

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-06-15

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve Resolution TFP-06-15, reallocating \$11,435,000 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 two projects are ready to proceed and will continue to need the remaining balance of previously allocated TCRP funds otherwise set to expire at the end of July 2006:

- \$9,000,000 – Project #20.2 – San Francisco Muni Third Street Light Rail; extend third Street line to Chinatown (tunnel) in the City and County of San Francisco.
- \$2,435,000 – Project #31 – Route 580; construct eastbound HOV lanes from Tassajara Road/Santa Rita Road to Vasco Road in Alameda County.

Approval of these reallocation requests 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 #20.2

Due to the decision to select an alternative route for the subway, under Fourth Street instead of Third Street, there is a subsequent need for additional environmental work and an extension of the period for construction based on an updated analysis of the new alternative route.

Project #31

Due to temporary suspension of allocating new TCRP funds, work was suspended. Previous completed environmental studies have lapsed or expired and are now required to be redone as the project is resuming.

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 Re-Allocations		Resolution TFP-06-15	
1 \$9,000,000 San Francisco County Transportation Authority 04 – San Francisco	<p>Project #20.2 – San Francisco Muni Third Street Light Rail; extend third Street line to Chinatown (tunnel) in the City and County of San Francisco.</p> <p>Extend the Central Subway segment of the project from 4th and King Streets to Chinatown as well as procure three additional light rail vehicles.</p> <p>Re-allocate \$9,000,000 in previously allocated TCRP funding to Plans, Specifications and Estimates.</p>	Chapter 91 of the Statutes of 2000 889-3007 30.10.710.010	\$9,000,000
2 \$2,435,000 Alameda County Congestion Management Agency 04 – Alameda	<p>Project #31 – Route 580; construct eastbound HOV lanes from Tassajara Road/Santa Rita Road to Vasco Road in Alameda County.</p> <p>Construct eastbound High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes on I-580 from west of Tassajara Road in Pleasanton to east of Vasco Road in Livermore, a distance of approximately 18 kilometers (11 miles).</p> <p>Re-allocate \$2,435,000 in previously allocated TCRP funding to Project Approval and Environmental Document.</p>	Chapter 91 of the Statutes of 2000 889-3007 20.10.710.870	\$2,435,000