

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: August 6, 2013

Reference No.: 4.8
Action

From: ANDRE BOUTROS
Executive Director

Subject: **TRADE CORRIDORS IMPROVEMENT FUND - PROGRAM AMENDMENT**
RESOLUTION TCIF-P-1314-02

ISSUE:

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) amend the Trade Corridors Improvement Fund (TCIF) Program to reflect the following actions?

Northern California Corridor

- ~~TCIF Project 4: I-880 Reconstruction 29th & 23rd Avenues, continue the project in the TCIF Program, maintain the \$73 million in TCIF funds and approve the updated schedule. Allocated under Tab 62.~~
- ~~TCIF Project 89: Solano I-80/680/12 Connector, continue the project in the TCIF Program, maintain the \$24 million in TCIF funds, and approve the updated schedule. Allocated under Tab 67.~~
- Add *Santa Clara US-101 Freeway Performance Initiative Project* to the TCIF Program as TCIF Project 94 at a cost of \$15 million in TCIF/SHOPP funds.

Los Angeles/Inland Corridor

- TCIF Project 21: *Washington Boulevard Widening*, continue the project in TCIF Program, maintain the \$5.8 million in TCIF funds, and approve the updated schedule.
- ~~TCIF Project 40: Lakeview Avenue Overcrossing, continue the project in the TCIF Program, maintain the \$39.519 million in TCIF funds, and approve the updated schedule. Allocated under Tab 74.~~
- ~~TCIF Project 64: Lenwood Road Grade Separation, continue the project in the TCIF Program, maintain the \$8.855 million in TCIF funds, and approve the updated schedule. Allocated under Tab 73.~~
- Add *Puente Avenue Grade Separation Project* to the TCIF Program as TCIF Project 95 at a cost of \$48 million in TCIF funds.
- Add *Fairway Drive Grade Separation Project* to the TCIF Program as TCIF Project 96 at a cost of \$56 million in TCIF funds.

- TCIF Project 48: *Avenue 56 Grade Separation Project*, increase TCIF funds by ~~\$5.065~~ **\$5.066** million.
- TCIF Project 50: *Clay Street Grade Separation*, increase TCIF funds by ~~\$746~~ **\$747** thousand.
- TCIF Project 53: *Magnolia Avenue Grade Separation*, increase TCIF funds by \$3.996 million.

RECOMMENDATION:

Commission staff recommends that the Commission approve the proposed TCIF Program Amendment to: (1) Add into the TCIF program projects 94, 95 and 96, *Santa Clara US-101 Freeway Performance Initiative Project, Puente Avenue Grade Separation Project and Fairway Drive Grade Separation Project*; (2) maintain in the TCIF program projects 4, 21, 40, 64 and 89: *I-880 Reconstruction 29th & 23rd Avenues, Washington Avenue Widening, Lakeview Avenue Overcrossing, Lenwood Road Grade Separation, and Solano I-80/680/12 Connector*; and (3) increase TCIF funds to Projects 48, 50 and 53: *Avenue 56 Grade Separation Project, Clay Street Grade Separation Project; and Magnolia Avenue Grade Separation*.

BACKGROUND:**Project 4**

The Northern California Trade Corridor Coalition (NCTCC) and the Alameda County Transportation Commission proposes to continue Project 4, the I-880 Reconstruction 29th & 23rd Avenues Project, in the TCIF Program and maintain the \$73 million of TCIF funds on the project.

The project will construct operational and safety improvements on I-880 at the existing overcrossing of 29th and 23rd Avenues in the City of Oakland. This project was programmed in the original TCIF program in April 2008. The project was unable to be delivered by the June 2013 deadline as it was unable to meet the Buy America requirements.

The NCTCC supports continued inclusion of the project in the TCIF Program (see attached letter).

Project 89

The NCTCC and the Solano Transportation Authority propose to continue Project 89, the Solano I-80/680/12 Connector Project, in the TCIF Program and maintain the \$24 million of TCIF funds on the project.

The project will construct a two-lane westbound I-80 to westbound SR 12 Connector with a bridge crossing over the new westbound I-80 Green Valley Road on ramp. It will also reconstruct the I-80/Green Valley interchange. This project was programmed in the TCIF program in May 2012. The project was unable to be delivered by the June 2013 deadline as it was unable to meet the Buy America requirements.

The NCTCC supports continued inclusion of the project in the TCIF Program (see attached letter).

Project 94

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and the NCTCC propose to amend the TCIF Program by including the Santa Clara US-101 Freeway Performance Initiative Project in the Northern California Corridor element of the TCIF Program and program \$15 million of TCIF/SHOPP funds to the project.

The Santa Clara US-101 Performance Initiative Project will widen on-ramps and install ramp metering and Traffic Operations Systems at various locations along Santa Clara US-101 from San Benito County line to Route 85/101 Interchange. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$25.924 million. MTC and NCTCC propose to program \$15 million in TCIF/SHOPP funds from award savings that have been realized in the Northern California Corridor Region.

