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PROGRAM AMENDMENTS
Traffic Congestion Relief Applications
Resolution: TA-02-09

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TRAFFIC CONGESTION RELIEF (TCR) PROGRAM
APPLICATION APPROVALS

RESOLUTION TA-02-09

At the June 13, 2002 California Transportation Commission (Commission) meeting, the Commission will be asked to consider the following two Traffic Congestion Relief Program applications totaling \$6,046,000. The Department of Transportation recommends these projects, or phases of a project, be approved. A fact sheet for each project is attached.

- Project #32.5 – \$1,046,000 for Phases 1, 2, and 4, for North Coast Railroad: Sub-paragraph (e) environmental remediation projects
Applicant Agency: North Coast Railroad Authority (NCRA)
Implementing Agency: NCRA
Advance Requested: \$331,000
- Project #64.1 – \$5,000,000 for All Phases, for Route 91; improve the Green River Interchange and add auxiliary lane and connector ramp east of the Green River Interchange to northbound Route 71 in Riverside County.
Applicant Agency: California Department of Transportation (Department)
Implementing Agency: Department

Regional North Coast Railroad; Sub-paragraph (e) environmental remediation projects.

(\$ X 1,000)

<i>Estimated Project Cost:</i>	\$4,100	<i>TCRP Funds covered by the application:</i>	\$1,046
<i>Total TCRP Funds Available:</i>	\$4,100	<i>Phases(s) covered in application:</i>	1,2,4
<i>Lead Agency:</i>	North Coast Railroad Authority (NCRA)	<i>Implementing Agency:</i>	NCRA

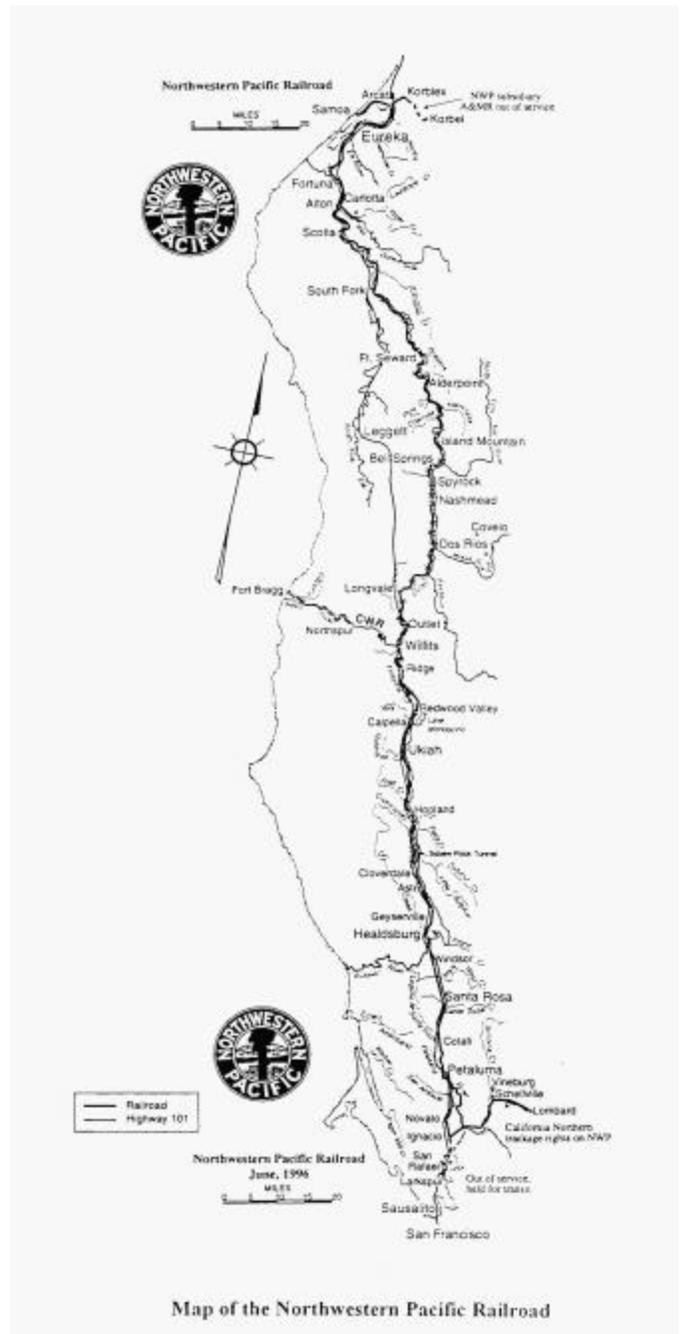
TCRP allocation requested concurrently w/ application: **\$1,046** *for Phases(s):* 1,2,4
Advance requested: **\$331** *for Phases(s):* 1,2,4

