

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: August 13-14, 2003

Reference No.: 2.1a.(2)
Action Item

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Ref: STIP AMENDMENT 02S-095

The City of Glendale is requesting the California Transportation Commission (Commission) to approve this State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) amendment. This amendment was noticed at the June 2003 Commission meeting. The Commission recommended this amendment to be brought back for discussion at the August 2003 meeting.

The City of Glendale proposes to augment the project scope of Glendale Grade Separation (PPNO 9814) in Los Angeles County to include the widening of the Eastbound Central Avenue Off-Ramp on Route 134. The widening of Eastbound Central Avenue Off-Ramp project significantly relieves the traffic congestion and improves the operational efficiency of Route 134 and could have been included in the Glendale Grade Separation project as suggested in the Environmental Reevaluation Addendum. The City of Glendale has agreed to a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to augment the programmed amount should there be a funding shortfall. This is a revenue neutral programming action. (Noticed at June 2003 CTC meeting.)

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the item be placed on the consent calendar for approval.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Glendale (City) and the Department envisioned three projects as part of Route 134/San Fernando Road Corridor Improvement. The three projects include two STIP projects and one local project.

1. San Fernando Road Interchange (STIP Project, PPNO: 2121) by the Department
2. Glendale Grade Separation (STIP Project, PPNO: 9814) by the City
3. Eastbound Central Avenue Off-Ramp Widening (local project) by the City

The Department awarded a construction contract on June 2, 2003 for the modification of the San Fernando Road Interchange and construction is underway. The City now proposes to add Eastbound Central Avenue Off-Ramp Widening project to the existing Glendale Grade Separation project. The Eastbound Central Avenue Off-Ramp project is currently a part of Route 134 Corridor Traffic System Management (TSM) project which complements the Glendale Grade Separation project and improves traffic flow. Completion of this widening project prior to the construction of the other two STIP projects will help improve the operational efficiency of the freeway interchange. This widening relieves a large portion of the congestion on the mainline and could have been part of the Glendale Grade Separation Project. This widening was evaluated as part of the overall Route 134/San Fernando Road Corridor project and the environmental evaluation was approved by Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in December 2001 as an Environmental Reevaluation Addendum.

A total of \$29,000,000 (\$525,000 for Environmental (PA&ED), \$1,726,000 for Design (PS&E), \$10,374,000 for Right of Way (R/W), and \$16,375,000 for Construction) of Interregional Improvement Program (IIP) dollars is currently programmed for the Glendale Grade Separation project in the 2002 STIP. An MOU between the City and Department will be signed, which limits the IIP funds for the Grade Separation project at the programmed \$29,000,000. This MOU also requires the City to be responsible for covering any future cost should there be a funding shortfall.

A total of \$12,625,000 was allocated for the PA&ED, PS&E, and R/W phases of the project. A request for an allocation of STIP funds in the amount of \$16,375,000 for Construction of the project will be included in the August 2003 meeting agenda or later.

RESOLUTION:

Resolved, that the California Transportation Commission (Commission) revise the 2002 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) at the end of the 30-day notice period as follows:

