

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: June 11, 2013

Reference No.: 2.1c.(5e) - **REVISED**
Action Item

From: NORMA ORTEGA
Chief Financial Officer

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Subject: **TRADE CORRIDORS IMPROVEMENT FUND-PROJECT BASELINE AMENDMENT
RESOLUTION TCIF-P-1213-70, AMENDING RESOLUTION TCIF- P-1213-25**

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 53, Magnolia Avenue Grade Separation - Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railroad (BNSF) (PPNO 1129). 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 53, Magnolia Avenue Grade Separation - BNSF (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 between the Department, the Commission, and the County was approved on October 29, 2008, under Resolution TCIF-P-0809-04B. A Baseline Amendment was approved on December 6, 2012, under Resolution TCIF-P-1213-25 to update the schedule, cost, and funding plan.

The Project is located in the Home Gardens area of Riverside County between the City of Riverside on the east and the City of Corona on the west. The Project involves the construction of a grade separation over the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) lines at Magnolia Avenue between Buchanan Avenue and Lincoln Street. The BNSF crossing at Magnolia Avenue is considered one of the most dangerous crossings in Riverside County. Over a ten-year span, there have been 23 accidents, including two fatalities, which involved trains at the crossing. The railroad crossing is a major BNSF route for transporting freight from the Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles through the Alameda Corridor. Metrolink and Amtrak commuter trains also run on the tracks. BNSF has indicated that a third and eventually fourth track is planned within this area.

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 RCTC and the County propose to update the delivery schedule as the End of Design Phase has been delayed by four months in order to accommodate changes in utility relocation design. The End of Right of Way (ROW) Phase has been moved out by two months to allow negotiations with property owners to continue and for condemnation proceedings. The Begin Construction Phase date has been delayed two months to accommodate the expected processing time to secure federal funding. This will also delay the End of Construction Phase to allow for construction contract acceptance.

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	11/02/2009		No Change
End Environmental Phase	05/10/2011		No Change
Begin Design Phase	05/10/2011		No Change
End Design Phase	11/30/2012	03/29/2013	4 Months
Begin Right of Way Phase	05/03/2011		No Change
End Right of Way Phase	03/28/2013	05/30/2013	2 Months
Begin Construction Phase	09/30/2013	12/01/2013	2 Months
End Construction Phase	09/30/2015	06/01/2016	8 Months
Begin Closeout	10/01/2015	08/01/2016	10 Months
End Closeout	02/30/2016	11/30/2016	9 Months

Additionally, RCTC and the County are requesting to reprogram \$3,996,000 in TCIF funding thereby increasing the TCIF to \$17,696,000. This increase has been generated from savings on other TCIF projects. The overall total Project cost has increased by \$2,066,000 based on the latest engineer’s cost estimate and as shown on 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	13,700				13,700				13,700
Change	3,996				3,996				3,996
Proposed	17,696				17,696				17,696
State Funds – CMAQ – Congestion Mitigation									
Current Approved	16,400				16,400				16,400
Change	0				0				0
Proposed	16,400				16,400				16,400
Local Funds – Developer Fees – WRCOG-TUMF									
Current Approved	3,148	1,766			1,382	442	706	1,888	112
Change	0	-350			350	-1	269	-156	-112
Proposed	3,148	1,416			1,732	441	975	1,732	0
Local Funds – Railroad – BNSF									
Current Approved	4,088				4,088				4,088
Change	-2,088				-2,088				-2,088
Proposed	2,000				2,000				2,000
State Funds – PUC									
Current Approved	5,000				5,000				5,000
Change	0				0				0
Proposed	5,000				5,000				5,000
Local Funds – RCTC									
Current Approved	500	0			500		0		500
Change	930	1,430			-500		1,430		-500
Proposed	1,430	1,430			0		1,430		0
Local Funds – Miscellaneous County Funds									
Current Approved	6,730	2,553			4,177	82	2,632	0	4,016
Change	-6,322	-2,338			-3,984	40	-2,537	191	-4,016
Proposed	408	215			193	122	95	191	0
State Bond Funds – Prop 1B – Local Streets-SCO									
Current Approved	0	0					0		
Change	1,200	1,200					1,200		
Proposed	1,200	1,200					1,200		
Local Funds – Local Transportation Funds (LTF)									
Current Approved	0				0				0
Change	4,350				4,350				4,350
Proposed	4,350				4,350				4,350
TOTAL									
Current Approved	49,566	4,319			45,247	524	3,338	1,888	43,816
Change	2,066	-58			2,124	39	362	35	1,630
Proposed	51,632	4,261			47,371	563	3,700	1,923	45,446

RESOLUTION TCIF-P-1213-70

Be it Resolved, that the California Transportation Commission does hereby amend the Trade Corridors Improvement Fund Baseline Agreement for Project 53, Magnolia Avenue Grade Separation - BNSF (PPNO 1129), 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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Deputy Executive Officer

cc: Southern California Consensus Group
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