

## **#1 Quick History of Willits Bypass Funding**

For the January 23, 2006 MCOG meeting I prepared a brief history of MCOG actions regarding funding for the Willits Bypass project. There have been additions to the 14 items presented at that time to reflect the current cost estimate and the Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA) program.

- **In the 1990 STIP, Caltrans programs \$1.0 million for right-of-way.**
- **In the 1992 STIP, Caltrans programs \$66 million for the Willits Bypass**
- **In February, 1998, MCOG programs \$17.3 million toward Willits Bypass construction in 1998 RTIP.**
- **In March, 1998, Caltrans programs \$39 million to the Willits Bypass and another \$18 million to Hopland Unit 3.**
- **In TEA-21 authorization in June 1998, Congress allocates \$650,000 in High priority funding for the Willits Bypass.**
- **In December 2000, MCOG learns that the Willits Bypass is under-funded.**
- **In December, 2001, MCOG adopts the RTIP which reserves an additional \$2 million for funding completion of the bypass.**
- **In March 2003, MCOG passes a Resolution of intent to redirect reserves to Hopland Bypass.**
- **In December 2003, MCOG adopts the 2004 RTIP with no new funding.**
- **In April 2004, MCOG passes a Resolution committing future STIP shares to Hopland but clearly indicating that full funding of the Willits Bypass is first priority.**
- **In late 2004, MCOG hears of increases in costs due to concrete and steel prices.**
- **In August 2005, Congress passes SAFETEA-LU that includes \$5.6 million for the Willits Bypass.**
- **In January 2006 MCOG hears of a proposal to include \$130 million in funding for the Willits Bypass in the Governor's Strategic Growth Plan.**
- **In January 2006, MCOG adopts the 2006 RTIP that programs \$14.6 million for the Willits Bypass right-of-way.**
- **In June 2006, the state legislature approves the Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006 and directs that it be placed on the November 2006 ballot as Proposition 1B.**
- **On November 7, 2006 voters approved Proposition 1B and on November 9, 2006 the California Transportation Commission adopted the Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA) guidelines for the first \$4.5 billion of bond funding.**
- **In December 2006, Caltrans identified the funding gap for the project to be \$177 million.**