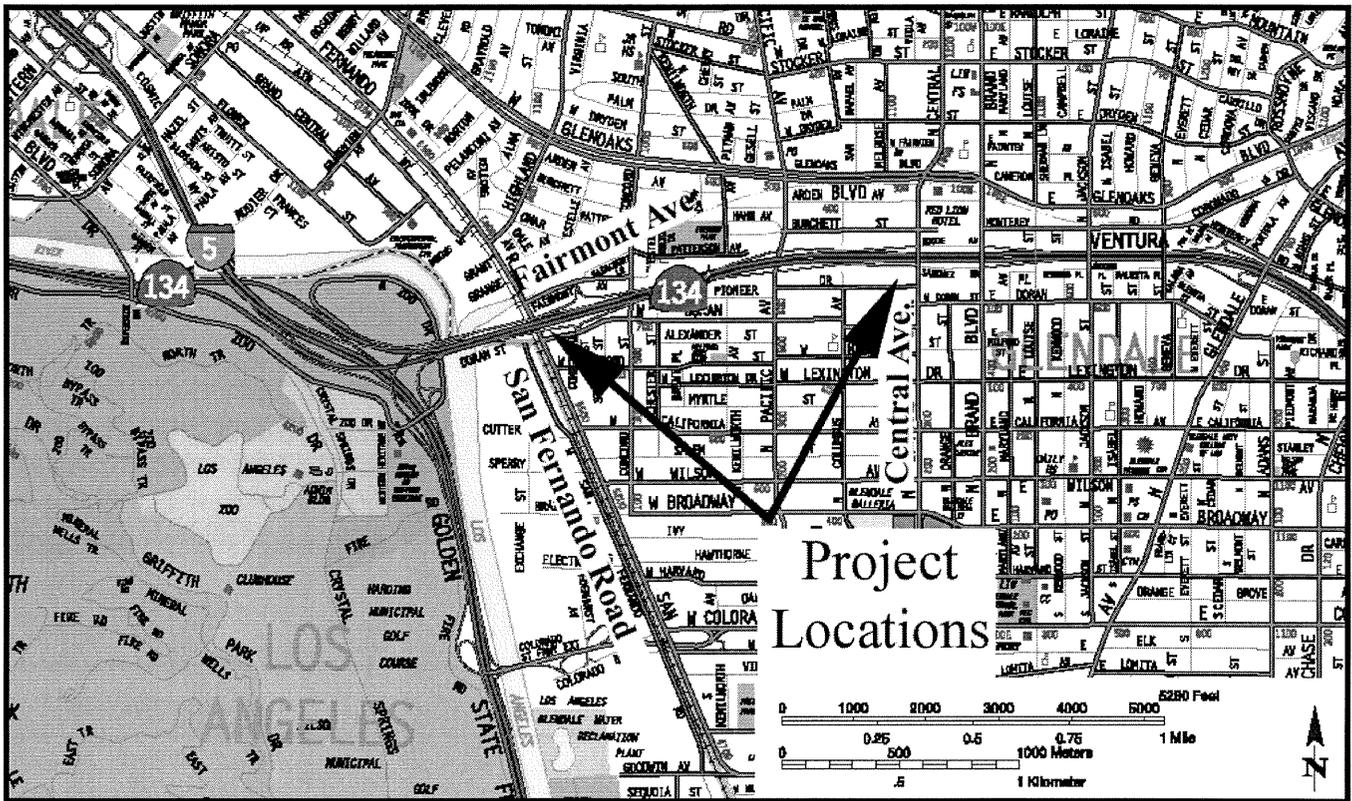
Revises:

County	CT District	PPNO	EA	Element	Const. Year	PM Back	PM Ahead	Route/Corridor					
Los Angeles	07	9814	196800	LA	2003-04	--	--	--					
Implementing Agency: (by component)		PA&ED	City of Glendale		AB 3090	PS&E	City of Glendale						
		R/W	City of Glendale		AB 3090	CON	City of Glendale						
RTPA/CTC :	Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority												
Project Title:	Glendale Grade Separation												
Location:	In the City of Glendale, Grade Separation - San Fernando Road, Fairmont Avenue, and Doran Street at Route 134 and widening of the Eastbound Central Avenue Off-Ramp at SR 134.												
Description:	Construct a grade separation local street improvements, and an off-ramp widening												
(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)													
FUND	TOTAL	Project Totals by Fiscal Year					Project Totals by Component						
		Prior	02/03	03/04	04/05	05/06	06/07	PA&ED (E & P)	PS&E (Design)	R/W SUP	CON SUP	R/W	CON
STIP Programming - Interregional Improvement Program (IP)													
Existing	\$29,000	\$29,000					\$525	\$1,726				\$10,374	\$16,375 *
Change	\$0	\$0					\$0	\$0				\$0	\$0
Proposed	\$29,000	\$29,000					\$525	\$1,726				\$10,374	\$16,375 *

* At the June 2002 CTC meeting, a 20 month time extension was granted for construction that expires on February 29, 2004.

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Location Map



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PPNO 9814

Location: In the City of Glendale, Fairmont Avenue at San Fernando Road, Doran Street, San Fernando Road, and Central Avenue at Route 134

Description: Construct a grade separation, local street improvements, and an off-ramp widening

