



2006 Regional Transportation Program Workshop

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- State Program
- Local Program (*TransNet*)
- Federal Program (SAFETEA-LU)
- Amendment Process (formal and administrative)

FTIP vs. RTIP

- Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) developed by the Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) – state designation
- Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) developed by the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) – federal designation
- SANDAG is both MPO and RTPA
- For the San Diego area FTIP and RTIP are one in the same (not true in other areas of the state)

Purpose

(Federal Statutes)

- FTIP - Title 23 USC Sec. 134(h) –
 - developed every two years by the MPO's
 - include three year priority list of all federally funded and regionally significant projects
 - financially constrained
- FTIP and FSTIP - Title 42 USC Sec. 7506 –
 - FTIP/FSTIP shall conform to State Air Quality Plan
- Implements the RTP

FEDERAL/STATE PLANNING & PROGRAMMING PROCESS

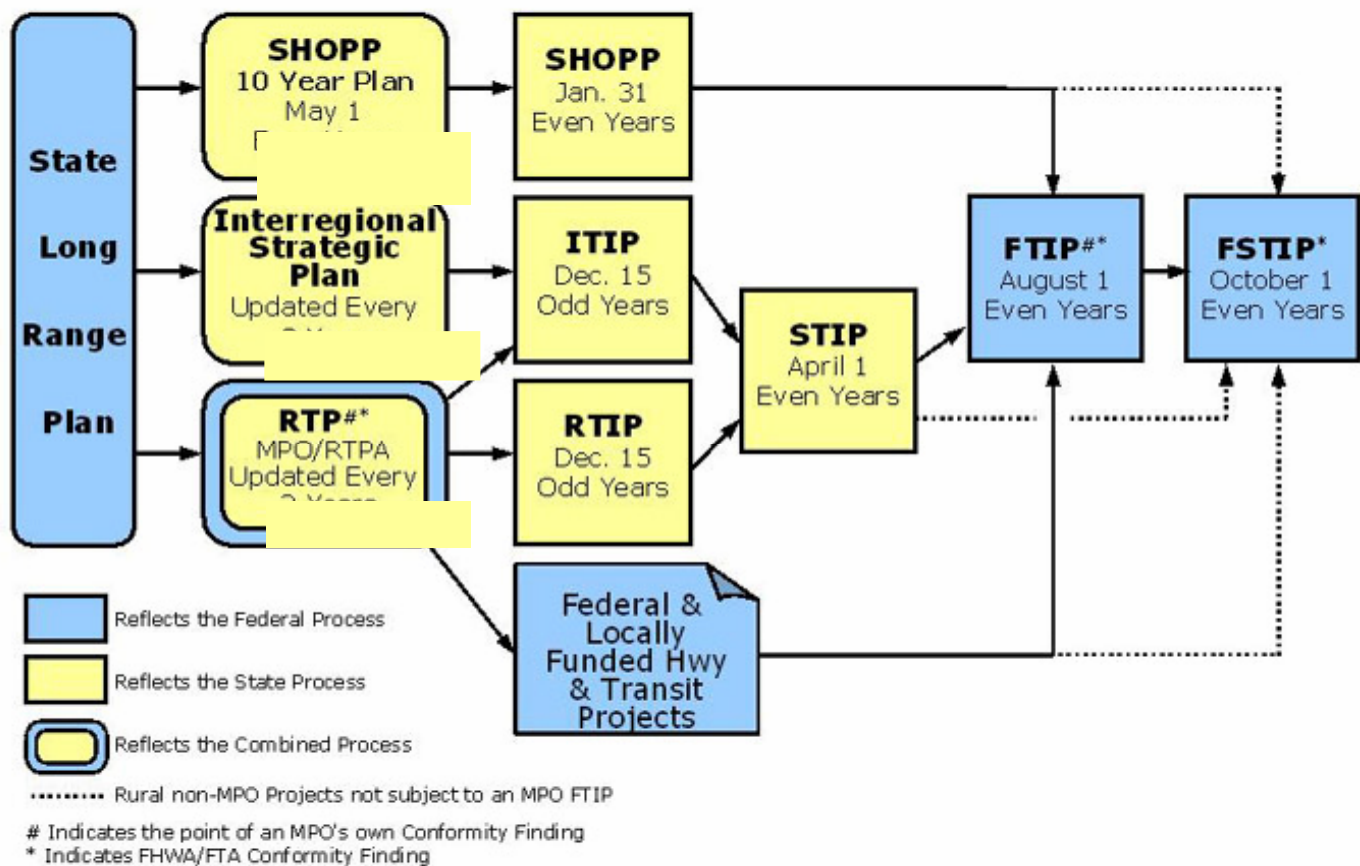
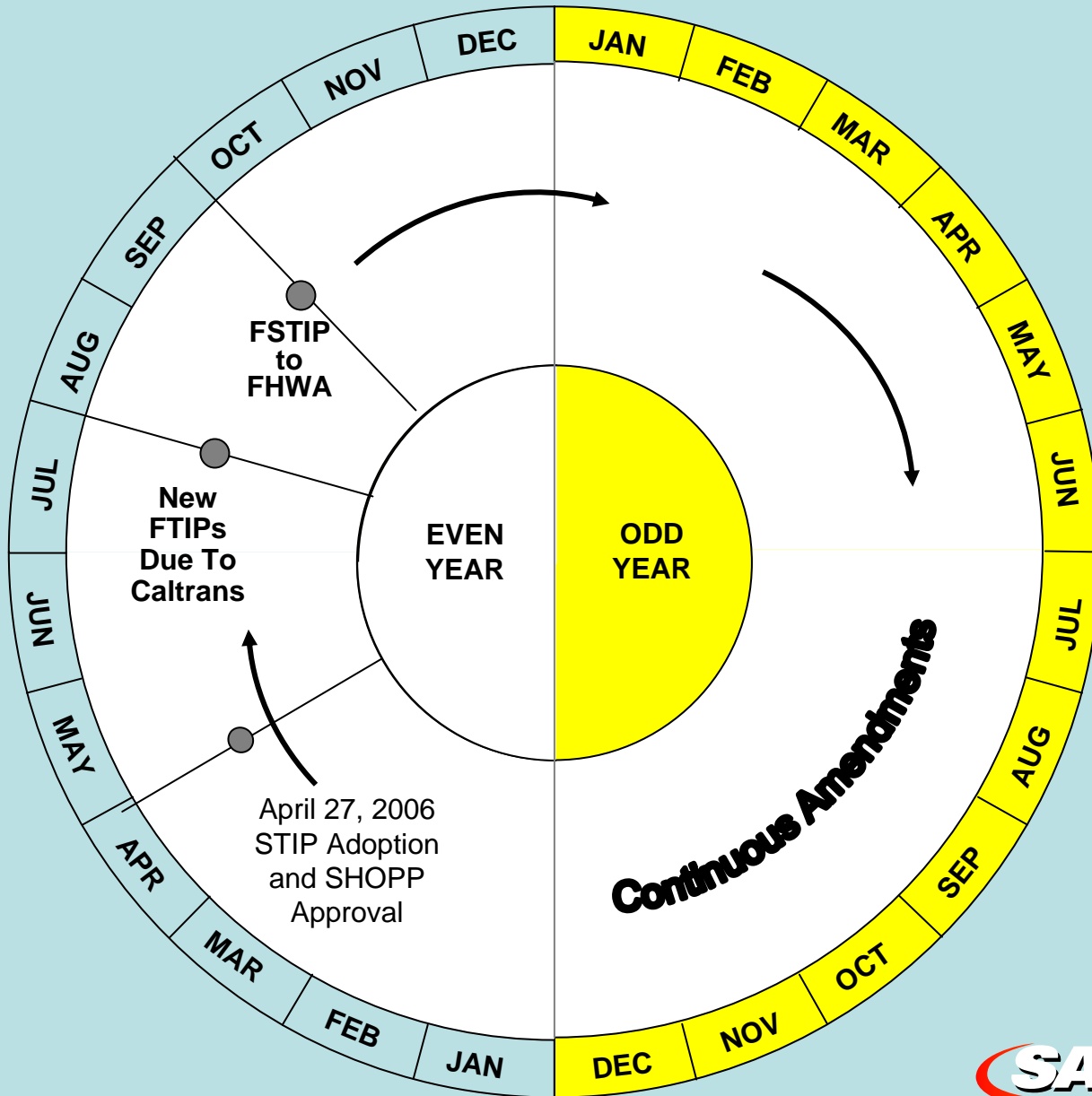


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Federal Programming Cycle



Types of Projects to Include in RTIP

- Projects receiving federal or state transportation funds
- *TransNet* funded projects
- Projects identified as regionally significant (in the RTP)
- Capacity increasing projects (regardless of color or money)

Types of Projects NOT to Include in RTIP

- Non-capacity increasing and 100% locally funded projects

What's New

- Safe, Accountable, Flexible and Efficient Transportation Equity Act: a Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU)
- *TransNet* Extension
 - Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee (ITOC)
 - 70/30 programming for local agencies
- ProjectTrak – New features for 2006 update
- Amendment schedule
- New 2006 RTIP web page

