

**Calaveras Council of Governments
State Route 4, Wagon Trail Realignment
Project Update Report**

Attachment 8b

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SUMMARY

Calaveras Council of Governments (CCOG) is the lead agency for preliminary design and environmental clearance on a 5-mile portion of State Route (SR) 4 between Copperopolis and Angels Camp. Recently, Caltrans and Caltrans approved an amended cooperative agreement to include new federal funding that will be used to help pay for the preliminary design and environmental work. A request for qualifications (RFQ) for the preparation of the environmental document is currently being prepared by CCOG staff.

DISCUSSION

Federal earmark funding became available to CCOG for this project. When Federal earmark funding is used on a project, then Caltrans 10% oversight charges are not charged against the Federal funds. At a recent meeting in Sacramento, local agencies were told that Caltrans will not be charging 10% oversight charges on any future projects. Funding for the Wagon Trail Realignment project includes the following:

- \$320,610 of Public Lands Highway (PLH),
- \$1,000,000 High Priority Project (HPP) funding
- \$750,000 of PLH funding
- \$200,000 of Regional Improvement Program (RIP) funds of the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for required HPP match funding

There is \$1,060,000 RIP STIP funds programmed for 2008/09. HPP funding is required to have a 20% match. \$200,000 of the \$1,060,000 2008/09 Programmed STIP funds for this project can be used as the required HPP match funds. Those projects funded under the High Priority Project (HPP) funding are estimated to only receive 85% of the funding approved. Funding for Public Lands Highway earmark funds may also be funded at the 85% level.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

Current Project Schedule	Responsible Person	Date Scheduled	Date Completed
• CTC approves CCOG as lead agency	CCOG	6/26/03	6/26/03
• Cooperative Agreement with Caltrans accepted 12/03	J. Pinne	12/15/04	12/8/05
• 05/06 PLH Federal funds adopted into FTIP/FSTIP	G. Dondero	6/1/05	4/1/05
• Amend Cooperative Agreement with Caltrans 5/8/06	S. Maas	12/6/06	12/6/06
• Advertise for consultants to prepare PA&ED	S. Maas	3/15/07	
• Open proposals to begin preparation of PA&ED	CCOG	5/1/07	
• Award consulting firm to prepare PA&ED	CCOG	6/1/07	
• Begin preparation of PA&ED	S. Maas	7/1/07	