

Memorandum

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To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: December 9-10, 2015

Reference No.: 4.9
Action

From: WILL KEMPTON
Executive Director

Subject: **TRADE CORRIDORS IMPROVEMENT FUND (TCIF) PROGRAM AMENDMENT
RESOLUTION TCIF-P-1516-03**

ISSUE:

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) amend the TCIF Program to add the *Avenue 66 Grade Separation Project* in Riverside County as TCIF Project 117 at a cost of \$5.708 million in TCIF funds?

RECOMMENDATION:

Commission staff recommends the Commission approve the proposed TCIF Program Amendment to add into the TCIF Program project 117, the *Avenue 66 Grade Separation Project*.

BACKGROUND:

The Southern California Consensus Group (SCCG), the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) and the County of Riverside (County) propose to amend the TCIF program by including the Avenue 66 Grade Separation Project as Project 117 in the Los Angeles/Inland Corridor element of the TCIF Program and program \$5.708 million of TCIF funds to the project.

The proposed project will remove an at-grade railroad crossing and construct a two-lane Avenue 66 elevated structure over the Union Pacific Railroad line, Hammond Road and State Route 111 from west of Lincoln Street to west of Johnson Street. The proposed project will allow for a more efficient and reliable movement of goods through Riverside County by minimizing conflicts between the railroad tracks and the vehicular traffic. Since award savings in TCIF funds were realized in the Los Angeles/Inland Corridor, SCCG, RCTC and the County propose to place TCIF savings on this project. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$39.08 million. Construction is expected to begin in December 2016.

RESOLUTION TCIF-P-1516-03

Be it Resolved, that the California Transportation Commission does hereby amend the TCIF program by adding the Avenue 66 Grade Separation Project as TCIF Project 117.

Attachments

- Letters of Support



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October 8, 2015



Mr. Wil Kempton
Executive Director
California Transportation Commission
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Sacramento, CA 94273-0001

Dear Mr. Kempton:

The Southern California Consensus Group has discussed and is in agreement with the TCIF programming requested by our partner agency. It is our understanding that the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) is requesting to seek funding of \$5,708,444 in Trade Corridor Improvement Funds (TCIF) for the construction of the Avenue 66 At-Grade Railroad Separation Project. The Avenue 66 At-Grade Railroad Separation Project was on the original project list to receive TCIF funds but was subsequently deleted in 2011 due to funding constraints. The project is now fully funded and ready to move forward.

Please see the attached letter detailing the programming request. We understand RCTC intends to submit a formal application to the CTC for action in December 2015. Please direct any questions or comments regarding this issue to me at (213) 922-2887.

We appreciate the ongoing support and guidance provided by you and your staff.

Sincerely,

Wil Ridder
Executive Officer

cc: Southern California Consensus Group
Stephen Maller

Riverside County Transportation Commission



October 8, 2015

Will Kempton
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Subject: Avenue 66 Railroad Grade Separation – Project Nomination under the Proposition 1B Trade Corridor Improvement Fund Program

Dear Mr. Kempton:

The Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC), in partnership with the Southern California Consensus Group, the county of Riverside, and the Coachella Valley Association of Governments, is requesting approval from the California Transportation Commission (CTC) for Avenue 66 to be designated as a Trade Corridor Improvement Fund (TCIF) project. An additional request is for the remaining TCIF funds – in the amount of \$5,708,444 – be programmed on Avenue 66; this amount represents RCTC's proportional share under the Los Angeles/Inland Empire Corridor funding formula.

Avenue 66 was an original TCIF project adopted by the CTC in April 2008; however, due to local funding constraints, it was deleted in March 2011 and replaced with Avenue 52.

Enclosed for your consideration, please find the project application for Avenue 66 including the Project Programming Request form.

We appreciate your review and consideration of the proposed project for TCIF consideration. Please contact Tanya Love, Goods Movement Manager, at (951) 787-7141 or tlove@rctc.org if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Anne Mayer
Executive Director

Enclosures: Proposition 1B TCIF Application for Avenue 66
Project Programming Request Form