Project Summary:

The overall project will provide for environmental remediation as identified in the Consent Decree and Stipulated Judgment ordered by the Mendocino County Superior Court in People of the State of California v. North Coast Railroad Authority, Case No. CV80240. The Consent Decree (CD) requires immediate removal of hazardous wastes, rail ties, and regulated debris from the maintenance facilities and Hopland Station. The CD Assessment Report found that stored wastes at some locations may represent a threat to human health and/or the environment. In addition, the State Agencies party to the Consent Decree (Departments of Toxic Substances, and Fish and Game, and the California Regional Water Quality Control Board North Coast Region) require that a Storm Water Pollution and Prevention Plan (SWPPP) be implemented prior to the winter season at the Willits facility to mitigate existing storm water impacts. \$89,712 of funding provided under AB 2782, Statutes of 1998, was used to complete some of the environmental remediation work. TCRP funds will be used to complete the remaining work identified by the CD Assessment Report.

Summary of Action:

This application funds activities relating to environmental remediation, including Phase 1 – Environmental, Phase 2 – Plans, Specifications, and Estimates, and Phase 4 – Construction. Phase 1 activities include ECD required plans and programs such as the Storm Water Pollution and Prevention Plan (SWPPP), and Environmental/PE and Permits for future work. Phase 2 activities include cleanup plans and bid specifications for Phase 4 activities. Phase 4 includes the waste and debris cleanup / site remediation of non-sensitive areas.



Cost and Schedule (\$ X 1,000)

Phase	Scope	Start	End	Cost
1	Review the Consent Decree and develop scope of work.	2/02	8/02	\$100
	Envir / PE / Permits – Site Characterization Plans	7/02	3/03	\$515
	ECD Required Plans and Programs (SWPPP)	7/02	3/03	\$26
	Future work required (TBD)	4/03	9/05	\$1,262
2	Clean up Plans and Bid specifications for waste and debris cleanup / site remediation	7/02	9/02	\$115
4	Waste and Debris Clean-up / Site Remediation (non sensitive areas)	7/02	3/03	\$390
		9/02		
	Future work to be determined by Site Characterization Plan activities.	4/03	9/05	\$1,692
Total:				\$4,100

Funding Plan (\$ X 1,000)

Source	Type		Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4	Total
TCRP	State	Committed	\$641	\$115		\$390	\$1,146
		Proposed	\$1,262			\$1,692	\$2,954
	Totals:	Committed	\$1,903	\$115		\$390	\$2,408
		Proposed				\$1,692	\$1,692
		Totals:	\$1,903	\$115		\$2,082	\$4,100

Prior TCRP Action: Original application was approved on September 28, 2000 (Resolution TA-01-01) for \$100,000 to hire a consultant to review and analyze the Consent Decree. An application amendment was approved on February 21, 2001 (Resolution TAA-01-01) revising the conditions set forth for this project. A subsequent amendment to extend the completion date of the comprehensive assessment was approved on November 7, 2001 (Resolution TAA-01-07). An additional amendment to update the overall project schedule was approved May 9, 2002 (Resolution TAA-02-03).

