

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: March 5, 2013

Reference No.: 4.5
Action

From: BIMLA G. RHINEHART
Executive Director

Subject: **TRADE CORRIDORS IMPROVEMENT FUND (TCIF) PROGRAM AMENDMENT
RESOLUTION TCIF-P-1213-42**

ISSUE:

Should the Commission approve the proposed Trade Corridors Improvement Fund (TCIF) Program amendment to:

Los Angeles/Inland Corridor

- Increase the TCIF funds by \$1,783,000 to TCIF Project 35: *State College Boulevard Grade Separation Project*
- Increase the TCIF funds by \$10,834,000 to TCIF Project 40: *Lakeview Avenue Grade Separation Project*
- Increase the TCIF funds by \$100,000 to TCIF Project 91: *Route 101 Improvement Project*

Other Corridor

- Increase the TCIF funds by \$78,000 to TCIF Project 92: *Pioneer Bluff Bridge* in the Other Corridor element of the TCIF Program.

RECOMMENDATION:

Commission staff recommends that the Commission approve the proposed TCIF Program Amendment to increase the TCIF funds to Project 35: *State College Boulevard Grade Separation Project* by \$1,783,000; Project 40: *Lakeview Avenue Grade separation Project* by \$10,834,000; Project 91: *Route 101 Improvement Project* by \$100,000; and Project 92: *Pioneer Bluff Bridge* by \$78,000.

BACKGROUND:

Projects 35 and 40

The Southern California Consensus Group (SCCG) and the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) propose to amend the TCIF Program by increasing the TCIF funds to Project 35: State College Boulevard Grade Separation Project and Project 40: Lakeview Avenue Grade Separation Project by \$1,783,000 and \$10,834,000 respectively. The total TCIF funds programmed to these projects will increase from \$34,107,000 to \$35,890,000 for Project 35 and from \$28,685,000 to \$39,519,000 for Project 40.

The State College Grade Separation Project (#35) will construct a grade separation on State College Boulevard at the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) rail road track from Santa Fe Avenue at the northerly terminus and approximately 700' south of East Valencia Drive at the southerly terminus. The Lakeview Avenue Grade Separation Project (#40) constructs a vehicle overpass over the BNSF mainline tracks. Both projects were programmed into the original TCIF program in April 2008. Since then, additional award savings have been realized in the Los Angeles/Inland Corridor Region. SCCG and OCTA wish to add additional TCIF funds to this project and reduce their Local and Federal Funds while maintaining the match ratio required.

The Southern California Consensus Group supports the proposed amendment to the TCIF program and requests the Commission's approval of the amendment (see attached letters).

Project 91

At the January 8, 2013 Commission meeting, the Commission programmed an additional \$1,101,552 of TCIF funds to the Route 101 Improvement Project from savings. The amount should have been \$1,201,522 for a total programmed amount to this project of \$13,117,552. With this action, all other Commission actions taken at the January 8, 2013 (Baseline Agreement and the AB 3090 approval) will agree.

Project 92

At the December 6, 2012 Commission meeting, the Commission programmed the Pioneer Bluff Bridge into the Other Corridor element of the TCIF Program for \$96 million. Due to rounding, \$78,000 was omitted from the programmed amount. With this action the remaining \$78,000 balance in the Other Corridor of the TCIF Program will be eliminated.



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February 19, 2013

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Dear Ms. Rhinehart:

The Southern California Consensus Group has discussed and is in agreement with the requests from our partner agency, the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA). It is our understanding that OCTA is de-allocating a total of \$17,662,922 (\$6,387,552 from Orangethorpe Avenue Grade Separation, \$3,552,370 from Tustin Avenue/Rose Drive Grade Separation, and \$7,723,000 from State Route 91 Project). They will be using \$5,045,922 to fulfill their share of the TCIF overprogramming. They are requesting to reprogram \$10,834,000 to the Lakeview Avenue Grade Separation Project and \$1,783,000 to the State College Boulevard Grade Separation Project. Finally, they are requesting a delay in construction for the Lakeview Avenue Grade Separation Project from July 1, 2013 to September 1, 2013. These requests do not affect the total TCIF amount programmed to OCTA.

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,

Shahrzad Amiri
Deputy Executive Officer

cc: Southern California Consensus Group
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February 15, 2013

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**RE: Orange County Transportation Authority's Request to Amend the
Lakeview Avenue and State College Grade Separation Projects**

Dear Ms. Amiri:

The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) requests concurrence from the Southern California Consensus Group for Trade Corridor Improvement Fund (TCIF) baseline amendments for the Lakeview Avenue and State College Boulevard grade separation projects at the March 5, 2013, California Transportation Commission (CTC) meeting. There has been a change in the amount of funds being deallocated from the Tustin Avenue/Rose Drive grade separation, requiring a new consensus letter.

Concurrent with the baseline amendments, OCTA will submit deallocations for the Orangethorpe Avenue grade separation (\$6,387,552) and the Tustin Avenue/Rose Drive grade separation (\$3,552,370) projects, and the California Department of Transportation will submit a deallocation for the State Route 91 Project (State Route 57 to Interstate 5) (\$7,723,000). These deallocations total \$17,662,922 in TCIF savings. OCTA will use \$5,045,922 to fulfill 100 percent of OCTA's share of TCIF overprogramming to the Southern California Consensus Group, leaving \$12,617,000 available to reprogram.

