

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: November 2-3, 2005

Reference No.: 2.1c.(5)
Action Item

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Ref: **TRAFFIC CONGESTION RELIEF PROGRAM (TCRP) PROJECT APPLICATION
AMENDMENT APPROVAL
RESOLUTION TAA-05-37, AMENDING RESOLUTION TA-00-02**

The California Department of Transportation (Department) requests approval of the following Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP) project application amendment, with no net change to TCRP funding.

Project #148.1 – Route 98; widening of eight miles between Route 111 and Route 7 from two lanes to four lanes in Imperial county. Amend application to:

- Update project schedule and funding plan.

RECOMMENDATION

The Department recommends approval.

BACKGROUND

In October 2000, environmental studies for the widening of the existing alignment, and consideration of alternative alignments, began. However, due to State Budget shortfalls in December 2002, the Department was unable to execute new contracts for environmental services. In addition, the region was beginning to experience increased growth and significant land use changes. There was speculation that this growth could dramatically accelerate, but these speculations were not acknowledged in formal planning documents. At that time, the traffic models indicated only the widening of the existing alignment was warranted. However, regional advocates, including the County of Imperial and the City of Calexico, believed that future growth patterns and expected land use changes would require a new alignment.

Due to the project development process impasse combined with the State Budget shortfalls, the environmental work was put on hold until more refined future traffic projections, growth, and land use information became available.

In the past two years, much of the previously speculated growth has occurred. Major land use developments have provided a foundation for revised traffic modeling and identification of interregional trips. This information, combined with increasing congestion, has prompted the agencies involved to restart the environmental process.

A concurrent re-allocation of \$1,149,000 for environmental is requested under Reference No. 2.6e.(2).

RESOLUTION

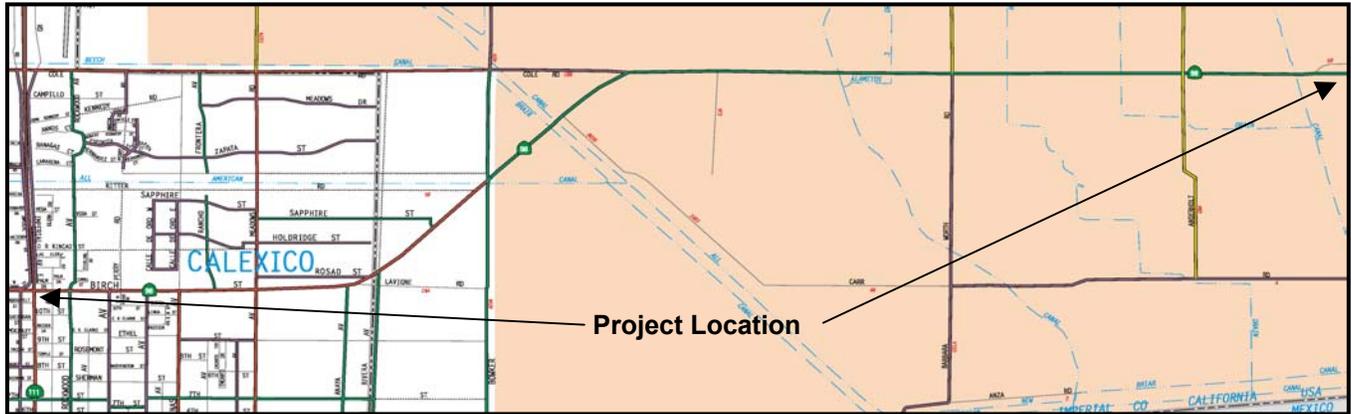
Resolved, with all conditions stipulated still in effect, the California Transportation Commission hereby revises TCRP Project #148.1 as follows:

Revises:

County	District	BREF	TCRP											
Imperial	11	148.1	\$ 8,900											
Completion (FY)		Phase 1	03/04 09/10					Phase 3	11/12					
		Phase 2	06/07 11/12					Phase 4	13/14					
Lead Agency:	California Department of Transportation													
Implementing:	Same													
Description:	Route 98; widening of eight miles between Route 111 and Route 7 from two lanes to four lanes													
(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)														
FUND	TOTAL	Project Totals by Fiscal Year						Project Totals by Component						
		Prior	05/06	06/07	07/08	08/09	Beyond	R/W	CON	PA&ED	PS&E	R/W Supp	CON Supp	
TCRP - Committed														
Existing	3,500	3,500								2,500	1,000			
Change	0													
Proposed	3,500	3,500								2,500	1,000			
TCRP - Proposed														
Existing	5,400					5,400	5,400							
Change	0													
Proposed	5,400					5,400	5,400							
STIP-RIP														
Existing	2,500	2,500								2,500				
Change	0													
Proposed	2,500	2,500								2,500				
IVAG														
Existing	1,100					1,100	1,100							
Change	0													
Proposed	1,100					1,100	1,100							
SAFETEA-LU														
Existing	0													
Change	4,000					4,000					4,000			
Proposed	4,000					4,000					4,000			
Future														
Existing	46,900					46,900	17,800	29,100						
Change	0													
Proposed	46,900					46,900	17,800	29,100						
Total														
Existing	59,400	6,000				53,400	24,300	29,100	5,000	1,000				
Change	4,000	0				4,000	0	0	0	4,000				
Proposed	63,400	6,000				57,400	24,300	29,100	5,000	5,000				

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Location Map



TCRP #148.1

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