ProjectTrak

- On-line database introduced fall 2005
- Designed to streamline project submittal process for RTIP and eventually RTP
- Use of ProjectTrak for 2006 RTIP is mandatory
- Additional training in March (new features for 2006 RTIP)
- New features for 2006 update including refinement to former Table 2

State Program

- No new funding during current 2006 STIP
- TCRP – prior year allocations
- Prop 42 – payback starting early (2007)
- Infrastructure Bond (not part of 2006 RTIP but may be amended in later)

Local Program - *TransNet* Program of Projects (POP)

- Public hearing is required for the biennial update to the RTIP – proof of public hearing/resolution by Council/Board required (use the upload feature in ProjectTrak)
- SANDAG provides 5-year revenue projection on an annual basis
- During 2006 RTIP cycle, current *TransNet* expires (FY 2008) and the *TransNet* Extension begins

Local Program - *TransNet* POP(*contin.*)

- There are new requirements under the *TransNet* Extension
 - ITOC reviews and recommends to the Transportation Committee/Board the proposed *TransNet* POP beginning with FY 2009 projects
 - What projects to program – 70% of revenues toward congestion relief, 30% to operations/maintenance
 - Local EMP: Yes/No in ProjectTrak, if yes SANDAG will individually contact agency
 - Local Smart Growth - Call for Projects

Local Program - *TransNet* POP(*contin.*)

- Bike projects – listed as lump sum (TDA/TransNet-B), if other funds, program separately
- Lump sum small \$ projects (less than \$300K)
- Request TransNet payment thru. ProjectTrak

Federal Programs and Role of Caltrans

- State Administered programs: HBP (formally HBRR), HES, SR2S, other safety programs
 - Priority list of projects determined by Caltrans' process (statewide competition)
 - SANDAG programs based on project list provided by Caltrans
 - If CI, then program as individual project; if NCI, the included as lump sum (SANDAG will program lump sum, agencies to program individual

Federal Programs and Role of Caltrans

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- If *TransNet* funds are used as a match to one or more of the lump sum project(s), then need to separately program for the *TransNet* amount
- HBP updated semi-annually (cost and schedule) – SANDAG amends the RTIP

Federal Programs and Role of Caltrans

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High Priority (SAFETEA-LU) earmarks

- Program funding over 5-year SAFETEA-LU period
- Likely only 85% of authorized amount available (OA limitation)
- Need 20% local match
- Can use Advance Construction (AC) – use local funds to advance the project with federal reimbursement as the funds are made available
- **Each phase must be fully funded in order to program in the RTIP**

Federal Programs and Role of Caltrans

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- Program funds in the year in which they will be obligated, otherwise need to amend the RTIP to move the funds to another year
- Obligation means the funds are 'locked' in for that project, can invoice up to the obligation amount
- Once obligated and encumbered, agencies have 4 to 7 years to expend the funds
- Request must match what's in the RTIP including FY and phase

Types of Amendments

- Formal
 - Need to provide 30-day public review period
 - Transportation Committee approval on a quarterly basis
 - Requires approval by Caltrans and federal agencies FTA/FHWA
 - After TC approval, takes 2 to 6 weeks for federal approval
- Administrative
 - No need for separate public review
 - After TC approval, only need Caltrans approval (usually within one week)

What is Formal Amendment?

- Add or delete new federal or state funded project (including carryover from prior year RTIP)
- Add or delete regionally significant or capacity increasing project
- Changing scope, concept or design
- Require additional air quality emissions analysis

Schedule for Formal Amendment

- Amendments done on a quarterly basis (July, October, January, April)
 - Projects due two months prior to this schedule to allow for 30-day public review (same as current process)

What is Administrative Amendment?

- Revise project description without changing the project scope (no conflict with environmental doc)
- Total project change is less than \$2 million or 20% whichever is less
- Change fund source
- Change lead agency
- Split/combine individually listed projects as long as cost, schedule and scope remain unchanged

Administrative Amendment (contin.)

- Changes information for lump sum listing
- Add or delete projects in lump sum listing (within 20%/\$2M rule)
- Schedule for Administrative Amendments: monthly

When Not to Amend

- Change to *TransNet* within (+-)10% of total
- Changing *TransNet* amounts between biennial element (FY 07 & 08)

Important Dates

- April 7, 2006: All projects are due in ProjectTrak including all required information for CI projects
- Signed Council/Board Resolutions/Proof of public hearing (can submit after April 7 but before Jun 30)
- May 19, 2006 TC Meeting: Public Hearing for RTIP
- June 24, 2006: SANDAG Board adopts 2006 RTIP
- July 2006: Can start *TransNet* payment requests in ProjectTrak (if you want payment in August)

- New 2006 RTIP web page
- www.sandag.org\2006RTIP
- Q&A