Status of Conditions:

The following conditions were set forth under Resolution TA-01-08, and reiterated in Resolution TAA-01-07:

- Prior to an allocation of funds for right of way acquisition and construction NCRA shall demonstrate environmental approval for proposed capital improvements. **The construction activities being funded under this application are Categorical Exempt under CEQA.**

The following condition was set forth under Resolution TA-01-18:

- No additional TCR funds shall be allocated to the NCRA, beyond the \$17,750,000 allocated to date, until such time as NCRA demonstrates to the Commission how it will fund administrative operations beyond June 30, 2002. **Resolution TAA-02-03, adopted May 9, 2002, allows NCRA to seek an allocation for environmental remediation activities identified in the Consent Decree.**

The following conditions remain under Resolution TAA-01-01, as reiterated in Resolution TAA-01-07:

- The Memorandum of Understanding that outlines the parameters and schedule for delivery of the interim and final products necessary to prepare a scope of work and schedule, within the funding available, must satisfy the requirements of the ECD and must also include a schedule for satisfactory completion of required ECD actions. **All Parties to the ECD have signed off on the scope of work and schedule in this application.**
- Written certifications from NCRA shall be signed by the Executive Director of the NCRA and each representative of the ECD state agency parties and shall be submitted as part of the future project application for the remaining \$4,000,000 available to the project. **All Parties to the ECD have signed off on the contents of this application.**
- The remaining \$4,000,000 for environmental remediation will not be allocated by the Commission until the NCRA submits certifications to the Department and the Commission verifying that the NCRA and the state agencies party to the ECD have reached agreement regarding the scope of work, schedule and use of those funds. **All Parties to the ECD have signed off on the scope of work in this application.**

No additional conditions are recommended under this action.

Discussion/Issues: Recommend Approval.

TCR Program – Application Approval Project #64.1

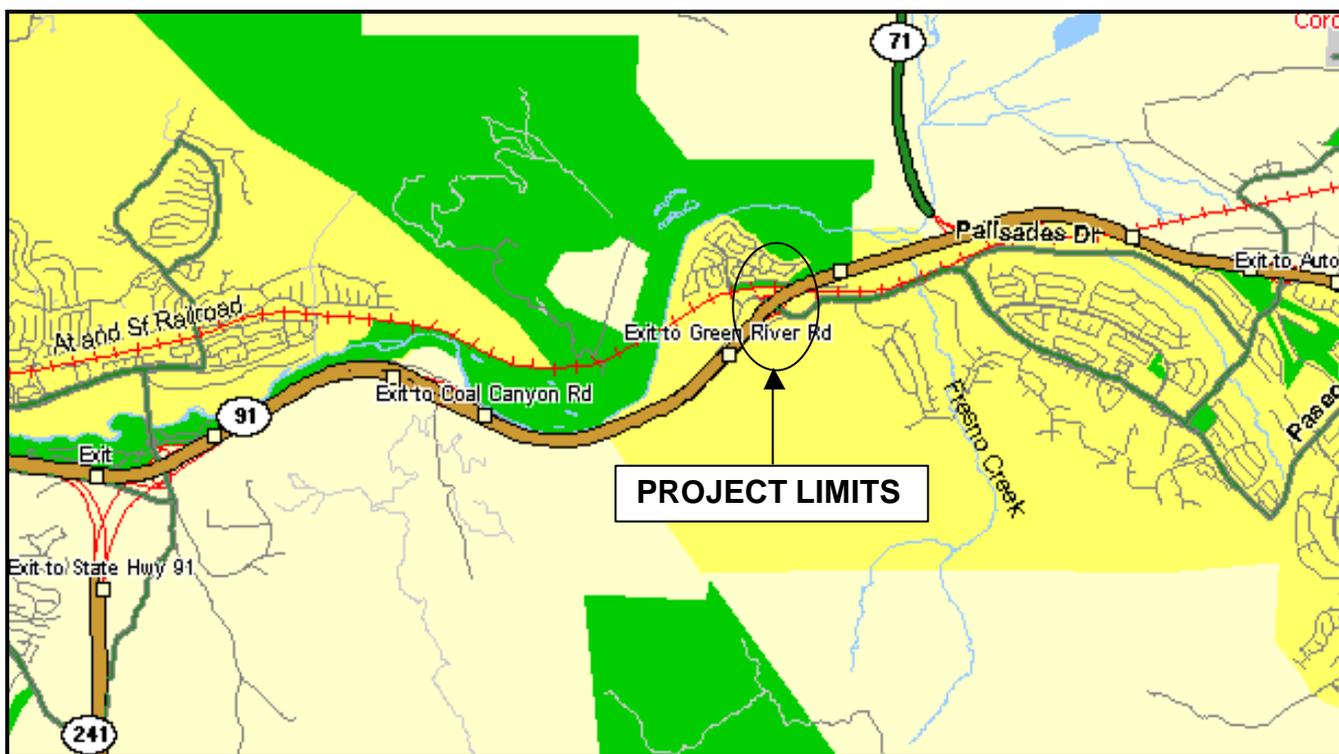
Riverside **Route 91; improve the Green River Interchange and add auxiliary lane and connector ramp east of the Green River Interchange to northbound Route 71 in Riverside County**

