

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: March 26, 2015

Reference No.: 4.8
Action

From: WILL KEMPTON
Executive Director

Subject: **TRADE CORRIDORS IMPROVEMENT FUND PROGRAM AMENDMENT
RESOLUTION TCIF-P-1415-09**

ISSUE:

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) amend the Trade Corridors Improvement Fund (TCIF) Program to add the *YTI Terminal Enhancement & Truck Trip Reduction Program* in the Port of Los Angeles as TCIF Project 108 at a cost of \$9.533 million in TCIF funds?

RECOMMENDATION:

Commission staff recommends the Commission approve the proposed TCIF Program Amendment to add into the TCIF Program project 108, the *YTI Terminal Enhancement & Truck Trip Reduction Program* in the Port of Los Angeles.

BACKGROUND:

Project 108

The Southern California Consensus Group (SCCG) and the Port of Los Angeles (POLA) propose to amend the TCIF Program by including the YTI Terminal Enhancement & Truck Trip Reduction Program as Project 108 in the Los Angeles/Inland Corridor element of the TCIF Program and program \$9.533 million of TCIF funds to the project.

The proposed \$9.533 million in TCIF funds includes the construction of an additional berth and the expansion of the on-dock railyard in the existing container terminal. The additional berth and dredging is needed to accommodate larger vessels to enable more efficient movement of containers through POLA. The larger vessels produce fewer emissions than the current vessels. They also aid in maximizing the use of the on-dock railyard by providing higher concentration of rail containers for each vessel. The project will be delivered in two phases. Phase one constructs Bert/Wharf improvements for \$8.401 million in TCIF funds. Phase 2 constructs on-dock rail yard improvements for \$1.132 million in TCIF funds. Since award savings in TCIF funds were realized in the Los Angeles/Inland Corridor, the SCCG and POLA proposed to place TCIF savings on this project (see attached letters). The total cost of the project is estimated at \$51.198 million.

Attachments

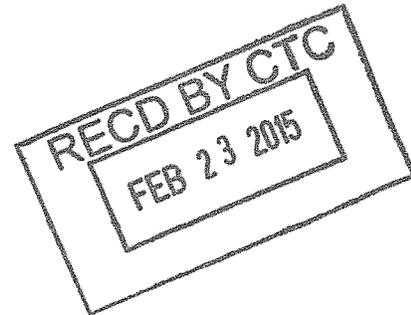
- Letters of Support



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February 12, 2015

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Dear Mr. Kempton:

The Southern California Consensus Group has discussed and is in agreement with the TCIF programming requested by our partner agencies. It is our understanding that the Port of Los Angeles (POLA) is requesting to seek funding of \$9,533,500 in Trade Corridor Improvement Funds (TCIF) for a new project; the construction of the YTI Terminal Efficiency Enhancement and Truck Trip Reduction Program. This total includes \$4.971 million in TCIF cost savings previously realized in the Southern California region as well as an anticipated \$4.389 million in future TCIF cost savings from existing POLA TCIF projects. Additionally, the Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA) is requesting to seek funding of \$7,407,500 in TCIF for three new projects; the construction of the Ramona Blvd. and Citrus Ave. Grade Crossing Improvement, the construction of the Control Point Soledad Speed Increase Project, and the construction of the Hellman Ave. Grade Crossing Improvement.

Please see the attached letters detailing the individual programming requests. We understand both POLA and SCRRA intend to submit formal applications to the CTC in February 2015 for action in March 2015. Please direct any questions or comments regarding this issue to me at (213) 922-2887.

We appreciate the ongoing support and guidance provided by you and your staff.

Sincerely,

Wil Ridder
Executive Officer

cc: Southern California Consensus Group
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February 10, 2015

Will Kempton
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Dear Will:

SUBJECT: PROPOSITION 1B TRADE CORRIDORS IMPROVEMENT FUND (TCIF) – REQUEST FOR PROGRAMMING AND BASELINE AGREEMENT (revised)

For the March 2015 CTC meeting, the Port of Los Angeles (POLA) respectfully requests the following for a proposed new POLA TCIF project:

1. De-allocation of expected savings from four POLA TCIF projects currently under construction
 - The de-allocation requests have been made separately to the respective Caltrans TCIF project managers (see attached letter).
 - As allowed by the CTC and Caltrans, the POLA is excluding construction support from the de-allocation computation for project #19.
 - As approved by the CTC and Caltrans on February 4, 2015, for TCIF #22 and #32.2 that are “off system” projects,” although the vote box for construction support was not checked, the POLA is eligible to obtain reimbursement for construction support costs.
2. Reprogramming of these particular savings along with \$4.552 million in available Southern California Trade Corridor (SCTC) TCIF to the new POLA project:
 - This project entails two primary components: container terminal yard/wharf improvements, and an existing on-dock railyard expansion. For TCIF allocation purposes, we are requesting two phases for these two components, with the on-dock railyard component allocation request to be delayed until October/November 2015 at the latest, for the following reasons:
 - Railyard final design is lagging slightly behind that of the wharf/container yard component
 - For the railyard, we have recently elected to pursue additional funds from the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (METRO), via their 2015 “Call For Projects” program. METRO will not be announcing project awards until June or July. Also, the awarded funds may be federal CMAQ or RSTP funds. Hence, we would need to delay advertising for this element, even though we expect to be ready in April/May. The railyard constitutes a very small portion of the overall project, \$6.08 million or 12% of total project cost.
 - For container yard/wharf component, we anticipate advertising for construction in late February 2015. As this is an off-system project, we are of the understanding that we can advertise slightly in advance of the expected allocation approval at the March 2015 CTC meeting, at our own risk of course, acknowledging that we will award the contract after the allocation.

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- Approval for future consideration of funding was approved by the Commission on January 22, 2015.
3. POLA signed Baseline Agreement (previously transmitted; see attached revised PPR forms for the two phases)
 4. Allocation request of \$8,471,500 for the first phase (container yard/wharf improvements); separate submittal to Caltrans (Bruce Roberts) sent January 23, 2015

The programming details are as follows:

YTI Terminal Efficiency Enhancement & Truck Trip Reduction Program	
Available SCTC Funds Approved for POLA	\$ 5,144,500
POLA Total de-allocations	\$ 4,389,000
TCIF # 19: I-110/SR-47/John S Gibson Blvd	\$ (1,321,000)
TCIF #22: South Wilmington Grade Separation	\$ (1,979,000)
TCIF #32.2: Berth 200 Railyard	\$ (1,089,000)
Total Funds for Reprogramming	\$ 9,533,500
YTI Terminal Program Cost (including pre-construction)	\$ 51,198,000

Thank you very much for assistance, cooperation, and patience in this matter. If you need additional information, please do not hesitate to call (310-357-4996).

Sincerely,



Kerry Cartwright, P.E.
Director of Goods Movement

KC: ss

Attachments:

- Revised PPR forms

Cc: Stephen Maller, CTC
Dawn Cheser, Caltrans
Bruce Roberts, Caltrans