

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: June 26, 2003

Reference No.: 2.1c.(3)

Action Item

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Ref: **TRAFFIC CONGESTION RELIEF (TCR) PROGRAM MINOR APPLICATION
AMENDMENT APPROVALS, RESOLUTION TAA-03-03, AMENDING RESOLUTIONS
TA-00-01, TA-01-06, TA-01-09, TA-01-13, TA-01-17, TA-02-02, TA-02-05, TA-02-10, TA-
02-13, TAA-01-05, and TAA-02-10**

BACKGROUND:

At the December 2002 meeting, the California Transportation Commission (Commission) took action to defer approval of any additional Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP) applications and allocations due to the continuing economic challenges faced by the State.

In the meantime, implementing agencies continue to submit minor application amendment requests to update project status. The following list identifies those pending minor application amendment requests that have been received and reviewed by the Department as suitable for action. Since all approval actions are being deferred by the Commission, Department and Commission staff cannot use delegated authority to approved the minor amendment requests. The minor amendment requests do not seek to approve or allocate any new TCR funding.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department recommends that the Commission approve Resolution TAA-03-03 for 12 minor amendments to TCRP applications.

- Project #1.1 – BART to San Jose; extend BART from Fremont to Downtown San Jose in Santa Clara and Alameda Counties - Fremont To Warm Springs. Minor amendment to extend project end date by one fiscal year. Additional time is needed due to the development of a new alternative not previously considered during the preparation of the Supplemental Environmental Impact Report. Original TCR application approved under Resolution TA-01-03, as amended by Resolution TA-02-05. The Bay Area Rapid Transit District is requesting this amendment.

- Project #27.2 – Vasco Road Safety and Transit Enhancement Project in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. - Vasco Road ACE Station Parking Facility. Minor amendment to extend project end date by one fiscal year. Right of Way acquisition could not proceed due to the suspension of the TCR Program in December 2002. Original TCR application approved under Resolution TA-01-11, as amended by Resolution TA-02-13. The City of Livermore is requesting this amendment.
- Project #28 – Parking Structure at Transit Village at Richmond BART Station in Contra Costa County. Minor amendment to extend project end date by one fiscal year. Additional time is needed due to agency's inability to award a third party contract due to the suspension of the TCR Program in December 2002. Original TCR application approved under Resolution TA-01-06, as amended by Resolution TA-02-10. The City of Richmond is requesting this amendment.
- Project #35.3 – Pacific Surfliner; triple track intercity rail line within Los Angeles County and add run-through-tracks through Los Angeles Union Station in Los Angeles County - Fifth Lead Track. Minor amendment to extend project end date by one fiscal year. Additional time is needed to complete complicated signal work. Original TCR application approved under Resolution TA-02-02. The Southern California Regional Rail Authority is requesting this amendment.
- Project #56 – Metrolink; track and signal improvements on Metrolink; San Bernardino line in San Bernardino County. Minor amendment to extend project end date by one fiscal year. This project was delayed when steel slag material was encountered, sub-surface remnants of the steel manufacturing process done at the site in the past, requiring additional engineering and construction time. Original TCR application approved under Resolution TA-00-01, as amended by Resolution TAA-01-05. The Southern California Regional Rail Authority is requesting this amendment.
- Project #74.1 – Pacific Surfliner; double track intercity rail line within San Diego County, add maintenance yard in San Diego County - Oceanside Double Track. Minor amendment to extend Phase 2 – PS&E end date by one fiscal year. Delay in the design work is the result of briefings and consultations requested by the City of Oceanside and the owner of the railroad, North County Transit District. Original TCR application approved under Resolution TA-01-13. The California Department of Transportation is requesting this amendment.
- Project #74.2 – Pacific Surfliner; double track intercity rail line within San Diego County, add maintenance yard in San Diego County - PEIR/EIS. Minor amendment to extend end date of the PEIR. Additional time is needed due to the preparation of a Strategic Business Plan that was developed as well as consideration of an additional element to the PEIR. Original TCR application approved under Resolution TA-01-13. The Department is requesting this amendment.
- Project #99.1– San Joaquin Corridor; improve track and signals along San Joaquin intercity rail line in seven counties - Bowles to Calwa. Minor amendment to extend project end date by one fiscal year. Additional time is needed due to a lengthy lawsuit between the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad and a subcontractor over relation of a pipeline. Original TCR application approved under Resolution TA-01-17. The Department is requesting this amendment.

