

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: June 11, 2013

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Action Item

From: NORMA ORTEGA
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Subject: **TRADE CORRIDORS IMPROVEMENT FUND-PROJECT BASELINE AMENDMENT
RESOLUTION TCIF-P-1213-68, AMENDING RESOLUTION TCIF-P-1213-22**

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) amend the Trade Corridors Improvement Fund (TCIF) Project Baseline Agreement for Project 48, Avenue 56 Grade Separation (PPNO 1124). The Southern California Consensus Group concurs with this amendment and the requested changes.

ISSUE:

The Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) and the County of Riverside (County) propose to amend the TCIF Project Baseline Agreement for Project 48, Avenue 56 Grade Separation (Project), to update the delivery schedule, cost, and funding plan.

BACKGROUND:

The Project was adopted into the TCIF Program by the Commission on April 10, 2008. A Project Baseline Agreement executed by the Department, the Commission, and the County was approved on October 29, 2008, under Resolution TCIF-P-0809-04B. A Project Baseline Agreement Amendment was approved December 6, 2012, under Resolution TCIF-P-1213-22, to update the project delivery schedule, cost, and funding plan.

The Project will provide an elevated structure over the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) and Grapefruit Boulevard to replace the current at-grade crossing. A UPRR at-grade crossing currently exists on Avenue 56 (Airport Boulevard) in eastern Riverside County just south of the City of Coachella and west of State Highway 86S (SH-86S).

The Project will eliminate impacts from the existing at-grade crossing including emergency vehicle response delays, greenhouse gases generated by traffic delayed by trains, and adverse neighborhood impacts including delays, noise pollution, and safety impacts. The Project will improve the reliability of the UPRR system by eliminating the potential for vehicle or pedestrian versus train accidents.

Due to community input, the scope of the Project was modified to include retrofitting a sidewalk on the adjacent bridge and designing sidewalks to match up with a new interchange on SH-86S to provide a safe and continuous route for pedestrians. Therefore, a greater level of effort was spent developing project alternatives and alignment studies than was originally anticipated. The environmental phase was delayed pending the hiring of a consulting engineering firm. Once the environmental phase began, it was completed on July 28, 2011, which was less time than originally programmed.

The End of Design Phase was delayed nearly four months until March 28, 2013 due to changes required to accommodate utility relocations and pending receipt of structural design approval from the Union Pacific Railroad.

The End of Right of Way Phase was extended nearly five months until May 30, 2013 due to negotiations with property owners and for condemnation proceedings to continue on several parcels.

The Begin Construction Phase will be extended nearly three months until December 1, 2013 to accommodate the processing of funding requests prior to advertising and awarding the construction contract. The County anticipates advertising the Project in Summer 2013, which will assure that the Project will begin construction prior to the TCIF construction contract execution deadline of December 2013. Therefore, the End of Construction Phase will be extended until February 28, 2016 for construction contract acceptance. Also, the Begin Closeout Phase will be extended by nine months.

The following table provides a list of the Project’s milestones with the current approved and proposed delivery schedule:

Project Milestone	Current Approved	Proposed	Change
Begin Environmental Phase	09/01/2010	---	No Change
End Environmental Phase	07/28/2011	---	No Change
Begin Design Phase	03/28/2011	---	No Change
End Design Phase	12/07/2012	03/28/2013	4 Months
Begin Right of Way Phase	03/28/2011	---	No Change
End Right of Way Phase	12/27/2012	05/30/2013	5 Months
Begin Construction Phase	09/30/2013	12/01/2013	2 Months
End Construction Phase	09/30/2015	02/28/2016	5 Months
Begin Closeout	10/01/2015	06/15/2016	9 Months
End Closeout	02/30/2016	10/15/2016	8 Months

RCTC and the County also request an update to the Project funding plan. The revised engineer's estimates are an increase in construction costs to the project. RCTC is also requesting to increase the TCIF funding by \$5,066,000, available through TCIF project cost savings generated in Riverside County, which increases their total Project cost to \$31,658,000, as shown in the following table.

(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)									
FUND SOURCE	TOTAL	Totals by Fiscal Year				Totals by Project Phase			
		Prior	10/11	11/12	12/13	PA&ED	PS&E	R/W	CONST
State Bond - Trade Corridor Improvement Funds (TCIF)									
Current Approved	10,000				10,000				10,000
Change	5,066				5,066				5,066
Proposed	15,066				15,066				15,066
Local Funds – Economic Development Agency (EDA)									
Current Approved	4,000	1,000			3,000		1,000	1,000	2,000
Change	0	0			0		0	0	0
Proposed	4,000	1,000			3,000		1,000	1,000	2,000
Local Funds – Miscellaneous County Funds									
Current Approved	5,352				5,352				5,352
Change	-2,760				-2,760				-2,760
Proposed	2,592				2,592				2,592
Local Funds – Transportation Uniform Mitigation Funds (TUMF)									
Current Approved	10,000	1,450			8,550	295	1,268	2,289	6,148
Change	0	0			0	0	0	0	0
Proposed	10,000	1,450			8,550	295	1,268	2,289	6,148
TOTAL									
Current Approved	29,352	2,450			26,902	295	2,268	3,289	23,500
Change	2,306	0			2,306	0	0	0	2,306
Proposed	31,658	2,450			29,208	295	2,268	3,289	25,806

RESOLUTION TCIF-P-1213-68

Be it Resolved, that the California Transportation Commission does hereby amend the Trade Corridors Improvement Fund Baseline Agreement for Project 48, Avenue 56 Grade Separation Project (PPNO 1124), in accordance with the changes described and illustrated above.

Attachment



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Attachment

April 25, 2013

Mr. Andre Boutros
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Dear Mr. Boutros: *Andre*

The Southern California Consensus Group has discussed and approved the changes requested by our partner agency. It is our understanding that the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) is requesting to amend their Baseline Agreements for Project #46 - Sunset Avenue Grade Separation, Project #48 - Avenue 56 Grade Separation, Project #50 - Clay Street Grade Separation, Project #53 - Grade Separation at Magnolia Avenue Railroad Grade Crossing, & Project #85 - Avenue 52 Grade Separation due to schedule modifications and project costs.

RCTC is also requesting to reallocate \$13.4 million from TCIF project savings.

- \$3,600,000 to Project #51 - Riverside Avenue Grade Separation.
- \$5,065,324 to Project #48 - Avenue 56 Grade Separation.
- \$746,613 to Project #50 - Clay Street Grade Separation.
- \$3,996,397 to Project #53 - Grade Separation at Magnolia Avenue Railroad Grade Crossing

The proposed modifications do not change the TCIF funds for RCTC.

Please see the attached letter detailing the requested changes. Please direct any questions or comments regarding this issue to me at (213) 922-3061. We appreciate the ongoing support and guidance provided by you and your staff.

Sincerely,

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