

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: June 11, 2013

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

From: NORMA ORTEGA
Chief Financial Officer

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Subject: **TRADE CORRIDORS IMPROVEMENT FUND-PROJECT BASELINE AMENDMENT
RESOLUTION TCIF-P-1213-73, AMENDING RESOLUTION TCIF-P-1213-30**

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 85, Avenue 52 Grade Separation (PPNO 1142). The Southern California Consensus Group concurs with this amendment and the requested changes.

ISSUE:

The Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) and the City of Coachella (City) propose to amend the TCIF Project Baseline Agreement for Project 85, Avenue 52 Grade Separation (Project), to update the delivery schedule and cost.

BACKGROUND:

The Project was adopted into the TCIF Program by the Commission on March 23, 2011. A Project Baseline Agreement executed between the Department, the Commission, and the City was approved on September 15, 2011, under Resolution TCIF-P-1112-08B. A baseline amendment to update the delivery schedule, cost, and funding plan was approved on December 6, 2012, under Resolution TCIF-P-1213-30.

The Project is located in the City of Coachella and the Project scope includes the construction of a grade separation bridge that will carry traffic on Avenue 52 over Grapefruit Boulevard and Union Pacific Railroads (UPRR) two existing tracks by means of a reinforced concrete bridge. The Project is needed to 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 of pedestrian versus train accidents and to allow for expansion of the rail corridor without additional public safety or neighborhood impacts.

The two-month delay for the right of way (R/W) is due to the required Resolutions of Necessity (RON) adoption by the City Council for all parcels and the on-going negotiations with the property owners. The City anticipates having the R/W Certification the end of May 2013. Subsequently, the construction has been delayed due to the R/W certification and the timing to process the request for authorization of federal funds. The following table provides a list of the Project's milestones with current approved and proposed delivery schedule:

Project Milestone	Current Approved	Proposed	Change
Begin Environmental Phase	--	--	No Change
End Environmental Phase	07/18/2012	--	No Change
Begin Design Phase	07/19/2012	--	No Change
End Design Phase	04/01/2013	--	No Change
Begin Right of Way Phase	07/19/2012	--	No Change
End Right of Way Phase	04/01/2013	05/31/13	2 Months
Begin Construction Phase	08/01/2013	10/15/13	2 1/2 Months
End Construction Phase	03/31/2015	--	No Change
Begin Closeout	04/01/2015	--	No Change
End Closeout	09/01/2015	--	No Change

The RCTC and the City also request an update to the Project funding plan. The Project cost has increased by \$5,500,000 based on the latest engineer's estimate and on-going R/W acquisition; the additional Project cost is being funded by the City and the Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG). The updated total project cost is 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	0				0				0
Proposed	10,000				10,000				10,000
Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ)									
Current Approved	10,180	2,362			7,818	2,362			7,818
Change	0	0			0	0			0
Proposed	10,180	2,362			7,818	2,362			7,818
Local Transportation Funds (LTF) – City of Coachella									
Current Approved	2,806	306			2,500	306		2,500	0
Change	5,500	0			5,500	0		500	5,000
Proposed	8,306	306			8,000	306		3,000	5,000
2009 Annual Appropriation Earmark - Surface Transportation Priorities - LTF									
Current Approved	380				380				380
Change	0				0				0
Proposed	380				380				380
Private Funds – Railroad Contribution (Private)									
Current Approved	1,000				1,000				1,000
Change	0				0				0
Proposed	1,000				1,000				1,000
TOTAL									
Current Approved	24,366	2,668			21,698	2,668		2,500	19,198
Change	5,500	0			5,500	0		500	5,000
Proposed	29,866	2,668			27,198	2,668		3,000	24,198

RESOLUTION TCIF-P-1213-73

Be it Resolved, that the California Transportation Commission does hereby amend the Trade Corridors Improvement Fund Baseline Agreement for Project 85, Avenue 52 Grade Separation (PPNO 1142), in accordance with the changes described and illustrated above.

Attachment



Metro

Los Angeles County
Metropolitan Transportation Authority

One Gateway Plaza
Los Angeles, CA 90012-2952
Reference No. : 2.1c.(5h)
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June 11, 2013
Attachment

April 25, 2013

Mr. Andre Boutros
Executive Director
California Transportation Commission
1120 "N" Street, Mail Stop: 52

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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Deputy Executive Officer

cc: Southern California Consensus Group
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