

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: February 22-23, 2012

Reference No.: 4.11
Action

From: BIMLA G. RHINEHART
Executive Director

Subject: **TRADE CORRIDORS IMPROVEMENT FUND (TCIF) – PROGRAM AMENDMENT
RESOLUTION TCIF-P-1112-017**

ISSUE:

Should the Commission approve the proposed TCIF Program Amendment to delete TCIF Project 16: *SR-47 Expressway Project* and TCIF Project 31: *New Cerritos Channel Rail Bridge Project* and related funding totaling \$196.3 million from the Los Angeles/Inland Corridor element of the TCIF Program and reprogram \$20.7 million to the *Alameda Corridor West Terminus Intermodal Railyard-West Basin Railyard Extension Project*, \$35.9 million to the *Cargo Transportation Improvement Emission Reduction Program*, and \$37.6 million to the *Baldwin Avenue Grade Separation Project*?

RECOMMENDATION:

Commission staff recommends that the Commission approve the proposed TCIF Program Amendment to delete TCIF Project 16: *SR-47 Expressway Project* and TCIF Project 31: *New Cerritos Channel Rail Bridge Project* and related funding totaling \$196.3 million from the Los Angeles/Inland Corridor element of the TCIF Program and reprogram \$20.7 million to the *Alameda Corridor West Terminus Intermodal Railyard-West Basin Railyard Extension Project*, \$35.9 million to the *Cargo Transportation Improvement Emission Reduction Program*, and \$37.6 million to the *Baldwin Avenue Grade Separation Project*?

BACKGROUND:

The Southern California Consensus Group (SCCG) and the Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority (ACTA) propose to amend the TCIF Program by deleting TCIF Project 16: *SR-47 Expressway Project* and TCIF Project 31: *New Cerritos Channel Rail Bridge Project* and related funding totaling \$196.3 million from the Los Angeles/Inland Corridor element of the TCIF Program. The projects have funding and schedule challenges which prohibit delivery within the constraints of the TCIF Program.

It is important to note, that with the deletion of TCIF Projects 16 and 31, the SCCG has eliminated all over programming for their corridor and is approximately \$95 million below the financially constrained target of \$1.5 billion for their corridor.

As the deletion of TCIF Projects 16 and 31 provide TCIF programming capacity of \$95 million within the SCCG corridor, the SCCG is concurrently requesting that the Commission program \$20.7 million to the *Alameda Corridor West Terminus Intermodal Railyard-West Basin Railyard Extension Project*, \$35.9 million to the *Cargo Transportation Improvement Emission Reduction Program*, and \$37.6 million to the *Baldwin Avenue Grade Separation Project*, representing a total of \$94.2 million in reprogramming.

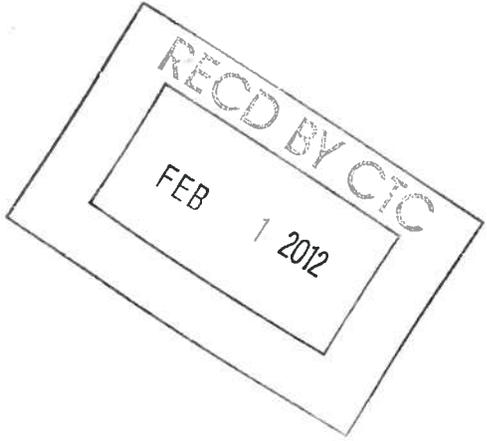
The SCCG supports the proposed amendment to the TCIF Program and requests the Commission's concurrence (see attached letter dated January 18, 2012).



January 18, 2012



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Dear Ms. Rhinehart:



METROLINK

The Southern California Consensus Group regrets to inform you that, due to circumstances beyond their immediate control, ACTA will be unable to meet the TCIF deadline and must delete their projects from the TCIF program. The two projects (SR 47 Port Access Expressway/Heim Bridge Replacement and Ports Rail System – Tier I (New Cerritos Rail Bridge)) have a combined TCIF allocation of \$196,330,000. For more details regarding this matter, please see ACTA's attached letter.