The NCTCC supports the proposed amendment to the TCIF program (see attached letter).

Project 21

The Southern California Consensus Group (SCCG) and the City of Commerce propose to continue Project 21, the Washington Boulevard Widening and Reconstruction Project, in the TCIF Program and maintain the \$5.8 million of TCIF funds on the project.

The project will widen and reconstruct Washington Boulevard by one additional lane in each direction from the I-5 Freeway on the east to 350' west of Indiana Street (I-710 Freeway) in the City of Commerce. This project was programmed in the original TCIF program in April 2008. The project is behind schedule and was unable to meet the June 2013 deadline for allocation.

The SCCG supports the project for continued inclusion in the TCIF Program (see attached letter).

Project 40

The SCCG and the Orange County Transportation Authority proposes to continue Project 40, Lakeview Avenue Overcrossing Project, in the TCIF Program and maintain the \$39.519 million of TCIF funds on the project.

The project will construct an overpass over the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) mainline tracks and a connecting road from Orangethorpe Avenue to the new overpass of Lakeview Avenue in the City of Placentia. This project was programmed in the original TCIF program in April 2008. The project was unable to be delivered by the June 2013 deadline as it was unable to meet the Buy America requirements.

The SCCG supports continued inclusion of the project in the TCIF Program (see attached letter).

Project 64

The SCCG and the San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG) propose to continue Project 64, Lenwood Road Grade Separation Project, in the TCIF Program and maintain the \$8.855 million of TCIF funds on the project.

The project will construct a grade separation over the BNSF track lines at Lenwood Road in the City of Barstow. This project was programmed in the TCIF program in September 2008. The project was unable to be delivered by the June 2013 deadline as it was unable to meet the Buy America requirements.

The SCCG supports continued inclusion of the project in the TCIF Program (see attached letter).

Project 95

The SCCG and the Alameda Corridor-East Construction Authority (ACE) propose to amend the TCIF Program by including the Puente Avenue Grade Separation Project in the Los Angeles/Inland Corridor element of the TCIF Program and program \$48 million of TCIF funds to the project.

The Puente Avenue Grade Separation Project will construct a grade separation at Puente Avenue on the Alhambra Subdivision of the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) located in the City of Industry. The project will eliminate the existing at-grade crossing through construction of a roadway underpass. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$96 million. SCCG and ACE propose to program \$48 million in TCIF funds from award savings that have been realized in the Los Angeles/Inland Corridor Region. Local funds will be used as the required match on the project.

The SCCG supports the proposed amendment to the TCIF program (see attached letter).

Project 96

The SCCG and ACE propose to amend the TCIF Program by including the Fairway Drive Grade Separation Project in the Los Angeles/Inland Corridor element of the TCIF Program and program \$56 million of TCIF funds to the project.

The Fairway Drive Grade Separation Project will construct a grade separation at Fairway drive the Los Angeles Subdivision of the UPRR located in the City of Industry. The project will eliminate the existing at-grade crossing through construction of a roadway underpass. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$119.420 million. SCCG and ACE propose to program \$56 million in TCIF funds from award savings that have been realized in the Los Angeles/Inland Corridor Region. Local funds will be used as the required match on the project.

The SCCG supports the proposed amendment to the TCIF program (see attached letter).

Project 48

The Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) and Riverside County propose to amend the TCIF program by increasing the TCIF funds to Project 48, Avenue 56 Grade Separation Project, by \$5.066 million. The total TCIF funds programmed to this project will increase from \$10 million to \$15.066 million.

The Commission is requested to amend the TCIF program to reflect the Baseline Amendment approval and the Allocation action the Commission took at the June 11, 2013 meeting.

The SCCG supports the proposed amendment to the TCIF program (see attached letter).

Project 50

The RCTC and Riverside County propose to amend the TCIF program by increasing the TCIF funds to Project 50, Clay Street Grade Separation Project, by \$746 thousand. The total TCIF funds programmed to this project will increase from \$12.5 million to \$13.247 million.

The Commission is requested to amend the TCIF program to reflect the Baseline Amendment approval and the Allocation action the Commission took at the June 11, 2013 meeting.

The SCCG supports the proposed amendment to the TCIF program (see attached letter).

Project 53

The RCTC and Riverside County propose to amend the TCIF program by increasing the TCIF funds to Project 53, Magnolia Avenue Grade Separation Project, by \$3.996 million. The total TCIF funds programmed to this project will increase from \$13.7 million to \$17.696 million.

The Commission is requested to amend the TCIF program to reflect the Baseline Amendment approval and the Allocation action the Commission took at the June 11, 2013 meeting.

The SCCG supports the proposed amendment to the TCIF program (see attached letter).