- Project #121– Metropolitan Bakersfield System Study; to reduce congestion in the City of Bakersfield. Minor amendment to extend study end date by one fiscal year. Additional time is needed to incorporate design exceptions presented during the public review period. Original TCR application approved under Resolution TA-00-01. The Kern Council of Governments is requesting this amendment.
- Project #139.1 – Balboa Park BART Station; phase I expansion - BART Station Improvements. Amend application to redirect \$51,000 in TCR funds from Phase 2 – Plans, Specifications & Estimates (PS&E) to Phase 4 – Construction (CON) and update project schedule. The shift of funds between Phase 2 – PS&E and Phase 4 – CON is needed to cover a potential cost increase on Phase 4 – CON; Phase 2 – PS&E costs were less than anticipated. Additional time is needed so that the City of San Francisco’s Station Area planning efforts can be incorporated into the BART Comprehensive and Master Plans. Original TCR application approved under Resolution TAA-02-02, as amended by Resolution TAA-02-10. The San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District is requesting this amendment.
- Project #149 – Purchase of low-emission buses for express service on Route 17. Minor amendment to extend project end date by one fiscal year. Additional time is needed to allow the contracted bus manufacturer to deliver the buses. Original TCR application approved under ResolutionTA-01-06. The Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District is requesting this amendment.
- Project #151– Purchase of 5 alternative fuel buses for the Pasadena Area Rapid Transit System. Minor amendment to extend project end date by six months. Additional time is needed due to a delay in completing the bid specifications, which was delayed while the City completed a report on the use of electric-turbine hybrid technology. Original TCR application approved under TA-01-09. The City of Pasadena is requesting this amendment.

Attachment

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
Approval of Traffic Congestion Relief Program
Project Application Amendment

RESOLUTION TAA-03-03,
Amending Resolutions TA-00-01, TA-01-06, TA-01-09,
TA-01-13, TA-01-17, TA-02-02, TA-02-05, TA-02-10,
TA-02-13, TAA-01-05, and TAA-02-10

- 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 on July 13, 2001, the Commission passed Resolution G-01-23 approving the policy for the delegation of authority to the Department in the approval of Minor amendments to applications for TCRP projects; and
- 1.5 WHEREAS on December 11, 2002, the Commission took action to defer approval of any additional TCRP applications and allocations due to the continuing economic challenges faced by the State in accordance with Executive Order D-49-01, BL 02-21, in effect suspending the Department delegated authority to approve minor TCRP project amendments originally granted in Resolution G-01-23; and
- 1.6 WHEREAS implementing agencies continue to submit application amendment requests to update project status.
- 2.1 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Commission does hereby approve the following 12 minor amendments to TCRP applications as submitted, with subsequent clarifications and revisions:
 - Project #1.1 – BART to San Jose; extend BART from Fremont to Downtown San Jose in Santa Clara and Alameda Counties - Fremont To Warm Springs. Original TCR application approved under Resolution TA-01-03, as amended by Resolution TA-02-05. The Bay Area Rapid Transit District is requesting the following change that is consistent with a minor amendment approval :
 - Schedule change impacts delivery of final project by one Fiscal Year

