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Technical Advisory Committee	Date: Tuesday, April 12, 2022 Time: 1:30 PM Place: Tulare County Association of Governments 210 N. Church Street, Suite B (Sequoia Conference Room) Visalia, CA 93291

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V. TRANSPORTATION ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

G. Action: Authorization to Make Changes to the STBGP Program of Projects and Amend the 2021 FTIP **(Pages 1-2)**

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AGENDA ITEM V-G

April 18, 2022

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SUBJECT:

Action: Authorization to Make Changes to the STBGP Program of Projects and Amend the 2021 FTIP

BACKGROUND:

As the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Tulare County region, TCAG programs federal and state transportation funding and ensures that those funds are being obligated in a timely manner. One such funding program, the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP), provides a flexible funding source for a variety of highway, bridge, transit, and pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure projects. Projects selected for STBGP funding are included in a STBGP Program of Projects and are programmed in the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP). The FTIP is a comprehensive list of transportation projects that receive federal funds, require a federal action, or are regionally significant.

DISCUSSION:

In order to ensure the timely obligation of federal funds, TCAG closely monitors the status of all projects programmed in the FTIP through close communication and coordination with the local agencies. Projects sometimes encounter environmental and/or right of way issues that have the potential to cause a delay to the obligation schedule which in turn may jeopardize federal funding to the region.

In the current federal fiscal year, there are two projects programmed using STBGP funds. One of the projects, the City of Visalia's Tulare Avenue Rehabilitation Project, has \$3 million in STBGP funds programmed for construction. The project is currently undergoing the environmental clearance process; however, it is encountering some unforeseen delays. To ensure that STBGP funds are obligated this fiscal year, TCAG staff is proposing to shift up to \$3 million of FFY 21/22 STBGP funds to the Tulare County Regional Transit Agency to purchase electric shuttle vans and related charging infrastructure. Transit capital projects can be obligated more quickly than road projects since they do not undergo an environmental, design, or right of way clearance process. Visalia's Tulare Avenue Rehabilitation Project will continue to proceed through the federal authorization process using local funds. Once additional STBGP funds become available at the beginning of the next federal fiscal year (October 1, 2022), the local funds can then be converted to STBGP funds through a process known as Advanced Construction. Advanced Construction is a useful programming tool that has been used successfully on many projects in the Tulare County region.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact to TCAG operations. However, not obligating the STBGP funds this fiscal year may jeopardize federal funding to the region.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board authorize staff to: 1) modify the current STBGP Program of Projects as reflected in the staff report; and 2) process an amendment to the 2021 FTIP reflecting the changes to the STBGP Program of Projects

ATTACHMENT:

None