(\$ X 1,000)

<i>Estimated Project Cost:</i>	\$19,244	<i>TCRP Funds covered by application:</i>	\$5,000
<i>Total TCRP Funds Available:</i>	\$5,000	<i>Phases(s) covered by application:</i>	All
<i>Lead Agency:</i>	Caltrans	<i>Implementing Agency:</i>	Same

TCRP funds Allocation requested concurrently with application: **\$0** *for Phase(s):* N/A

Advance requested: **\$0**



Project Summary: This project is to relieve congestion on Route 91 in the area of Green River Road and Route 71 and improve local traffic circulation on Green River Road in the vicinity of Route 91. The overall project has been segmented into two sub-projects for implementation.

- **Sub-Project #64.1 – Green River Road Interchange (Total Project = \$19,244,000, including \$5,000,000 TCRP and \$14,244,000 from other sources.)**
- Sub-Project #64.2 – Construction of eastbound Route 91 auxiliary lane and the eastbound 91 to northbound 71 connector ramp. (Total Project = \$24,078,000: \$2,224,000 of STIP-IIP currently programmed for Phases 1, 2, and 3, remaining funding to be determined).

This sub-project entails the replacement of the current 3-lane Green River Road Overcrossing with a 6-lane overcrossing, modification of ramps, and local street improvements at the interchange.

Summary of Action: Approval of initial application.

TCR Program – Application Approval Project #64.1**Cost and Schedule** (\$ x 1,000)

Phase	Scope	Start	End	Cost
1	Project Report and Environmental Document	4/1/01	12/1/03	\$512
2	PS&E	1/1/02	12/1/04	\$1,537
3	Right-of-Way Acquisition	12/1/03	11/1/04	\$735
4	Construction	3/1/05	3/1/07	\$16,460
Total:				\$19,244

Funding Plan (\$ x 1,000)

Source	Type		Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4	Total	
TCRP	State	Committed			\$590	\$4,410	\$5,000	
		Proposed						
STIP-RIP	State	Committed				\$3,889	\$3,889	
		Proposed						
STIP-IIP	State	Committed	\$512	\$1,537	\$145	\$3,744	\$5,938	
		Proposed						
TEA 21	Federal	Committed				\$4,417	\$4,417	
		Proposed						
		Totals:	Committed	\$512	\$1,537	\$735	\$16,460	\$19,244
			Proposed					
		Totals:		\$512	\$1,537	\$735	\$16,460	\$19,244

Prior TCRP Action: None**Status of Conditions:** None**Discussion/Issues:** Project is fully funded.

Recommend Approval with the following condition:

- Allocation of capital funds contingent upon CTC review of the final Environmental Document and approval for future consideration of funding.

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
Approval of Traffic Congestion Relief Program
Project Applications

RESOLUTION TA-02-09

- 1.1 WHEREAS the Traffic Congestion Relief Act of 2000 (herein after referred to as “statute”), which was established by Chapters 91 (AB 2928) and 656 (SB 1662) of the Statutes of 2000, establishes the Traffic Congestion Relief Program, providing \$5.39 billion for projects throughout the State of California to reduce traffic congestion, provide for safe and efficient movement of goods, and provide system connectivity; and
- 1.2 WHEREAS in accordance with Government Code Section 14556.11 the California Transportation Commission (Commission) has adopted guidelines, in consultation with the Department of Transportation (Department) and regional agencies, to implement the Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP); and
- 1.3 WHEREAS the statute and guidelines require applicants to specify full and complete project applications, including scope, cost and schedule, financial plans and funding sources; and
- 1.4 WHEREAS the Commission, with assistance from the Department, is required by statute to review and approve applications for TCRP projects that meet the requirements in statute and guidelines; and
- 1.5 WHEREAS the following condition was set forth under Resolution TA-01-18, adopted December 12, 2001, stipulates no additional TCR funds shall be allocated to the NCRA, beyond the \$17,750,000 allocated to date, until such time as NCRA demonstrates to the Commission how it will fund administrative operations beyond June 30, 2002; and
- 1.6 WHEREAS Resolution TAA-02-03, adopted May 9, 2002, allows NCRA to seek an allocation for environmental remediation activities identified in the Consent Decree; and
- 1.7 WHEREAS the Commission, with assistance from the Department, has reviewed submitted TCRP project applications, and subsequent clarifications and revisions, and determined they comply with the statute and guidelines.
- 2.1 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Commission does hereby approve the following two TCRP project applications for \$6,046,000 as submitted, with subsequent clarifications and revisions:
 - Project #32.5 – \$1,046,000 for Phases 1, 2, and 4, for North Coast Railroad: Sub-paragraph (e) environmental remediation projects
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and
- 2.2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that for cashflow purposes for Project 32.5 – NCRA Environmental Remediation, an advance of \$331,000 is approved for the activities identified within the scope of the application; and
- 2.3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, as stipulated in Resolution TA-01-08, and reiterated in TAA-02-03, prior to an allocation of funds for right of way acquisition and construction NCRA shall demonstrate environmental approval for proposed capital improvements; and
- 2.3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, as stipulated in Resolution TAA-01-01, and reiterated in TAA-02-03, the following conditions remain in effect:
- Memorandum of Understanding that outlines the parameters and schedule for delivery of the interim and final products necessary to prepare a scope of work and schedule, within the funding available, must satisfy the requirements of the ECD and must also include a schedule for satisfactory completion of required ECD actions; and
 - Written certifications from NCRA shall be signed by the Executive Director of the NCRA and each representative of the ECD state agency parties and shall be submitted as part of the future project application for the remaining \$4,000,000 available to the project; and
 - The remaining \$4,000,000 for environmental remediation will not be allocated by the Commission until the NCRA submits certifications to the Department and the Commission verifying that the NCRA and the state agencies party to the ECD have reached agreement regarding the scope of work, schedule and use of those funds; and
- 2.4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that for TCRP Project #64.1 – Route 91; improve the Green River Road Interchange in Riverside County, an allocation of capital funds is contingent upon Commission review of the final Environmental Document for approval of future consideration of funding; and
- 2.5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all applicant agencies shall provide the Commission and the Department with a progress report on April 1st and October 1st of each year on actual expenditures and status of work, until the projects have been completed; and
- 2.6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this TCRP project application approval by the Commission reserves the State funding for the projects as specified by the statute, and allows the applicant agencies to incur costs in accordance with the approved project application, statute and guidelines.