

M e m o r a n d u m

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: May 28, 2015

Reference No.: 4.7
Action

From: WILL KEMPTON
Executive Director

Subject: **TRADE CORRIDORS IMPROVEMENT FUND PROGRAM AMENDMENT
RESOLUTION TCIF-P-1415-12**

ISSUE:

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) amend the Trade Corridors Improvement Fund (TCIF) Program to add the *I-10 Pepper Avenue Interchange Project and Hellman Avenue Grade Crossing Improvement Project* in San Bernardino County as TCIF Projects 109 and 110 at a cost of \$1.158 million and \$1.790 million respectively in TCIF funds?

RECOMMENDATION:

Commission staff recommends the Commission approve the proposed TCIF Program Amendment to add into the TCIF Program projects 109 and 110, the *I-10 Pepper Avenue Interchange Project and Hellman Avenue Grade Crossing Improvement Project* in San Bernardino County.

BACKGROUND:**Project 109**

The Southern California Consensus Group (SCCG) and San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG) propose to amend the TCIF Program by including the I-10 Pepper Avenue Interchange Project as Project 109 in the Los Angeles/Inland Corridor element of the TCIF Program and program \$1.158 million of TCIF funds to the project.

The proposed project would widen Pepper Avenue from three lanes to five lanes, lengthen turn lanes and improve intersection geometric design, replace the existing I-10 Pepper Avenue Bridge, correct features to meet Americans with Disabilities Act standards, provide sidewalks, shoulders and other pedestrian features. The proposed improvements will address increases in vehicular and truck traffic as a result of growth and development in the area. Since award savings in TCIF funds were realized in the Los Angeles/Inland Corridor, the SCCG and SANBAG propose to place TCIF savings on this project (see attached letters). The total cost of the project is estimated at \$10.111 million.

Project 110

The SCCG, the Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA) and the City of Rancho Cucamonga (City) propose to amend the TCIF program by including the Hellman Avenue Grade Crossing Improvement Project as Project 110 in the Los Angeles/Inland Corridor element of the TCIF Program and program \$1.790 of TCIF funds to the project.

The proposed project will make railway and roadway improvements at the Hellman Avenue Grade Crossing located in Rancho Cucamonga on the San Gabriel Subdivision of the former BNSF rail line. The railway improvements include new raised median islands, gate arms, flashing signals, right of way swing gates, advanced signal preemption and pedestrian gates. The roadway improvements include crossing widening to improve truck turning radii, traffic signals, sidewalk, curbs and gutters. The \$1.790 million in TCIF funds will fund the railway improvements with SCRRA as the implementing agency. The roadway improvements will provide the majority of the required match with the City as the implementing agency.

Since award savings in the TCIF funds were realized in the Los Angeles/Inland Corridor, the SCCG, SCRRA and the City propose to place the TCIF savings on this project (see attached letters). The total cost of the project is estimated at \$3.58 million.

RESOLUTION TCIF-P-1415-12

Be it Resolved, that the California Transportation Commission does hereby amend the TCIF program by adding the I-10 Pepper Avenue Interchange Project and Hellman Avenue Grade Crossing Improvement Project in San Bernardino County as TCIF Project 109 and TCIF Project 110.

Attachments

- Letters of Support



Metro

April 10, 2015

Mr. Will Kempton
Executive Director
California Transportation Commission
1120 "N" Street, Mail Stop: 52
Sacramento, CA 94273-0001

Dear Mr. Kempton:

The Southern California Consensus Group has discussed and is in agreement with the TCIF programming requested by our partner agency. It is our understanding that the San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG) is requesting to seek funding of \$1,157,775 in Trade Corridor Improvement Funds (TCIF) for a new project; the construction of the I-10/Pepper Interchange Improvement. This total comes from the \$1.987 million in TCIF cost savings previously realized in the Southern California region following the March 2015 de-allocation of TCIF savings from I-10/Tippecanoe Avenue Interchange Improvements.

Please see the attached letter detailing the programming request. We understand SANBAG is submitting a formal application to the CTC for action in May 2015. Please direct any questions or comments regarding this issue to me at (213) 922-2887.

We appreciate the ongoing support and guidance provided by you and your staff.

Sincerely,

Wil Ridder
Executive Officer

cc: Southern California Consensus Group
Stephen Maller

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- San Bernardino County Transportation Commission
 - San Bernardino County Transportation Authority
 - San Bernardino County Congestion Management Agency
 - Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies
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March 3, 2015

Mr. Wil Ridder
Executive Officer
Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority
One Gateway Plaza
Los Angeles, CA 90012-2952

Re: Trade Corridor Improvement Fund (TCIF) Programming Change Request

The San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG) awarded construction contract for the I-10 Tippecanoe Interchange Phase II (TCIF project # 100) with an awarded amount lower than the funding programmed to the project. SANBAG have requested de-allocation of \$1,978,042 in TCIF savings from the project at the March 2015 California Transportation Commission (CTC) meeting.

