



**MARCH 8, 2007**

**AGENDA ITEM # 6**

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**Action Requested:** Receive and file

**Key Staff:** Brian Williams, Executive Director

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**Recommendation**

Receive and file this summary report of current STA activities.

**Discussion**

**A. Measure A Transportation Sales Tax Program**

Cumulative FY 2006/07 Measure A revenues through February are running within 1% of our forecasted pace.

The Measure A entities have begun submitting FY 2007-08 expenditure requests. Staff will review the requests for consistency with the Measure A Countywide Transportation Expenditure Plan. The requests for Regional Transit, Paratransit, Inc., County of Sacramento, and the Cities of Folsom, Galt, and Isleton will be presented at a public hearing during your Board's April 12 meeting. The remaining requests will be presented on May 10.

**B. New Measure A, 2009-2039**

**Definition of Eligible Expenditures**

The **New** Measure A expenditure plan includes 13 categories of eligible expenditures. Staff prepared descriptive definitions of each of the project and program categories (Item #7). Your Board discussed this matter last month, and continued it to today to give Board members additional time to review. The purpose of these definitions is to promote a clear understanding among the STA, implementing public agencies, and the general public as to the types of expenditures permitted under each expenditure category. The definitions are drafted to provide local entities some flexibility in managing their **New** Measure A projects and programs, while respecting the intent of the Ordinance. Since we have already begun accelerating the delivery of some **New** Measure A capital projects, your Board should approve the category definitions at today's meeting.

**Maintenance of Effort**

The **New** Measure A ordinance makes several references to *maintenance of effort*. *Maintenance of Effort* requires that local entities use their Measure A funds to supplement—not supplant—existing local revenues used for transportation purposes. In other words, to receive **New** Measure A revenues, each local entity must maintain its existing annual commitment of local transportation funds (including development impact fees). Staff has developed a simple protocol for evaluating maintenance of effort (Item #8).

**B. New Measure A, 2009-2039 (continued)**

Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee

The **New** Measure A ordinance provides for the creation of an Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee (ITOC) “to supervise fiscal and performance audits regarding the use of all sales tax funds and provide for independent review to ensure that all Measure funds are spent in accordance with provisions of the Expenditure Plan and Ordinance as approved by the voters.” The ITOC is supposed to be formally established by April 1, 2010, one year after commencement of the **New** Measure A program. Since the Authority has already begun to accelerate the delivery of affected capital projects through bonding, your Board has directed staff to proceed with the creation of the ITOC this year. In Item #9, staff summarizes the ITOC’s purpose and structure.

Groundbreaking

A second **New** Measure A capital project is under construction. On February 22, the City of Folsom conducted a groundbreaking ceremony to formally kick-off construction of its new bridge crossing of the American River. The 4-lane facility will replace the Folsom Dam Road which was permanently closed to through traffic due to homeland security concerns. The City will be eligible to claim up to \$22 million from the 2006 Series A/B Note proceeds and another \$15 million from an additional series of Notes expected to be issued later this year. The ceremony was well attended by local dignitaries and media.

**C. Countywide Transportation Planning and Programming**

State and Federal Programming Opportunities

In January, SACOG submitted a candidate list of 11 regionally significant transportation projects in Sacramento County to the California Transportation Commission (CTC). The projects were vying for a portion of the \$4.5 billion “Corridor Mobility Improvement” component of the recently passed State Infrastructure Bond program. The CTC has selected just two of the projects for programming:

- US 50 carpool lanes (Sunrise Blvd – Watt Avenue) - \$80 million
- White Rock Road (Sunrise Blvd – Prairie City Rd) - \$22 million

While we are delighted that these **New** Measure A projects are funded, the overall outcome of the CTC’s decision is disappointing. Staff had high expectations that at least one other important **New** Measure A project—supported by both SACOG and Caltrans—would also be selected for funding at this time: I/80 carpool lanes (I/5 – Business 80). Caltrans will continue to seek other revenues to complete the funding package for this project. In sum, Sacramento County, which represents about 4% of the State’s population, will receive about 2.2% of the affected Bond funds.

Another \$2.8 billion of State Bond funds and unprogrammed Public Transit Account (PTA) funds will be programmed by the CTC in April in an augmentation to the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). SACOG estimates Sacramento County’s share of these funds at \$47.9 million, of which about \$15 million is available exclusively for public transit improvements. Based on project nominations submitted by local transportation providers, SACOG staff is recommending partial contributions to several **New** Measure A projects:

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- Hazel Avenue improvements (US50 – Madison) - \$1.45 million
- Antelope Road widening - \$6.2 million
- Sheldon Road / SR99 interchange - \$ 10.962 million
- Downtown Intermodal station retrofit - \$10.5 million
- LRT NE corridor enhancements - \$5.0 million

Along with the STIP augmentation, SACOG is proposing to program \$19.9 million of federal Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (CMAQ) funds and \$20.1 million of Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funds available to the region. Local transportation providers submitted project nominations for these monies along with their STIP augmentation applications. SACOG staff has recommended partial contributions to three **New** Measure A projects:

- Sheldon Road / SR99 interchange - \$2.038 million
- American River Bridge (Folsom) - \$6.0 million
- Folsom Blvd Streetscape (Rancho Cordova) - \$1.0 million

The SACOG Board will finalize these programming recommendations at its March meeting. About half of the RSTP funds are reserved exclusively for road rehabilitation projects throughout the region at the discretion of Countywide transportation agencies. Last month, your Board approved a recommended distribution for Sacramento County's share of the road rehab funds (\$8,049,000).

**D. Sacramento Abandoned Vehicle Service Authority (SAVSA)**

There is no new information to report on this work element.

**E. Sacramento Metropolitan Freeway Service Patrol (FSP)**

The contract periods for Highway 50 FSP Beats 3 (I/5 - Bradshaw) and 4 (Bradshaw – Scott Rd) expire at the end of June. Staff has prepared a request for proposals (RFP) to solicit bids from private tow vendors for continued motorist assistance services (Item #3). The ensuing contracts will cover a 3-year period with an optional 1-year extension based on satisfactory performance of the contract terms.

**F. Administrative Matters**

The STA's office space lease at 901 F Street has expired. We propose to relocate, and are currently negotiating for alternative space. Those negotiations were on-going at the time this agenda packet was distributed. We hope to have a draft lease agreement completed for distribution prior to the Board meeting (Item #10).

The 2007 Metro Chamber Cap-to-Cap trip to Washington DC is scheduled for April 21-25. STA has submitted registration payments or reimbursements for Members Cooley, Fong, MacGlashan, Pannell, and Slowey.

**G. Upcoming Events 2007**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Apr 12	STA Board	
Apr 21-25	Metro Chamber Cap-to-Cap	
May 10	STA Board	
June 14	STA Board	

*Attachments*