

Date: November 19, 2007  
Committee Meeting Date: N/A  
Board Meeting Date: December 13, 2007  
ACTION ITEM

**BOARD MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority  
Board of Directors

**THROUGH:** Michael T. Burns  
General Manager

**FROM:** John H. Ristow  
Chief CMA Officer

**SUBJECT:** FY07/08 Local Streets & County Roads (LS & CR) Program

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**Policy-Related Action: Yes**

**Government Code Section 84308 Applies: No**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve project priorities for the FY07/08 Local Streets & County Roads Capital Program as shown in Attachment A.

**BACKGROUND:**

The LS & CR program was established as a new program in the Valley Transportation Plan 2030 (VTP 2030). The LS & CR Program Goals are to:

- Increase connectivity of local streets and county roads as a means to (a) shorten trips by all modes, (b) improve pedestrian and bicycle access, (c) improve transit routing, and (d) keep shorter trips off the regional freeway and expressway system.
- Provide funding for local transportation projects not directly connected to, or fully funded, by new development.

A project must be evaluated and compete in a two-phase process to receive grant funding through the LS & CR program. The VTA Board of Directors adopted criteria to be used for both phases, Project Selection and Programming Procedures on March 6, 2003.

Phase 1, the Project Selection phase, previously occurred in Fall 2003 as VTP 2030 was being developed. During that phase, Santa Clara County cities and Santa Clara County submitted projects for review and consideration to VTA for inclusion in VTP 2030.

Phase 2, the Programming phase whereby projects receive funding, is the subject of this memorandum. Projects are only eligible to compete in Phase 2 if they are included on the VTP 2030 LS& CR list.

Acting in its capacity as the Congestion Management Agency (CMA) for Santa Clara County, the VTA Board approved an allocation of up to \$20 million in Local Program Reserve funds to LS & CR Programs at its February 1, 2007 meeting and re-affirmed the commitment at the June 7, 2007 meeting. The Local Program Reserve funding was derived from a swap of 2006 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funding with 2000 Measure A funding, which was also approved by the Board of Directors on February 1, 2007.

### **DISCUSSION:**

VTA issued a call for projects to member agencies on March 7, 2007. Eleven project sponsors submitted 20 applications, which were reviewed and scored in July and August 2007 by Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Scoring Subcommittee of the Technical Advisory Committee. This scoring committee consisted of staff from Cities of Gilroy, San Jose, Milpitas, Campbell, Morgan Hill, Mountain View and County of Santa Clara planning and public works departments.

The scoring committee ranked the 20 projects based on the LS & CR policies and scoring criteria established by the VTA Board of Directors in March 2003. The criteria include items covering Project Readiness (50 points), Local Match (20 points), Systems Optimization (15 points) and Geographic Equity (15 points) for a possible total of 100 points.

The Scoring Committee's recommendations are summarized in Attachment A. The scoring criteria are included as Attachment B.

### **ALTERNATIVES:**

The VTA Board may choose an alternative list of project priorities.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

Up to \$20 million in funding will be made available to LS & CR projects in Santa Clara County. The funding for the LS & CR Program is derived from the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) that VTA, as the CMA, is responsible to program. In February of 2007, the VTA Board of Directors authorized an exchange of \$57 million in STIP funds for \$57 million in 2000 Measure A funds to establish the Local Program Reserve to be used for funding LS & CR Program.

