38	\$ 1,528,027.77
Allocations:				
Bellevue - connect 99	\$ 60,850.03	\$ 24,164.96	\$ 17,236.10	\$ 19,448.97
Mission - 59 to 99	\$ 29,032.13	\$ 12,696.36	\$ 9,820.89	\$ 6,514.88
59 North Realignment	\$ 2,049,653.38	\$ 904,904.17	\$ 678,939.54	\$ 465,809.67
59 - Mission to Childs	\$ 365,799.53	\$ 149,738.12	\$ 130,158.97	\$ 85,902.44
59 - 152 to Mission	\$ 217,329.94	\$ 82,735.92	\$ 81,836.09	\$ 52,757.93
140 Bradley OH	\$ 721,395.53	\$ 314,179.15	\$ 244,969.54	\$ 162,246.84
140 - to Campus Pkwy	\$ 399,291.08	\$ 173,811.99	\$ 135,646.98	\$ 89,832.11
140/33 Truck Route	\$ 179,973.28	\$ 84,238.43	\$ 69,503.24	\$ 26,231.61
152 Los Banos Bypass	\$ 1,759,202.51	\$ 580,630.01	\$ 707,065.37	\$ 471,507.13
165 - north of Hilmar	\$ 435,949.42	\$ 113,691.09	\$ 189,982.85	\$ 132,275.48
Administration	\$ 63,767.97	\$ 24,654.45	\$ 23,612.81	\$ 15,500.71
TOTAL of all allocations	\$ 6,282,244.80	\$ 2,465,444.65	\$ 2,288,772.38	\$ 1,528,027.77
1st Qtr Interest Income	\$ 57,592.13	\$ 230.18	\$ 25,103.49	\$ 32,258.46
2nd Qtr Interest Income	\$ 83,567.63	\$ 3,453.78	\$ 34,422.33	\$ 45,691.52
3rd Qtr Interest Income	\$ 101,930.28	\$ 10,430.96	\$ 45,215.18	\$ 46,284.14
4th Qtr Interest Income	\$ 86,650.55	\$ 17,945.02	\$ 37,027.17	\$ 31,678.36
TOTAL	\$ 6,611,985.39	\$ 2,497,504.59	\$ 2,430,540.55	\$ 1,683,940.25

* Net is total allocations received less any refunds made during that fiscal year.

TABLE 4

ATWATER MERCED EXPRESSWAY PROJECT EXPENDITURES

FY 2006-2007				
	Invoice #	Vendor	Date	Amount
		TOTAL PROJECT EXPENSES FY 06-07		\$ 2,453,365.90
FY 2007-2008				
#1	8110	MCAG/Bender/Thomas	08/29/2007	\$ 903.00
	8158	MCAG/Bender/Thomas	09/21/2007	\$ 1,053.50
	8163	MCAG/Mark Thomas & Co	9/21/007	\$ 31,876.63
	8188	MCAG/Mark Thomas & Co	10/05/2007	\$ 54,837.52
	8205	Robert Haden-Legal	10/12/2007	\$ 150.00
	8266	MCAG/Mark Thomas & Co	11/14/2007	\$ 47,513.58
	8311	MCAG/Bender/Thomas	12/06/2007	\$ 2,558.50
	8352	MCAG/Mark Thomas & Co	12/19/2007	\$ 62,275.15
	8120	Ty/Travel	09/10/2007	\$ 4.00
	8136	County Fleet	09/12/2007	\$ 72.36
	Element 1986	MCAG Oversight	12/31/2007	\$ 13,356.48
		TOTAL #1	\$ 214,600.72	
#2	8397	MCAG/Mark Thomas & Co	01/15/2008	\$ 90,447.86
	8401	MCAG/Bender/Thomas	01/15/2008	\$ 3,474.72
	Element 1986	MCAG Oversight	01/31/2008	\$ 5,200.65
		TOTAL #2	\$ 99,123.23	
#3	8370	Reserve Acct-Office expense	01/08/2008	\$ 6.52
	8454	MCAG/Bender/Thomas	02/05/2008	\$ 1,204.00
	8469	MCAG/Mark Thomas & Co	02/15/2008	\$ 34,974.86
	8516	MCAG/Bender/Thomas	03/04/2008	\$ 451.50
	8536	MCAG/Mark Thomas & Co	03/11/2001	\$ 41,535.05
	8556	MCAG/Bender/Thomas	03/13/2008	\$ 4,214.00
	8581	MCAG/Bender/Thomas	03/24/2008	\$ 2,408.00
	8632	MCAG/Mark Thomas & Co	04/08/2008	\$ 41,086.16
	8670	MCAG/Bender/Thomas	04/25/2008	\$ 1,300.25
	8742	MCAG/Mark Thomas & Co	05/23/2008	\$ 85,736.02
	8767	MCAG/Bender/Thomas	05/23/2008	\$ 1,505.00
	8767	MCAG/Bender/Thomas	05/23/2008	\$ 451.50
	8801	MCAG/Mark Thomas & Co	06/10/2008	\$ 59,479.89
	8472	Jesse Brown Travel	02/15/2008	\$ 169.65
	Element 1986	MCAG Oversight 2/08-5/08	06/11/2008	\$ 11,706.85
		Amount Paid by MCAG-Loan Proceeds		\$ (19,094.14)
		TOTAL #3	\$ 267,135.11	

	8863	MCAG/Bender/Thomas	06/30/2008	\$ 6,923.00
	8869	Robert Haden-Legal	06/30/2008	\$ 625.00
	8891	MCAG/Bender/Thomas	06/30/2008	\$ 903.00
	8916	MCAG/Mark Thomas & Co	06/30/2008	\$ 14,529.82
	8918	Thomas Tersptra	06/30/2008	\$ 510.00
Element 1986		MCAG Oversight 2/08-5/08	06/11/2008	\$ 1,805.90
		TOTAL #4	\$ 25,296.72	
	8923	Morse & Pheiff	06/30/2008	\$ 660.00
	8925	MCAG/Mark Thomas & Co	06/30/2008	\$ 10,787.17
	8926	MCAG/Mark Thomas & Co	06/30/2008	\$ 69,399.27
		TOTAL #5	\$ 80,846.44	
		TOTAL FY 2007-08		\$ 687,002.22
		TOTAL TO-DATE		\$ 3,140,368.12

Above 2007-08 figures are unaudited.

MEMORANDUM

DATE: JANUARY 29, 2009

TO: TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

FROM: JESSE B. BROWN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

RE: ATWATER/MERCED EXPRESSWAY UPDATE

BACKGROUND

At the August meeting of the MCAG Governing Board, action to certify the EIR and select a project alignment was continued to allow MCAG staff and consultants time to work out an issue with the Atwater Elementary School District (AESD) regarding their school site that would be impacted by Atwater/Merced Expressway (AME) Alignment 1B. We have achieved successful resolution to this issue. Alignment 1B has been redesigned to completely avoid the AESD school site and buffer the site by 250 feet. The route will also be constructed below grade to further attenuate noise and provide safe routes to school access by way of Avenue One.

MCAG consultants (Mark-Thomas and CirclePoint) revised the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) to incorporate the new data/verbiage resulting from the new alignment. The DEIR was re-circulated for a 45-day period beginning November 17, 2008 and ending on January 5, 2009. A public hearing was held at the Atwater Community Center on December 16, 2008. The MCAG Governing Board is scheduled to certify the AME EIR at their February 19, 2009 meeting. Selection of the project alignment will be subsequently scheduled for the March 19, 2009 MCAG Governing Board meeting.

REQUESTED ACTION

For information only.