



SAN JOAQUIN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
Project Delivery Sub-Committee  
SJCOG Executive Conference Room  
555 East Weber Avenue  
Stockton 95202

Monday, August 13, 2012  
7:15 a.m.

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**A G E N D A**

1. Roll Call and Introductions:
2. Public Comments:
3. Approve Minutes of May 21, 2012:  
Additional Material: Minutes of May 21, 2012  
Recommended Action: Approve as submitted
4. Freeway Service Patrol (FSP) for Interstate 5 and State Route 99 Construction Projects:  
Additional Material: Staff Report  
Recommended Action: Action
5. Status of Major Highway Projects:  
Additional Material: Project Matrix  
Recommended Action: Information
6. Caltrans Executive Report (No Staff Report):
7. Executive Director's Report:
8. Other Matters of Business:
9. Adjourn to the Next Meeting of Committee:  
Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: Monday, September 10, 2012

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**MINUTES**

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:15 am by Chair Larry Hansen.

**Present:**

Supervisor Steve Bestolarides, San Joaquin County; Councilman Jeff Laugero, City of Escalon; Councilman Larry Hansen, City of Lodi; Councilman Dale Fritchen, City of Stockton.

**Others Present:**

Andrew T. Chesley, Executive Director; Steve Dial, Deputy Executive Director/CFO; Kevin Sheridan, Project Manager; Sam Haack, Caltrans Acting Deputy District Director; Rosie Vargas, Office Services Supervisor.

2. **Public Comments:** None

3. **Approve Minutes of April 9, 2012:**

It was moved/seconded (Bestolarides/Fritchen) to approve the minutes of April 9, 2012. Motion passed unanimously 4/0 by voice vote.

4. **State Route 4 Western Extension to Navy Drive Project Right of Way and BRI Contract Amendment**

Mr. Sheridan gave an update on this item stating staff's recommendation is to approve a contract amendment for Bender Rosenthal, Inc. to extend the term to December 2013 because of the on-going construction. Mr. Sheridan stated out of 60 parcels there are currently 34 parcels signed into contract. By July 2012 there will be 42 of the 60 parcels completed; leaving 18 properties left.

It was moved/seconded (Bestolarides/Fritchen) to recommend to the SJCOG Board to authorize the Executive Director to sign a contract amendment with Bender Rosenthal, Inc., and discuss stats of right of way activities. Motion passed unanimously 4/0 by voice vote.

\*\*Supervisor Bestolarides left the meeting before discussing the next item\*\*

5. **Status of Major Highway Projects**

Mr. Sheridan reviewed the staff report on major highway projects:

- Route 12 Enhancements  
Mr. Sheridan stated the groundbreaking event was a good turnout.  
Councilman Hansen asked when the funding will be available for the Harney

Lane Interchange. Mr. Chesley said no funds will be available for this 10 year period.

- **Route 99 Crosstown/Arch Road**  
Mr. Sheridan stated a request for Prop 1B funds will be in June at the CTC meeting. The project will be advertised in July and award in October to begin construction.
- **Route 99 Manteca Arch Road/120**  
Mr. Sheridan stated the groundbreaking is scheduled for June 12 and Caltrans is working on the location. Mr. Sheridan stated Phase 2 bid opening has been delayed. Phase 3 Lathrop Interchange will be voted in June and probably start construction in spring 2013.
- **I-5 Project**  
Mr. Sheridan stated it was discovered that second piece of columns for this project are bent and will have to be replaced. Mr. Sheridan stated because of this repair Brookside Road will not be open till around Labor Day. The good news is that the project is ahead of schedule.

This item was for information only, no action was taken.

**6. Caltrans Executive Report (No Staff Report)**

None.

**7. Executive Director's Report**

Mr. Chesley reported on the Freeway Service Patrol contract and services' stating it has been difficult to put in place for Highway 99 and I-5. Mr. Chesley stated because it is not based on our existing FSP model; the quality of service looks to be less and training is less. Mr. Chesley stated Ms. Carrie Bowen and Mr. Dennis Agar from Caltrans are following up on this and are trying to help address this issue.

**8. Other Matters of Business**

None.

**9. Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 a.m. to Monday, June 11, 2012.

## STAFF REPORT

**SUBJECT:** Freeway Service Patrol (FSP) for Interstate 5 and State Route 99 Construction Projects

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Receive Update and Recommendation to the SJCOG Board to Authorize the Executive Director to Negotiate and Execute a Contract with a Towing Contractor (To be Determined) at the August 2012 SJCOG Board Meeting with a Cost Not-to-Exceed \$2,700,000

### DISCUSSION:

#### SUMMARY

Bid results will be received by the August 13 PDC meeting, a tow contractor recommendation update will be provided based on the bid results.

A Request for Proposals (RFP) to provide FSP for the Interstate 5 (I-5) and State Route (SR) 99 construction projects was mailed to approximately 60 tow service providers on July 11, 2012. On the same day, the RFP was also posted on SJCOG's website.

