

FFY 2016/17 Annual Listing of Obligated Projects

The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the six county region of Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ventura. SCAG, as the MPO for the region, is responsible for developing the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and is also required by federal law to publish an annual listing of projects that obligated federal transportation funds in the previous federal fiscal year.

The annual listing of obligated projects includes all projects authorized for obligation* or revised to increase federal obligation in the previous year. The listing consists of all modes of transportation including investments in pedestrian walkways and bicycle transportation facilities.

SCAG is responsible for developing the FTIP for the region. The FTIP is developed through a bottom-up process by which the six county transportation commissions work with their local agencies, public transportation operators, as well as the general public, to develop their county transportation improvement programs (TIP) for inclusion into the FTIP.

The FTIP is a federally mandated list of transportation investment priorities. It represents the programming of real time projects that equates to jobs. It is developed every two years to be consistent with the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). It consists of all regionally significant projects and projects needing a federal action. It includes projects on state highways, local arterials, bridges, public transit, rail, bicycle, pedestrian, safety, maintenance, operational and planning projects. The 2017 FTIP was federally approved in mid-December 2016; it includes approximately 2,000 projects for the region, totaling nearly \$28 billion over a six-year period FY 16/17 – FY 21/22.

The FTIP is a fluid document. Since the adoption of the 2017 FTIP in December 2016, the 2017 FTIP has been updated fourteen times through amendments/administrative modifications to accommodate project schedules and funding changes. FTIP Amendments/administrative modifications are conducted almost on a monthly basis, with over 1400 projects have been updated for a total of \$17.5 billion since the adoption of 2017 FTIP.

Title 23 §450.334 require that an Annual Listing of Obligated projects be published. The listing of obligated projects provides a record of project delivery, increases public awareness of government spending on transportation projects, and provides coordination between the various agencies responsible for implementing projects programmed in the FTIP. Note that not all projects in the FFY 2016/17 annual listing of obligated projects are derived from the 2017 FTIP; some maybe have been in the 2015 FTIP or prior FTIPs.

*Obligation means that a project sponsor has received federal authorization to begin work on a phase of a project and a commitment from the federal government to reimburse the project sponsor for eligible expenses. A project that has obligated funds does not necessarily mean a project was completed or initiated during the year of obligation. Amount of obligation may not represent project total cost.