

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: April 7-8, 2004

Reference No.: 2.6e.(1)
Action Item

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Ref: **ALLOCATIONS FOR TRAFFIC CONGESTION RELIEF (TCR) PROGRAM PROJECTS,
RESOLUTION TFP-04-**

ISSUE:

On September 25, 2003, the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approved an AB 1335 Letter of No Prejudice (Letter) for the Alameda County Congestion Management Agency (ACCMA) for \$980,000 for Phase 4 – Construction of Parking Facility (TCR Project #27.3). Currently, the project is approximately 60% complete and is scheduled for completion in June 2004. Although the project is not yet completed, the ACCMA is requesting an allocation to convert the Letter for reimbursement from the TCR Fund

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the Commission deny the request of the ACCMA for one project allocation to convert a partially completed AB 1335 Letter of No Prejudice (Letter) because funds are not available and the uncertainty regarding the overall TCR Program. The project is identified on the attached Vote List.

BACKGROUND:

On August 14, 2003, the Commission approved the Guidelines for Letter of No Prejudice, Traffic Congestion Relief Program (Guidelines) under Resolution G-03-12. Included in the Guidelines is Section 5.3, which states, “When funds exist, the lead applicant agency with a partially completed phase(s) may request an allocation to convert the Letter for eligible costs to date and periodic (monthly) reimbursement for the remainder of the phase(s)”.

On January 10, 2004, the Administration released its budget proposals for FY 2004-05. The proposals include the transfer of \$189,000,000 from the TCR Fund to the General Fund, the elimination of TCR project definitions from statutes, and the rescission of all allocations and approvals for AB 1335 TCRP Letter of No Prejudice.

Given the uncertainties of the TCR Program, funds do not exist to meet the requirements stated in Section 5.3 of the Guidelines.

Attachment

Mass Transportation Financial Matters

Project # Allocation Amount Implementing Agency District-County	BREF # and Project Description Description of Amendment	Item # Program Code	Total Allocation Amount
2.6e.(1) Traffic Congestion Relief Program Projects			Resolution TFP-04-
1 \$0 City of Livermore Community Development Department 04 – Alameda/ Contra Costa County	Project #27.3 – Vasco Road Safety and Transit Enhancement Project in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. This allocation seeks to convert and reimburse previously approved AB1335 Letter of No Prejudice in amount of \$980,000 for Phase – Construction using Traffic Congestion Relief Funding. <u>The Department cannot recommend approval because of uncertainties in the current cash forecast.</u>	Chapter 91 of the Statutes of 2000 899 -3007 20.30.710.876	\$0