THE PORT OF LOS ANGELES

The deletion of these two projects addresses the Corridor's over-programming at this time. However we anticipate future project savings which will bring our allocation below the statutory minimum for the Corridor, providing additional allocation capacity for eligible new projects. We will return to you to seek approval of programming of the remaining balance as the Corridor realizes project savings.



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At this time, the Corridor agencies would like to recommend the following projects for consideration by the Commission:



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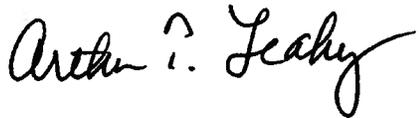


<u>Port of Los Angeles</u>	
Alameda Corridor West Terminus Intermodal Railyard-West Basin Railyard Extension (TCIF#32; to be operated with electrified handling equipment)	\$20,712,157
POLA Cargo Transportation Improvement Emission Reduction (CTIER) Program	\$35,868,843
<u>Alameda Corridor-East Construction Authority</u>	
Baldwin Avenue Grade Separation Project – City of El Monte	\$37,637,800
TOTAL	\$94,219,800

Both ACE and the Port of Los Angeles have submitted the necessary documents seeking Commission approval of the programming of the TCIF funds requested at the February Commission meeting.

As always, we thank you for your leadership and remain strongly committed to improving the movement of goods as well as people in this region.

Sincerely,



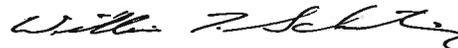
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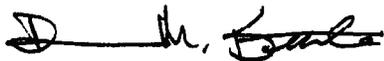
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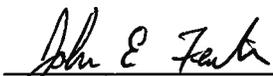
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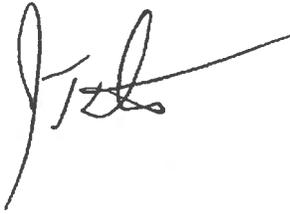
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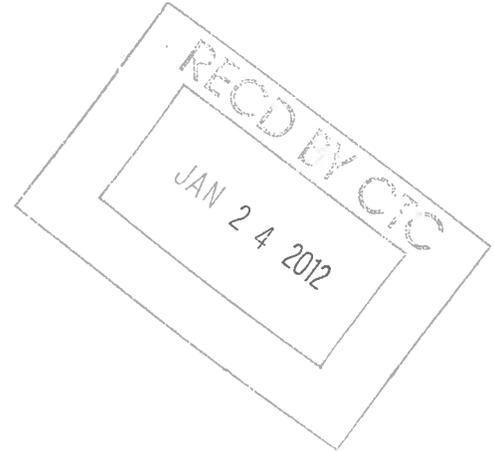
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January 20, 2012

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Dear Ms. Rhinehart:

The Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority (ACTA) respectfully submits to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) its need to deprogram \$196.3 million in TCIF funds allocated to two projects: the SR-47 Expressway Project and the New Cerritos Channel Rail Bridge Project.

Both projects are being delayed due to local match and schedule issues. The local match issue involves the indefinite deferral of the infrastructure fee that the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach had proposed to implement. In addition, the schedule issues are as follows:

1. The SR-47 Expressway Project, with \$158 million in TCIF funding, is awaiting the resolution of environmental litigation, causing postponement of final design. ACTA will, therefore, be unable to meet the December 2013 construction start deadline as required by the TCIF program.
2. The New Cerritos Channel Rail Bridge Project, with \$38 million in TCIF funding, has been reprioritized, due to the decline in cargo volume and slow economic recovery, which substantially delays the need for the project.

The Southern California Consensus Group will submit a proposal for reprogramming the funds. We appreciate the support the CTC had originally provided for these two projects.

Sincerely,

John T. Doherty, P.E.
Chief Executive Officer