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# Attachment A

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Project Name</u>	<u>LS&amp;CR Project Request</u>	<u>LS&amp;CR Funds Recommended</u>	<u>Cumulative Recommended</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Rank</u>
Gilroy	Gilman/Arroyo Circle/Camino Arroyo improvements (construction)	\$6,725,000	\$6,725,000	<b>\$6,725,000</b>	85	1
Sunnyvale	Mathilda Avenue Caltrain Bridge Reconstruction (design)	\$4,336,000	\$524,000	<b>\$7,249,000</b>	66	2
Santa Clara County	ITS enhancements on Bascom Avenue (design and construction)	\$450,000	\$450,000	<b>\$7,699,000</b>	66	2
Morgan Hill	Butterfield Boulevard Extension Project (design and right-of-way)	\$2,510,000	\$2,510,000	<b>\$10,209,000</b>	62	3
Santa Clara County	Santa Teresa/Fitzgerald Avenue intersection signals (design and construction)	\$275,000	\$275,000	<b>\$10,484,000</b>	62	3
Saratoga	Citywide Signal Upgrade Project Phase 2 (environmental, design and construction)	\$400,000	\$400,000	<b>\$10,884,000</b>	61	4
Santa Clara County	Alum Rock School District Area Traffic Calming (design and construction)	\$315,000	\$315,000	<b>\$11,199,000</b>	58	5
Sunnyvale	Mary Avenue Extension (design)	\$6,090,000	\$3,725,000	<b>\$14,924,000</b>	53	6
San Jose	Julian/St. James Downtown Couplet Conversion (construction)	\$5,076,000	\$5,076,000	<b>\$20,000,000</b>	50	7
San Jose	Almaden/Vine Downtown Couplet Conversion	\$4,448,000	\$0	\$0	47	8
Santa Clara County	Fitzgerald Avenue/Masten Avenue Realignment	\$300,000	\$0	\$0	46	9
San Jose	Autumn Street Extension	\$14,000,000	\$0	\$0	45	10
San Jose	Blossom Hill Road Bike/Ped Overpass	\$3,950,000	\$0	\$0	43	11
San Jose	2nd/3rd Downtown Couplet Conversion	\$3,416,000	\$0	\$0	42	12
Los Altos	Miramonte Avenue Bikeway Improvements	\$1,315,000	\$0	\$0	32	13
Campbell	Campbell Avenue/Hwy 17 Street improvement Project	\$2,400,000	\$0	\$0	29	14
Mountain View	Rengstorff Avenue Grade Separation ENV Study	\$240,000	\$0	\$0	27	15
Santa Clara County	Magdalena/Country Club Drive intersection signals	\$325,000	\$0	\$0	23	16
Milpitas	Calaveras Boulevard Overpass Widening	\$6,528,000	\$0	\$0	20	17
Sunnyvale	Lawrence Expressway/Wildwood Avenue Realignment and Traffic Signal	\$3,600,000	\$0	\$0	7	18
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$66,699,000</b>	<b>\$20,000,000</b>			

**ATTACHMENT B**  
**LOCAL STREETS & COUNTY ROADS: PROGRAMMING PHASE SCORING CRITERIA**

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Total Available Points: 100

**Project Readiness: – Up to 50 Points**

*Promote projects that have completed steps in project development*

- Environmental Phase (ENV) complete – 20 points
- Right-of-Way (ROW) complete – 15 points
- Plans, Specifications and Estimates (PSE) complete – 15 points

**Local Match: Up to 20 Points**

*Promotes projects that have exceeded minimum local funding match.*

- Local match consists of contributions made toward project phases that would have been eligible for grant funding. Project sponsor expenditures for grant preparations and pre-grant feasibility studies do not count as local match.

<u>Local Contribution to Total Project Cost</u>	<b>Points</b>
50%+	20
40% - 49%	15
30% -39%	10
25% -29%	5
<20%	Ineligible

**Systems Optimization: Up to 15 Points**

*Promotes creative project combinations and efficiencies*

- Provides economies of scale when combined with another project – 5 points.
- Enhances operation of existing facilities as well as improves regional operations – 10 points.

**Geographic Equity: Up to 15 Points**

*Ensures equitable distribution of transportation funding throughout county*

- Project Sponsor has not received discretionary STIP, STP/CMAQ funding in the previous two programming cycles – 10 points.
- Project is the agency's only submission in the funding cycle and represents less than 50% of program fund available for the cycle – 5 points.