

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

Attachment 7b

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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. Currently in progress is a new cooperative agreement (Co-Op) between CCOG and Caltrans to eliminate Caltrans oversight costs. Also in progress are the submittals for authorization to proceed with preliminary engineering and preparation of the request for qualifications to prepare environmental documentation and preliminary engineering.

DISCUSSION

Caltrans recently decided to not charge 10% oversight costs on state highway projects where the local agency is the lead agency. The Co-Op approved in December 2006 included payment to the State in the amount of \$20,000. If CCOG did not request to amend the Co-Op then the oversight costs would be charged against CCOG funding. Caltrans District 10 is preparing a Co-Op amendment that would remove the oversight charges.

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
• Amend Cooperative Agreement with Caltrans #2	S. Maas	6/1/07	
• Advertise for consultants to prepare PA&ED	S. Maas	6/1/07	
• Open proposals to begin preparation of PA&ED	CCOG	7/1/07	
• Award consulting firm to prepare PA&ED	CCOG	9/1/07	
• Begin preparation of PA&ED	S. Maas	9/1/07	