

## **Expedited Project Selection Procedures**

Title 23 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) section 450.328 allows for the movement of projects within the period of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) subject to procedures agreed to by partnering agencies, including the state and transit operators within the region. SBCAG, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Santa Barbara County Region has entered into an Expedited Project Selection Process outlined in 23 CFR section 450.332 with Caltrans. The projects listed within the TIP have all been selected based on the regulations in 23 CFR Part 450. Federal Regulation 23 CFR section 450.332 allows for the movement of projects within the TIP/FSTIP subject to procedures agreed to by the partnering parties. This procedure is outlined below.

All movements must be consistent with the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and must comply with the provisions of Title VI, must not negatively impact the deliverability of other projects in the regional programs, and must not affect the financial constraints finding of the TIP. For projects within the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), SBCAG will move projects subject to amendment or allocation approval by the California Transportation Commission (CTC). Caltrans may move projects in the State Highway Operations Protection Program (SHOPP) document within the TIP/FSTIP period without amending the TIP (with notification to SBCAG), providing that the action is consistent with the CTC-approved SHOPP program.

Caltrans Division of Local Assistance has implemented a project selection process for the Highway Bridge Program (HBP), Safe Routes to School Program, Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP), Section 130 Rail Program, Hazard Elimination Safety (HES) program, and Active Transportation Program (ATP). The process was developed in cooperation with the implementing agencies, FHWA, the MPOs, and HBP Advisory Committee. Caltrans, SBCAG and the transit operators agree that the Caltrans Division of Local Assistance may move projects within the HBP, HES and Section 130 Rail Program within the TIP/FSTIP period without amending the TIP, with notification to SBCAG.

For FTA administered funds, projects may be moved within the period of the TIP/FSTIP at the request of the transit agency, as long as funding is available and the change does not negatively impact the delivery or availability of funds for other projects ready for obligation.

Implementing agencies wishing to advance projects using their own local funds until federal funds are available (only projects within the first 4 years of the TIP) may request Advance Construction Authorization (ACA) from Caltrans, or pre-award authority from FTA to proceed with the project using local funds until OA and apportionment becomes available.

MPO Region	Project Type	Selecting Agencies	Selection Procedure	Consulted/Cooperating Agency
SBCAG	Projects funded with Title 23 and Federal Transit Act funds – except projects on the NHS, and HBP, IM and FLHP funded projects	SBCAG	Consultation	State, SBCAG and transit agencies.
SBCAG	Projects on the Highway Railroad Grade Separation, NHS, and projects funded under the HBP, HSIP, HES and IM Programs.	State	Cooperation	SBCAG
	Projects funded with Federal Lands Highway Program (FLHP)	Selected in accordance with 23 USC 204.		