

Memorandum

To: Chair and Commissioners

Date: October 16, 2003

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Executive Director

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Action Item

Ref: Approval of Project for Future Consideration of Funding – Alameda Corridor East – Temple Avenue Grade Crossing Elimination and Train Diversion Project, near Los Angeles County line (Mitigated Negative Declaration). Resolution E-03-36 (TCRP #54.1)

Issue: Should the Commission approve the Alameda Corridor East Temple Avenue train diversion project for the Union Pacific Line, Alhambra Subdivision in Los Angeles County by adopting the attached resolution to approve future consideration of funding?

Recommendation: Commission staff recommends that the Commission, as a responsible agency, approve the attached Resolution E-03-36. As a responsible agency, the Commission must approve this Resolution prior to allocating funds for capital purposes on the proposed project.

Background: This resolution proposes to approve for future consideration of funding the following project for which a Mitigated Negative Declaration has been completed under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA):

- Alameda Corridor East, Temple Avenue Train Diversion Project, near Los Angeles County line (Mitigated Negative Declaration). Resolution E-03-36 (TCRP #54.1)

The project would provide a train diversion for virtually all trains (outgoing/incoming, except for local deliveries) from the Alhambra subdivision route to the Los Angeles subdivision that would enable closing of the crossings at both Temple Avenue and Pomona Boulevard. The project is proposed to reduce vehicular traffic congestion and to improve safety. A mitigated Negative Declaration has been filed by the lead agency, Alameda Corridor – East Construction Authority of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments, finding that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment.

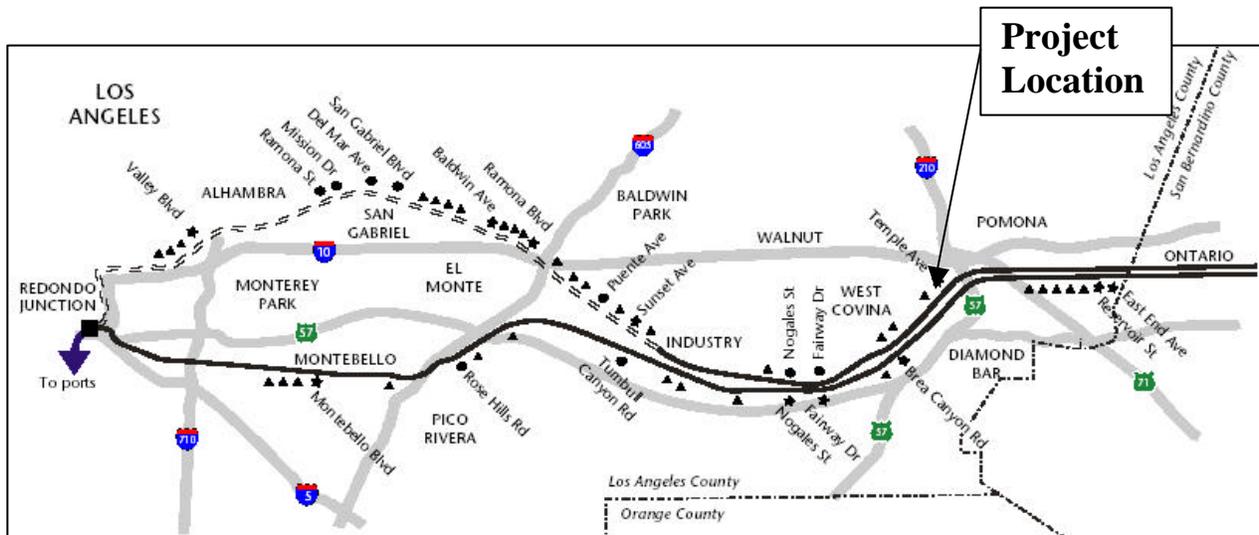
The current estimate for the project is \$273.6 million, of which \$130.3 million is proposed through the Governor's Traffic Congestion Relief (TCR) Program for Project #54.1. The remaining \$143.4 million will come from \$72.2 million in committed federal funds, \$3.8 million in local sales tax funds, \$12 million in funds from the Union Pacific, and \$38.7 million in State Transportation Improvement Program/Regional Transportation Improvement Program funding sources.

The Mitigated Negative Declaration has been transmitted to Commission staff. The Commission's approval and the resulting filing of the Notice of Determination with the Office of Planning and Research will satisfy the environmental requirements for this stage of the project planning process.

Attachment

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ALAMEDA CORRIDOR EAST Area and Project Location Temple Avenue Train Diversion Project Near Los Angeles County Line Area Location



CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Resolution for Approval of Project for Consideration of Future Funding For the Alameda Corridor East Temple Avenue Train Diversion Project, Near the Los Angeles County Line

Resolution E-03-36

- 1.1** **WHEREAS**, Alameda Corridor – East (ACE) Construction Authority of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the CEQA Guidelines, and the California Transportation Commission Environmental Regulations for the following project:
- Alameda Corridor East Temple Avenue Train Diversion Project, near the Los Angeles County Line (TCRP #54.1); and
- 1.2** **WHEREAS**, the California Transportation Commission, as a responsible agency, has considered the information contained in the Mitigated Negative Declaration; and
- 1.3** **WHEREAS**, the proposed project will not have a significant impact on the environment.
- 2.1** **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Commission, as a responsible agency, finds that the:
- project will not have a significant impact on the environment; and
 - Alameda Corridor East Temple Avenue Train Diversion Project, near the Los Angeles County Line (TCRP #54.1) is approved for future consideration of funding.