On July 24, 2012, a Proposer's Conference was held at the SJCOG Board Conference Room with three towing contractors in attendance. CHP and Caltrans representatives along with SJCOG staff were also in attendance. The purpose of the conference was to allow a forum for tow operators to ask questions and seek clarification on any part of the RFP or FSP selection process. At the conference, SJCOG staff emphasized to the group that this FSP is construction related and the services were needed during the peak hours for both the I-5 and the SR 99 construction projects. The selected contractor will provide construction FSP services, after completing the required California Highway Patrol (CHP) training, as early as January 2013 for duration of 30 months.

The CHP will provide an estimate for the cost to provide oversight during the duration of the FSP services for construction on the four projects. Although the CHP to date has not provided their estimate, SJCOG staff estimates that the CHP cost should be approximately \$200,000 per year for 2.5 years, or approximately \$500,000. SJCOG staff's estimate is based on the current FSP services contract on the I-205 Corridor and is included in the not to exceed amount of this request.

As identified in the RFP, the FSP proposal due date is August 7, 2012. A selection committee comprised of SJCOG staff, Caltrans and CHP representatives has been scheduled to meet on August 9, 2012 for the evaluation and potential selection of a tow contractor. An optional oral interview is tentatively scheduled for August 14, 2012 if necessary, and after a 3-day notice to the contractors.

**BACKGROUND**

SJCOG currently operates a FSP program on I-205 in the Tracy area weekday during peak morning and afternoon commute hours and on Sunday afternoon.

A typical FSP program such as in the I-205 beat is a congestion relief program of roving tow trucks operating in most metropolitan and some rural areas. It is normally operated by Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPAs) such as SJCOG with funding from the Caltrans. Caltrans also reimburses CHP for training and supervisory services provided for the FSP operators. SJCOG contracts with towing companies for commute time service and some weekend and mid-day service to assist motorists with simple repairs (flat tire or one gallon of gasoline) or tow the automobile from the highway to a designated drop off location. This strategy involves the use of contracted towing services to reduce the time required to remove vehicles involved in a traffic incident (breakdown or crash) from the roadway.

In a work zone such as in the ongoing I-5 and soon the SR 99 widening projects, any type of incident can significantly impact traffic conditions and may result in secondary collisions due to driver’s lack of attention. The solicited FSP program is construction related and will provide tow truck service patrol during the construction of the I-5 and SR 99 projects and in accordance with each of the construction Traffic Management Plans (TMPs).

<b>ROUTE</b>	<b>PROJECT LIMITS</b>	<b>FSP DATES</b>	<b>DURATION</b>
I-5	Eight Street to Country Club Blvd. (SHOPP project)	July 2013 – Dec 2015	6 days a week @ 30 months
I-5	Country Club Blvd. to Hammer Lane	Jan 2013 – June 2015	6 days a week @ 30 months
SR 99	Crosstown Fwy (SR4) to Austin Road (Manteca)	Jan 2013 – June 2015	6 days a week @ 30 months

The FSP program for the I-5 and SR 99 projects is specifically solicited for incident management during construction and provides tow truck under the FSP manual and funded within the construction budget. Selected contractor will assist motorists, free of charge, with minor repairs and remove disabled vehicles and those involved in minor accidents from I-5 and SR 99 as described in project limits and duration indicated in the table above. Contractor will be compensated on a per hour basis by SJCOG for providing FSP services. Contractor will provide services during peak travel times on weekdays. Contractor will continuously patrol I-5 and SR 99 during the hours specified, and will be dispatched to motorists in need of assistance by CHP or Caltrans or offer assistance after observing a stranded motorist. Contractor will provide a total of five (5) tow trucks; two (2) trucks for both of the I-5 projects and two (2) trucks for the SR 99

project, plus one (1) back-up vehicle readily available. **All tow trucks must pass required CHP certifications.**

The RFP indicated that, as a minimum level of experience, all potential proposers must have a business license and at a minimum, five years' experience operating a tow service, of which three years must be highway/freeway experience. In addition, contractors must have either:

- Two years of experience with a FSP program or on rotation tow with the CHP or,
- Three years of experience with an auto club, a local law enforcement agency, or other organization, which included towing on or off of a freeway or highway.

Upon selection, SJCOG, Caltrans, and CHP will jointly oversee the service and be responsible for ensuring that the tow contractor abides by the terms of the contract. When the construction projects are finalized, the FSP service will end.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funding for this FSP contract has been included in the I-5 and SR 99 construction projects. The SJCOG Board has previously approved of the Measure K Renewal Caltrans Cooperative Agreements for each construction project, except for the I-5 Rehabilitation Project; a separate Cooperative Agreement will be entered into with Caltrans to reimburse SJCOG for the FSP services.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that, if the FSP selection committee chooses a tow contractor on August 9, 2012 (without the optional oral interview), the SJCOG Board authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with the selected towing contractor at the August 2012 SJCOG Board meeting with a cost not-to-exceed \$2,700,000.

