

Memorandum

To: Chairman and Commissioners

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Action

Ref: PROPOSITION 116 PROJECT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – CITY OF FRESNO
– PARKING LOT ADDITION TO SANTA FE STATION

ISSUE:

Should the Commission approve the Department of Transportation's (Department's) application to use \$625,501 in Proposition 116 (PUC) 99622[a]) funds to construct a 100 space parking lot immediately south and adjacent to the Santa Fe Station in the City of Fresno?

RECOMMENDATION:

Commission staff has reviewed the Proposition 116 n, as well as subsequent clarifications to the Proposition 116 application and recommends that the Commission approve the attached resolution, which would grant approval of the Department of Transportation's (Department's) application for \$625,501 in Proposition 116 funds to construct a 100 space parking lot at the City of Fresno's Santa Fe Station.

BACKGROUND:

In August 2005, Commission staff received an application requesting \$625,501 in Proposition 116 funds (PUC Section 99622[a]) to construct a 100 space parking lot, including landscaping, security lighting, fencing and other amenities for the parking lot at the Fresno Santa Fe Station.

Due to Amtrak funding constraints the City of Fresno was forced to shift local funds from the parking lot to cover the construction on the station. The Proposition 116 funds will restore funding to the parking lot, which will allow for an additional 100 spaces and other amenities.

In summary, the approval of the attached resolution will authorize \$625,501 in Proposition 116 funds (PUC Section 99622[a]) for construction of a 100 space parking lot.

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Commission Project Application Approval Amendment
Department of Transportation
Proposition 116 Application for the
City of Fresno Santa Fe Station Parking Lot

Resolution #PA-05-

- 1.1 WHEREAS, in June 1990 the voters approved Proposition 116, the Clean Air and Transportation Improvement Act, for \$1.99 billion for rail and mass transportation purposes; and
- 1.2 WHEREAS, the California Transportation Commission is designated in Proposition 116 to oversee the five grant programs over the 20-year term of the Proposition; and
- 1.3 WHEREAS, Proposition 116 calls for the Commission to establish an application process and to develop and adopt guidelines to implement those programs; and
- 1.4 WHEREAS, Proposition 116 establishes as a purpose of the application process that it "facilitate implementation of improved cost-effective transit service to the maximum number of Californians and to prevent the funds provided for by this part from being spent on needlessly costly features"; and
- 1.5 WHEREAS, Proposition 116 requires applications to specify full and complete capital plans, financial plans, and operating plans, including schedules and funding sources; and
- 1.6 WHEREAS, the Commission has established a Hazardous Waste Identification and Clean-up Policy (#G-91-2) that requires the local agency to have performed full due diligence in identifying the hazardous waste in the right-of-way and easements and properties as well as clean-up, and that the state has been indemnified from clean-up liability of damages, both present and future; and
- 1.7 WHEREAS, in December 1990 the Commission adopted policy and application guidelines (#G-90-23) for the Proposition 116 rail program; and
- 1.8 WHEREAS, Proposition 116 (PUC Section 99622 [a]) authorizes \$140,000,000 to the Department of Transportation (Department) for improvements to the Los Angeles-Fresno-San Francisco Bay Area passenger rail corridor and extension of the corridor to Sacramento; and
- 1.9 WHEREAS, in August 2005, the Commission received and reviewed an application from the Department requesting approval of \$625,501 in Proposition 116 funds to construct a 100 space parking lot, as well as landscaping, security lighting, fencing and other items as necessary for the parking lot for the City of Fresno's Santa Fe Station; and
- 1.10 WHEREAS, the August 2005, Proposition 116 application from the Department, including all supplemental information, has been reviewed by Commission staff, and appears to meet all

the basic requirements as specified in Proposition 116 and the Commission's policies and guidelines; and

- 2.1 BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Commission hereby approves the Proposition 116 application from the Department for the 100 space parking lot and other amenities at the City of Fresno's Santa Fe Station for \$625,501 in Proposition 116 funds; and
- 2.2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Proposition 116 project approval by the Commission reserves the State funding within the Program, and allows project development work to be undertaken by the applicant agency, which will be subject to state reimbursement pursuant to the Commission's "Guidelines for Allocating, Monitoring, and Auditing Funds for Local Assistance Projects" and subsequent fund transfer agreement.