SANBAG is requesting concurrence from the Southern California Concensus Group for the following actions proposed for consideration at the May 2015 CTC meeting:

- Reprogram \$1,157,775 of TCIF savings to a new project- I-10 Pepper Interchange Improvement.
- Approval of a TCIF Baseline Agreement for I-10 Pepper Interchange Improvement Project.

SANBAG will implement the I-10 Pepper Interchange Improvement Project and proposes to submit an allocation request for \$1,157,775 in TCIF funds for consideration at the May 2015 CTC meeting. SANBAG will program the remaining \$820,267 of TCIF savings at a later time prior to the June 2016 TCIF allocation deadline.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at 909-884-8276.

Sincerely,



Philip Chu
Management Analyst III

Attached:
I-10 Pepper TCIF application
Draft TCIF Baseline Agreement



Metro

May 7, 2015

Mr. Will Kempton
Executive Director
California Transportation Commission
1120 "N" Street, Mail Stop: 52
Sacramento, CA 94273-0001

Dear Mr. Kempton:

The Southern California Consensus Group has discussed and is in agreement with the TCIF programming requested by our partner agency. It is our understanding that the Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA) is requesting to seek funding of \$1,790,000 in TCIF for the construction of the Hellman Ave. Grade Crossing Improvement.

Please see the attached letter detailing the programming request. We understand SCRRA intends to submit a formal application to the CTC for action in June 2015. Please direct any questions or comments regarding this issue to me at (213) 922-2887.

We appreciate the ongoing support and guidance provided by you and your staff.

Sincerely,

Wil Ridder
Executive Officer

cc: Southern California Consensus Group
Stephen Maller

February 9, 2015

Mr. Will Kempton
Executive Director
California Transportation Commission
1120 N Street, Room 2221, MS-52
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Request to Program and Approve the Baseline Agreement for \$1,790,000 in TCIF Funding for the Hellman Avenue Grade Crossing Improvement Project on the San Bernardino Line at the March 25-26, 2015 CTC Meeting

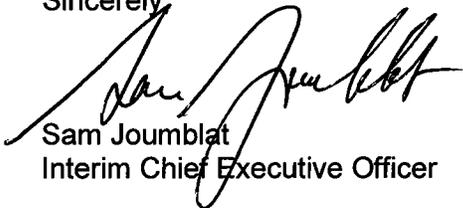
Dear Will:

On behalf of the Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA), operator of Metrolink commuter rail service, I am writing to request the California Transportation Commission approve our request to place the Hellman Avenue Grade Crossing Improvement project on its March 25-26, 2015 meeting agenda. This crossing, located on the San Bernardino Line, the third busiest shared freight and passenger rail route that SCRRA dispatches, requires enhancements to reduce opportunities for unsafe driving and walking. By adding treatments such as advanced signal preemption, pedestrian gates and street widening, freight traffic at Hellman will experience better reliability, throughput and velocity. Congestion and emissions will also be reduced.

The project request is for \$1,790,000 which is matched by local and federal funds. Again, the project is ready for programming and baseline agreement approval.

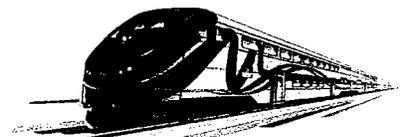
If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Anne Louise Rice, Assistant Director, Grants at ricea@scrra.net or 213-452-0211.

Sincerely,



Sam Joumbat
Interim Chief Executive Officer

cc: Stephen Maller
Teresa Favila





THE CITY OF RANCHO CUCAMONGA

February 9, 2015

Mr. Will Kempton
Executive Director
California Transportation Commission
1120 N Street, Room 2221, MS-52
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Request for \$1,790,000 in Proposition 1B Trade Corridor Improvement Fund (TCIF) Funding for the Hellman Avenue Grade Crossing Improvement Project on the San Bernardino Line

Dear Mr. Kempton:

On behalf of the City of Rancho Cucamonga, I am writing to support the Southern California Regional Rail Authority's (SCRRA) request for \$1,790,000 in TCIF funding for the Hellman Avenue Grade Crossing Improvement project. This crossing, which experiences up to 15 freight train switching moves daily, is one of the most active freight crossings for which SCRRA has dispatching responsibilities. As a project sponsor, we are contributing \$1,300,000 and managing the roadway construction portion of the project. SCRRA, the other project sponsor, will provide \$490,000, and will manage the railway portion of the crossing work. If the \$1,790,000 in TCIF funding is approved, it will be used to complete construction of the railway portion of the project.

We look forward to the Commission taking action this spring to approve SCRRA's programming and baseline agreement request and approving the allocation request planned to be submitted later this year.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Jerry Dyer, Senior Engineer for the City of Rancho Cucamonga at jerry.dyer@cityofrc.us or 909-477-2704 or Ms. Anne Louise Rice, Assistant Director, Grants for SCRRA at ricea@scrra.net or 213-452-0211.

Sincerely,

Mark Steuer
Director of Engineering Services/City Engineer
City of Rancho Cucamonga

cc: Stephen Maller
Teresa Favila