

STAFF REPORT

DATE: April 28, 2025
TO: Sacramento Regional Transit Board of Directors
FROM: Laura Ham, Senior VP, Planning, Grants and Procurement
SUBJ: AUTHORIZE THE GENERAL MANAGER/CEO TO EXECUTE THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING REGARDING COORDINATION OF STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FUNDING APPLICATIONS AND COMMUNICATION ON THE FEDERAL FUNDING PROGRAM (SACRAMENTO COUNTY)

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the Attached Resolution.

RESULT OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of this action will allow the General Manager/CEO to execute the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding coordination of State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funding applications and communication on the federal funding program (Sacramento County) in substantially the form presented.

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact as a result of this action.

DISCUSSION

Beginning with SB 45 (Kopp) in 1997, regional and county transportation agencies, specifically Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPAs), were given authority for programming county shares of State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funding through a California Transportation Commission (CTC) led process. In this process, each RTPA is tasked with preparing a Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) consistent with CTC's STIP Guidelines to allocate these funds based on a statutorily defined formula incorporating population (75%) and highway lane miles (25%) as the basis for "county shares."

Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) serves as the RTPA for Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo, and Yuba counties. SACOG submits its RTIP every two years, programming the county shares of STIP funds for these counties using a pooled competitive approach.

In February 2024, SACOG revamped its STIP funding approach to include both a competitive regional program and individual intra-county competitive programs with a separate call for projects from the federal funding programs. Then in February 2025, SACOG approved a funding estimate for the 2025 Four-County STIP Program, with 90% of each county's share allocated to individual intra-county competitive funding programs, as well as a call for projects. See Table 1, below.

Table 1 County Fund Estimate

County	County Share	Regional (10%)	Intra-County (90%)
Sacramento	\$31,562,377	\$3,156,237	\$28,406,140
Yuba	\$2,801,345	\$280,135	\$2,521,210
Yolo	\$5,965,048	\$596,505	\$5,368,543
Sutter	\$2,255,930	\$225,593	\$2,030,337
Total	\$42,584,700	\$4,258,470	\$38,326,230

At the end of 2024, Yolo County began considering a collectively beneficial approach to the upcoming 2025 Four-County STIP Program with approximately \$5.4 million available for the county. The approach would be to partner through an MOU utilizing formulas to allocate STIP funding across eligible agencies to develop and submit a competitive package of projects to SACOG. This approach would improve the certainty of the funding amounts at the agency level and SACOG has expressed a willingness to support this approach by evaluating projects for competitiveness through a pre-application process. This approach also complements the upcoming competitive federal funding programs which will allow each agency to obtain additional federal funding.

In January 2025, Sacramento Transportation Authority (STA) sent information about Yolo County's approach to several local agencies for consideration. After some positive feedback, STA held a Professional Advisory Group (PAG) meeting in coordination with SACOG and local agencies on February 20th to introduce the approach to a larger group of agencies along with a concept of how it could work for Sacramento County reflecting 22.5% for transit and rail projects and the remaining 77.5% for roads and active transportation projects using a geographic suballocation approach for the County and Cities using the Measure A formula of 75% population and 25% lane miles. The PAG was supportive of bringing this concept forward to the STA Governing Board.

In March, the STA Governing Board received a presentation on the SACOG four-county STIP funding program and approved the proposed strategy for a collectively beneficial MOU approach that enhances funding predictability while maintaining regional competitiveness.

Since the March STA Governing Board meeting, STA has received comments from several agencies on the conceptual draft MOU. An updated version of the MOU, which incorporates the comments received, is attached.

SacRT Staff recommends that the Board authorize the General Manager/CEO to execute the MOU regarding coordination of STIP funding applications and communication on the federal funding program (Sacramento County) in substantially the form presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-04-033

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Sacramento Regional Transit District on this date:

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

THAT, the Board hereby authorizes and directs the General Manager/CEO to execute the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding coordination of State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funding applications and communication on the federal funding program (Sacramento County) in substantially the form presented.

RICK JENNINGS, Chair

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