

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

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Action Item

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Subject: **FINANCIAL REALLOCATION FOR TRAFFIC CONGESTION RELIEF PROGRAM (TCRP) PROJECTS**
RESOLUTION TFP-06-12

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve Resolution TFP-06-12, reallocating \$8,285,000 in previously allocated Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP) funds for the two projects identified on the attached Vote List.

ISSUE:

TCRP funds are available for expenditure for five years. However, with the previous suspension of Proposition 42, some TCRP projects were unable to proceed. Proposition 42 has been restored and these projects are ready to proceed, but TCRP funds are in danger of lapsing and must be reallocated before the project can continue.

BACKGROUND:

On September 28, 2000, the Commission adopted the TCRP Guidelines (Guidelines) under Resolution G-00-23. Section 3.3 of the Guidelines outline states allocated TCRP funds be available for expenditure and reimbursement for up to five years after the date of the allocation.

TCRP funding is derived from Proposition 42. However, this funding was partially suspended in FY 2003-04 and fully suspended in FY 2004-05 in response to the fiscal crisis experienced by the State at that time. In response to the future availability of TCRP funds being in doubt, both applicant and implementing agencies decelerated the expenditure rate of some projects and/or in some cases suspended all activities pending future funds becoming available. In FY 2005-06, Proposition 42 funds were restored and projects are once again proceeding.

Initial allocations of TCRP funds were made beginning in September 2000. The unspent portions of those early allocations started to expire in September 2005. Projects ready to continue are at risk of further delays and incurring higher costs if these expiring allocations are not reallocated.

The following list identifies nine projects for a total \$2,256,000 in TCRP allocations that will expire at the end of June 2006. Please note however, unless the project is complete, they may return for re-allocation at a future date:

- \$12,000 – Project #13 – CalTrain Peninsula Corridor; acquire rolling stock, add passing tracks, and construct pedestrian access structure at stations.
- \$6,000 – Project #27.2 – Vasco Road ACE station commuter parking facility.
- \$53,000 – Project #41.1 – Route 5; add HOV lanes on Golden State Freeway.
- \$143,000 – Project #55.2 – Alameda Corridor East; grade separations on Burlington Northern-Santa Fe and Union Pacific Railroad lines.
- \$812,000 – Project #56 – Metrolink; track and signal improvements.
- \$496,000 – Project #87.1 – Routes 94/125; build two new freeway connector ramps.
- \$80,000 – Project #97.1 – Operational improvements on Shaw Avenue.
- \$1,000 – Project #108 – Route 5; add North Bound Route 205 to Route 120.
- \$653,000 – Project #122 – Route 65; widening project from 7th Standard Road to Route 190 in Porterville.

The following are two projects ready to proceed and will continue to need the remaining balance of previously allocated TCRP funds otherwise set to expire at the end of June 2006:

- \$7,529,000 – Project #41.2 – Route 5; add HOV lanes on Golden State Freeway through San Fernando Valley, Route 170 to Route 14 Los Angeles County
- \$756,000 – Project #44 – Route 47; construct interchange at Ocean Boulevard Overpass in the City of Long Beach in Los Angeles County.

Approval of this reallocation request extends the availability of the TCRP funds, allowing the two TCRP projects identified above to continue to expend funds beyond the current five-year time limit.

Justification:

Project #41.2

The TCRP allocations for Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E) and Right of Way (R/W) were for preliminary right-of-way work, utility investigation, obtaining title report, base mapping, and geotechnical investigation. The preliminary work has been completed. Re-allocation will allow the remaining funds to be used for completing final design and full right-of-way acquisition.

Project #44

PS&E and R/W are complete and Construction is underway. However, variance in costs between Support and Capital require amendment of the Cooperative Agreement for the expenditure and reimbursement of the eligible costs. Negotiations are ongoing between the agency and the Department to utilize the excess support costs for the under-funded capital costs.

FINANCIAL RESOLUTION:

Resolved That:

The project(s), as component phases or in their entirety, appear under Government Code Section 14556.40(a) and are entitled to participate in this allocation amendment.

Reimbursement of eligible costs is subject to the policies, restrictions and assurances as set forth in the Commission's policy for allocating, monitoring, and auditing TCRP projects, and is governed by the terms and conditions of the Fund Transfer Agreement, Program Supplement or Cooperative Agreement, and subsequent amendments to the same if required, as executed between the Implementing Agency and the Department.

Attachment

2.6 Mass Transportation Financial Matters

Project # Allocation Amount Implementing Agency District-County	BREF # and Project Description Description of Allocation	Item # Program Code	Total Allocation Amount
2.6e.(1) Traffic Congestion Relief Program Projects – Re-allocations		Resolution TFP-06-12	
1 \$7,529,000 California Department of Transportation 07 – Los Angeles	Project #41.2 – Route 5; add HOV lanes on Golden State Freeway through San Fernando Valley, Route 170 to Route 14 Los Angeles County. Construct High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane in each direction in the median on Route 5, from Route 170 to Route 118. Re-allocate \$7,529,000 in previously allocated TCRP funding for Plans, Specifications and Estimates and Right of Way.	Chapter 91 of the Statutes of 2000 889-3007 20.10.710.870	\$7,529,000
2 \$756,000 Port of Long Beach 07 – Los Angeles	Project #44 – Route 47; construct interchange at Ocean Boulevard Overpass in the City of Long Beach in Los Angeles County. Construct a grade-separated interchange at Ocean Boulevard and the Terminal Island Freeway, and at Ocean Boulevard and Henry Ford Avenue. Re-allocate \$756,000 in previously allocated TCRP funding for Plans, Specifications and Estimates, and Right of Way.	Chapter 91 of the Statutes of 2000 889-3007 20.10.710.870	\$756,000