*Staff report prepared by: Donald Mascardo, Associate Regional Planner  
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# STAFF REPORT

**SUBJECT:** Status of Major Highway Projects

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Information

## **DISSCUSSION:**

Attached to this staff report is a project matrix developed as a project management communication tool to provide updates on the current delivery status of projects on the state highway system. For these major highway projects, SJCOG is an implementing agency, financial sponsor, or both and shares in the responsibility in helping to insure the successful delivery of the projects identified.

Please see project notes section on the spread sheet for related information.

- State Route 99 Manteca & South Stockton Widening Projects

Major Highway Project Information

Project Exceeding Expectations

Project Meeting Expectations

Project Not Meeting Expectations

Project Description	Total Project Cost (millions)	Existing Funding Commitment	PROP 1B			Measure K		RTIF		STIP		Other State/Local	Project Phase	Begin Construction Date	Comments
			TCIF	CMA	Route 99	Measure K Highway	Measure K Local	RTIF Highway	RTIF Local	STIP Local (RIP)	STIP State (IIP)				
<b>Highway 12 Improvements (I-5 to Terminous)</b> Intersection Improvement, left turn channelization, lane extension, and ITS.	21.0	27.7								14.5			Construction	May 2012	Ground Breaking Event held at Tower Park Marina on 5/15/12. DeSilva Gates to begin construction. Project construction on going.
<b>Highway Bouldin Island Rehabilitation (Caltrans SHOPP)</b> shoulder widening to 10' and pavement rehab from Terminous to Moke River	56.33	56.33										56.33 SHOPP	Design	Winter 2012/Spring 2013	Caltrans resolved issue with property owner regarding need for farm equipment crossing. Caltrans to advertise construction contract in Fall 2012
<b>Western Extension Highway 4 (Crosstown Freeway)</b> Extend Crosstown Freeway from Fresno Ave to Navy Drive.	193.64	193.64	96.82			93.82			3				Complete RW & Design Fall 2013	Nov 2013	Finalizing hazardous wastes remediation plans for associated property appraisals, Bogg's Tract properties being purchased. Commercial property negotiations on going. SJCOG exploring opportunities to further assist commercial property owners with relocation assistance.
<b>Route 99 Harney Lane Interchange</b> Interchange Modification at Harney Lane and SR 99	32.6 (estimate)						26.4					TBD	PSR & Encroachment Permit	TBD	Mark Thomas & Co. selected for PSR. Interim project approved by Caltrans as a Permit project. Project on hold until funds become available for PSR
<b>Route 99 South Stockton (Crosstown Freeway to Arch Road)</b> Inside widening to 6 lanes, interchange modification/construction, and auxilliary lanes	250.5	250.5			153.9	63.1	14		5	13.02	1.558		Design/Construction	Spring 2013	Caltrans planning public outreach meeting in conjunction with SJCOG and City of Stockton to discuss construction staging and detours. Construction contract advertising, mandatory pre-bid meeting for contractors to be held on 8/10/12, Award Fall 2012.
<b>Route 99 Manteca (Arch Road to Rt. 120)</b> Inside widening to 6 lanes, interchange modifications/construction.	250	250			133	100.5	12			4.5			Construction	Phases 1 & 2 Summer/Fall 2012, Phase 3 Winter 2012	Project Ground Breaking Ceremony June 12 in Manteca. Project split into three construction phases. Phase 1 construction on going, Phase 2 Bid Opening 6/12, all bids below estimate (eight bidders). Phase 3 funds request approved at the June CTC meeting, construction contract advertising, mandatory pre-bid meeting for contractors to be held on 8/10/12, Award Fall 2012.
<b>I-5 North Stockton Widening</b> Inside widening to 8 lanes from Country Club to Hammer Lane with some auxiliary lanes and HOV lane option beginning at Charter Way.	119.5	119.5		33.35		44.22						32.8 SHOPP for Construction	Construction	August 2011	Stage I to widen median and bridges in progress. Caltrans working on Emergency Contract to repair North Bank, additional funding secured by Caltrans. Brookside road closure extended until Labor Day 2012, Swain Road temporarily closed per plan.
<b>I-205 Auxiliary Lanes</b> construct 2 aux lanes between Mt. House and 11th Street and (5) Accel/Decl lanes at Grant Line, Tracy Blvd., and Holly Dr.	19.72	52		9.07		10.65							Construction.	April 2011	Construction work resumed after winter suspension. Contractor anticipates completing construction in Fall 2012.
<b>I-5 French Camp Interchange</b> Modify and reconstruct Interchange	31	31				11				16.7		3	Construction	Fall 2012	Construction contract advertised 6/5/12, four Bids received all lower than Engineer's Estimate, construction begins Fall 2012. City of Stockton awarded \$3.34 million in Federal Grant Funding for construction.