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Mr. Andre Boutros, Executive Director
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Dear Mr. Boutros:

At the June 11, 2013 meeting of the California Transportation Commission (CTC), the CTC discussed the future of the Trade Corridor Improvement Fund (TCIF) Program. The discussion indicated that projects that are able to allocate TCIF funds in August would not need additional information; however, projects extended beyond August 2013 would require updated project documentation as well as a letter of support from the respective Coalition.

The Northern California Trade Corridors Coalition (Coalition) has four projects that have not yet been allocated in the TCIF program. These projects are discussed below.

Tehachapi Rail Improvements Project

The CTC approved an amendment for this project in May, reducing scope and funding, and updating the schedule. The project is on track to request allocation in October. The Coalition continues to support the Tehachapi Rail Improvements project.

Richmond Rail Connector Project

Caltrans was unable to secure the 401 and 404 permits from the Army Corps of Engineers in time to allocate TCIF funds at the June meeting. Caltrans expects to receive the permits at the end of this month. The Coalition believes this project will be ready to allocate at the August CTC meeting. Additionally, Caltrans requests a baseline amendment to update the cost and schedule of the project. The Coalition supports the baseline amendment request and the allocation of TCIF funds at the August meeting.

Solano I-80/680/12 Interchange and Alameda I-880 Reconstruction Projects

The remaining two projects in Solano and Alameda Counties are delayed due to the "Buy America" provision in the federal Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) legislation. These two projects are ready to list except they cannot provide Buy America certifications for various utility relocation work. This is a national issue that is delaying highway construction projects. The Coalition supports both projects for continued inclusion in the TCIF program, and hope that all parties involved can come to a speedy resolution of the Buy America issue. The two project sponsors and Caltrans will provide updated project baseline information to CTC staff, as requested.

Should you have any questions about the Coalition's support of our remaining TCIF projects, please contact Kenneth Kao of my staff at (510) 817-5768 or kkao@mtc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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May 15, 2013

Mr. Andre Boutros, Executive Director
California Transportation Commission
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Dear Mr. Boutros:

The Northern California Trade Corridors Coalition (Coalition) is in support of the California Department of Transportation's (Caltrans') Trade Corridor Improvement Fund (TCIF) baseline agreement for the US-101 Freeway Performance Initiative (FPI) project in Santa Clara County.

Santa Clara US-101 Freeway Performance Initiative Project ("Project"):

Caltrans requests programming a new TCIF project using \$15 million in State Highway Operations and Protection Program (SHOPP) funds. The Project is eligible to use SHOPP funds, and proposes to improve traffic congestion on US-101 in southern Santa Clara County (a heavy interregional trade route) by installing ramp metering and traffic operation systems. The total construction cost is \$21.6 million, and the Project is Ready to List. Caltrans expects to advertise the project in summer 2013, with project award in fall 2013.

The Coalition met on April 30, 2013 and supports the proposed baseline agreement to program the new FPI project with \$15 million in TCIF-SHOPP funds. This amount will come from the Coalition's unprogrammed balance of TCIF-SHOPP funds. Caltrans has also submitted a concurrent allocation request for the June 2013 CTC meeting.

Should you have any questions or comments, please contact Kenneth Kao of my staff at (510) 817-5768 or kkao@mtc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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July 1, 2013

Mr. Andre Boutros
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Dear Mr. Boutros:

The Southern California Consensus Group appreciates the Commissioner's recent action to streamline the process for extending the TCIF program deadlines by grandfathering existing projects. This decision reinforces our successful collaborative experience with the CTC on the TCIF program.

In that vein, we are pleased to submit the following projects for inclusion in the TCIF program in accordance with the proposal to utilize program savings.

- ❖ Project #21 - Washington Boulevard widening and reconstruction: \$5,800,000 in TCIF
- ❖ Project #40 - Lakeview Avenue overcrossing: \$39,519,000 in TCIF
- ❖ Project #64 - Lenwood grade separation: \$8,855,000 in TCIF

These existing projects were unable to receive allocation in June 2013 but are extremely valuable for goods movement in the Southern California region. Project sponsors are doing their utmost to prepare these projects for an August allocation. However, projects #40 and #64 have been delayed due to Buy America issues that are well beyond their control and project #21 is undergoing Caltrans review. We request that these projects remain on the TCIF list if allocation does not occur in August. We will work with you to follow your new processes, as appropriate.

As always we thank you for your leadership and remain strongly committed to improving the movement of goods in this region.

Sincerely,

Shahrzad Amiri
Deputy Executive Officer

cc: Southern California Consensus Group
Stephen Maller



Metro

June 12, 2013

Mr. Andre Boutros
Executive Director
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Dear Mr. Boutros:

The Southern California Consensus Group has discussed and approved the changes requested by our partner agency. It is our understanding that the Alameda Corridor-East Construction Authority (ACE) is requesting to seek funding of \$104,000,000 in Trade Corridor Improvement Funds (TCIF) for two new projects.

- Puente Avenue Grade Separation - \$48,000,000
- Fairway Drive Grade Separation - \$56,000,000

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
Stephen Maller



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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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