- Project #27.2 – Vasco Road Safety and Transit Enhancement Project in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. - Vasco Road ACE Station Parking Facility. Original TCR application approved under Resolution TA-01-11, as amended by Resolution TA-02-13. The City of Livermore is requesting the following change that is consistent with a minor amendment approval:
 - Schedule change impacts delivery of final project by one Fiscal Year
- Project #28 – Parking Structure at Transit Village at Richmond BART Station in Contra Costa County. Original TCR application approved under Resolution TA-01-06, as amended by Resolution TA-02-10. The City of Richmond Redevelopment Agency is requesting the following change that is consistent with minor a amendment approval:
 - Schedule change impacts delivery of final project by one Fiscal Year
- Project #35.3 – Pacific Surfliner; triple track intercity rail line within Los Angeles County and add run-through-tracks through Los Angeles Union Station in Los Angeles County - Fifth Lead Track. Original TCR application approved under Resolution TA-02-02. The Southern California Regional Rail Authority is requesting the following change that is consistent with a minor amendment approval:
 - Schedule change impacts delivery of final project by one Fiscal Year
- Project #56 – Metrolink; track and signal improvements on Metrolink; San Bernardino line in San Bernardino County. Minor amendment to extend project end date by one fiscal year. Original TCR application approved under Resolution TA-00-01, as amended by Resolution TAA-01-05. The Southern California Regional Rail Authority is requesting the following change that is consistent with a minor amendment approval:
 - Schedule change impacts delivery of final project by one Fiscal Year
- Project #74.1 – Pacific Surfliner; double track intercity rail line within San Diego County, add maintenance yard in San Diego County - Oceanside Double Track. Original TCR application approved under Resolution TA-01-13. The California Department of Transportation is requesting the following change that is consistent with a minor amendment approval:
 - Project milestone schedule change from approved application.
Schedule change does not impact delivery of final project.
- Project #74.2 – Pacific Surfliner; double track intercity rail line within San Diego County, add maintenance yard in San Diego County - PEIR/EIS. Minor amendment to extend end date of the PEIR. Original TCR application approved under Resolution TA-01-13. The Department is requesting the following change that is consistent with a minor amendment approval:
 - Project milestone schedule change from approved application.
Schedule change does not impact delivery of final project.

- Project #99.1– San Joaquin Corridor; improve track and signals along San Joaquin intercity rail line in seven counties - Bowles to Calwa. Minor amendment to extend project end date by one fiscal year. Original TCR application approved under Resolution TA-01-17. The Department is requesting the following change that is consistent with a minor amendment approval:
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 - Schedule change impacts delivery of final project by one Fiscal Year
 - Project #139.1 – Balboa Park BART Station; phase I expansion - BART Station Improvements. Original TCR application approved under Resolution TAA-02-02, as amended by Resolution TAA-02-10. The San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District is requesting the following change that is consistent with a minor amendment approval:
 - Project cost increase <20%. No net increase in project cost. Increase taken from other project phase. Does not require additional funding commitment from appropriate agency.
 - Project #149 – Purchase of low-emission buses for express service on Route 17. Minor amendment to extend project end date by one fiscal year. Original TCR application approved under Resolution TA-01-06. The Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District is requesting the following change that is consistent with a minor amendment approval:
 - Schedule change impacts delivery of final project by one Fiscal Year
 - Project #151– Purchase of 5 alternative fuel buses for the Pasadena Area Rapid Transit System. Minor amendment to update project end date. Original TCR application approved under TA-01-09. The City of Pasadena is requesting the following change that is consistent with a minor amendment approval:
 - No fiscal year change. Meets intent of legislation that applications serves to program TCR funds by fiscal year;
and
- 2.2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all conditions stipulated in Resolution TA-02-05 for TCRP Sub-project #1.1 – BART to San Jose are still in effect; and
- 2.3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all conditions stipulated in Resolution TA-02-10 for Project #28 – Parking Structure at Transit Village at Richmond BART Station in Contra Costa County are still in effect; and

- 2.4 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
- 2.5 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; and
- 2.6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that CTC Resolutions TA-00-01, TA-01-06, TA-01-09, TA-01-13, TA-01-17, TA-02-02, TA-02-05, TA-02-10, TA-02-13, TA-01-11, TAA-01-05, and TAA-02-10 are hereby amended.