OCTA is requesting approval to reprogram \$10,834,000 of the TCIF cost saving to the Lakeview Avenue Grade Separation Project. If approved by the CTC, this request will result in an increase of TCIF funds for the Lakeview Avenue Grade Separation Project from \$28,685,000 to \$39,519,025. OCTA is also requesting approval to reprogram \$1,783,000 of the TCIF cost saving to the State College Boulevard Grade Separation Project. The TCIF share on the State College Boulevard Grade Separation Project would increase from \$34,107,000 to \$35,890,000. A set of tables have been provided which summarize OCTA's requested actions for your consideration.

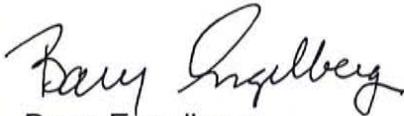
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Finally, with the group's consensus, OCTA will request a delay in construction for the Lakeview Avenue Grade Separation Project from July 1, 2013 to September 1, 2013, due to additional design requirements. This would also require a two-month delay in end of construction and closeout.

The Southern California Consensus Group has already approved all but \$1,006,000 of this request through previous letters that have been exchanged over the past two months. The CTC and OCTA is now requesting a single concurrence letter to cover all of the prior actions as well as this slight increase.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at (714) 560-5362 or via email bengelberg@octa.net, or Ben Ku, Senior Transportation Funding Analyst, at (714) 560-5473 or via email bku@octa.net.

Sincerely,



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Attachment

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Proposal for TCIF Bid Savings

OCTA TCIF Bid Savings Summary	
Project	TCIF Savings
Placentia Avenue	\$ (5,386)
Kraemer Boulevard	\$ (1,633)
Orangethorpe Avenue	\$ (6,388)
Tustin Avenue/Rose Drive	\$ (3,552)
OCTA's Share of Colton Crossing Bid Savings	\$ (8,513)
SR-91 (SR-57 - I-5)	\$ (7,723)
Subtotal:	\$ (33,195)
OCTA So Cal Region overprogramming share	\$ 20,578
TCIF savings available for reprogramming	\$ (12,617)

Bid Savings to Lakeview Avenue 10,834
 Bid Savings to State College Boulevard \$ 1,783

Lakeview Avenue Grade Separation

Existing Funding (\$000s)					
Fund Sources/ Phase	OCTA M2	TCIF	RSTP/ CMAQ	Federal Demo	TOTAL
Design	\$ 7,867	\$ -	\$ 631	\$ -	\$ 8,498
Right-of-Way	\$ 12,317	\$ -	\$ 27,371	\$ -	\$ 39,688
Construction	\$ 7,734	\$ 28,685	\$ 3,100	\$ 12,058	\$ 51,577
Total	\$ 27,918	\$ 28,685	\$ 31,102	\$ 12,058	\$ 99,763
Proposed Funding (\$000s)					
Fund Sources/ Phase	OCTA M2	TCIF	RSTP/ CMAQ	Federal Demo	TOTAL
Design	\$ 7,867	\$ -	\$ 631	\$ -	\$ 8,498
Right-of-Way	\$ 12,317	\$ -	\$ 27,371	\$ -	\$ 39,688
Construction	\$ -	\$ 39,519	\$ -	\$ 12,058	\$ 51,577
Total	\$ 20,184	\$ 39,519	\$ 28,002	\$ 12,058	\$ 99,763
Changes:	\$ (7,734)	\$ 10,834	\$ (3,100)	\$ -	\$ -

State College Boulevard Grade Separation

Existing Funding (\$000s)					
Fund Sources/ Phase	OCTA M2/ City	TCIF	RSTP/ CMAQ	Federal Demo	TOTAL
Design	\$ 3,900	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,900
Right-of-Way	\$ 6,541	\$ -	\$ 1,033	\$ 11,518	\$ 19,092
Construction	\$ -	\$ 34,107	\$ 16,263	\$ 1,282	\$ 51,652
Total	\$ 10,441	\$ 34,107	\$ 17,296	\$ 12,800	\$ 74,644
Proposed Funding (\$000s)					
Fund Sources/ Phase	OCTA M2/ City	TCIF	RSTP/ CMAQ	Federal Demo	TOTAL
Design	\$ 3,900	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,900
Right-of-Way	\$ 6,541	\$ -	\$ 1,033	\$ 11,518	\$ 19,092
Construction	\$ -	\$ 35,890	\$ 14,480	\$ 1,282	\$ 51,652
Total	\$ 10,441	\$ 35,890	\$ 15,513	\$ 12,800	\$ 74,644
Changes:	\$ -	\$ 1,783	\$ (1,783)	\$ -	\$ -

TCIF – Trade Corridor Improvement Fund
 OCTA – Orange County Transportation Authority
 SR-91 – State Route 91 – (SR-57 – I-5) – State Route 57 - Interstate 5
 RSTP – Regional Surface Transportation Program
 CMAQ – Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality