

# Memorandum

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To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS  
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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Action Item

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Subject: **TRAFFIC CONGESTION RELIEF PROGRAM / PROJECT AMENDMENT AND  
ALLOCATION AMENDMENT  
RESOLUTION TAA-13-04, AMENDING RESOLUTION TAA-11-08  
RESOLUTION TFP-13-06, AMENDING RESOLUTION TFP-10-05**

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) amend Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP) Project 14 - Commuter Rail Extension to Monterey County project and also re-allocate previously allocated funds.

## **ISSUE:**

The Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) is requesting to amend TCRP Project 14 – Commuter Rail Extension to Monterey County Project (PPNO 1155) to update the project schedule and to re-allocate \$2,962,000 for Plans, Specifications, and Estimate (Design) and \$11,672,000 for Right of Way in previously allocated but unspent funds.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The Commuter Rail Extension to Monterey County project will provide extended rail service from the existing Caltrain terminus in Gilroy to Monterey County, including stations in Salinas, Castroville and Pajaro/Watsonville. It will relieve congestion and provide transportation alternatives for commuters traveling between Monterey County and southern Santa Cruz County to the San Francisco Bay area.

In September 2006 the Commission allocated \$4,258,000 for Design and \$14,742,000 for Right of Way, per Resolution TFP-06-20. At its May 2010 meeting, the Commission approved Resolution TAA-09-22 that extended the completion date for Design to June 30, 2011. At the May 2011 meeting, the Commission revised the project schedule and re-allocated previously allocated funds to Design and Right of Way due to delays in completing the environmental document. In June 2012, the delivery schedule for the competition of Design and Right of Way was again revised under Resolution TAA-11-08.

The reason for further delays in utilizing the full amount of allocated TCRP funds is still more time that was needed to secure the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) approval of the project. After extensive collaborative work with the FTA, including multiple revisions to the federal Environmental Assessment (EA), the TAMC last year decided to phase out the overall project. The completion of the first phase will enable the commuter train service to Salinas to begin while deferring the other Monterey County stations until additional funding can be secured in the future. The TAMC adopted an addendum to the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) in August 2013 to reflect that approach. The first phase project of the project is now ready to enter in the final design phase. In addition, notices have already gone out to the impacted property owners.

The approval of this request to revise the delivery schedule and to re-allocate the unspent TCRP funds will allow the TAMC to proceed with the final design and property acquisitions. The revised schedule is tabulated below.

Phase	Existing Completion Date	Proposed Completion Date
Design	Dec 2013	June 2016
Right of Way	Oct 2014	June 2018

**RESOLUTION TAA-13-04 and Resolution TFP-13-06:**

Resolved, with all conditions stipulated still in effect, the California Transportation Commission hereby revises TCRP Project 14 to reflect the changes described above; and

Be it further resolved, that the California Transportation Commission hereby approves a corresponding allocation amendment transferring previously allocated funds in accordance with the attached vote box; and

Be it further resolved that the project(s), as component phases or in their entirety, appear under Government Code Section 14556.40(a) and are entitled to participate in this allocation.

Reimbursement of eligible costs is subject to the policies, restrictions and assurances as set forth in the Commission's policy for allocating, monitoring, and auditing TCRP projects, and is governed by the terms and conditions of the Fund Transfer Agreement, Program Supplement or Cooperative Agreement, and subsequent amendments to the same if required, as executed between the Implementing Agency and the Department.

Attachment

2.6 Mass Transportation Financial Matters

Project # Allocation Amount Implementing Agency District-County	BREF # and Project Description Description of Allocation	Item # Program Code	Total Allocation Amount
<b>2.6e. Allocation Amendments - Traffic Congestion Relief Program Allocations</b>			<b>Resolution TFP-13-06, Amending Resolution TFP-10-05</b>
1 \$0 Transportation Agency for Monterey County 05 – Monterey	<b>Project #14 – Caltrain; extension to Salinas in Monterey County.</b> <b>Amend</b> TFP-10-05 to re-allocate \$2,962,000 for Plans, Specifications and Estimate and \$11,672,000 for Right of Way. No change to the overall amount previously allocated.	Chapter 91 of the Statutes of 2000 899-3007	\$0