

# Calaveras Council of Governments State Route 4, Angels Camp Bypass Project Update Report

## Attachment 7a

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### SUMMARY

The Calaveras COG Executive Director, CCOG Chair, Executive Directors from Amador County Transportation Commission and Alpine County Local Transportation Commission with their chairpersons, together, made a presentation to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) on March 15<sup>th</sup> asking for construction funding for the Angels Camp Bypass for the 2006/07 fiscal year. CTC Commissioner Kirk Lindsey directed the CTC staff to do whatever they could do to get construction funding for this project as soon as possible. The State is continuing to have funding constraints and it is unknown when the construction funds will be made available.

### DISCUSSION

Caltrans District 10 is still on schedule to have the Bypass project ready to advertise for construction by July 2006. The greatest concern is to have the right of way completed by July 1<sup>st</sup> however District 10 Right of Way branch is working hard to meet this deadline. Once the project has been approved to ready to list (RTL) then all that is needed are the construction funds. Originally, Caltrans said the construction funds will not be available until 2009 due to State cash flow problems. District 10 District Director has said that the funding should be available in the 2007/08 fiscal year. However, the Tri-County partnership believes Caltrans should fund this project in 2006/07 because of the effort and commitment made by the Alpine, Amador and Calaveras regional transportation planning agencies on the four State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) projects. The Tri-County partnership does not want to see further delays or cost increases on this project.

On March 15<sup>th</sup>, the Executive Directors with their Council/Commissioners Chair people made a presentation to the CTC asking for construction funding. The presentation was well received and Merita Callaway, the last person to speak, was able to get their attention and make a strong case to fund this project as soon as possible. The CTC and CTC staff understand how hard the Tri-Counties have worked to get their STIP funded projects delivered and certainly would like to fund this project immediately. However, the CTC staff has limited funds for many projects waiting for construction funds.

### PROJECT SCHEDULE

Current Project Schedule as of 7/1/05	Responsible Person	Date Scheduled	Date Completed
• PA&ED - Completed	L. Brangham	5/1/02	6/30/02
• PS&E 8/04	<b>M. Hutchinson</b>	<b>6/1/06</b>	
• ROW 11/04 (Cert 3)	<b>M. Rodrigues</b>	<b>6/1/06</b>	
• RTL 11/04	J. Pinne	7/1/06	
• <i>Advertise for construction</i> 3/05, 4/07	J. Pinne	<b>10/1/09</b>	
• Complete construction 6/07, 3/09	J. Pinne	10/1/12	