

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: August 27, 2015

Reference No.: 4.5
Action

From: WILL KEMPTON
Executive Director

Subject: **TRADE CORRIDORS IMPROVEMENT FUND (TCIF) PROGRAM AMENDMENT
RESOLUTION TCIF-P-1415-15**

ISSUE:

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) amend the TCIF Program to add the *Fullerton Road Grade Separation Project* in Los Angeles County as TCIF Project 114 at a cost of \$35.06 million in TCIF funds?

RECOMMENDATION:

Commission staff recommends the Commission approve the proposed TCIF Program Amendment to add into the TCIF Program project 114, the *Fullerton Road Grade Separation Project*.

BACKGROUND:

The Southern California Consensus Group (SCCG) and the Alameda Corridor-East Construction Authority (ACE) propose to amend the TCIF program by including the Fullerton Road Grade Separation Project as Project 114 in the Los Angeles/Inland Corridor element of the TCIF Program and program \$35.06 million of TCIF funds to the project.

The proposed project will replace the at-grade railroad crossing of Fullerton Road and Union Pacific Railroad tracks by raising the tracks and lowering Fullerton Road to pass under the tracks in the City of Industry between Rowland Street and State Route 60. The project will be a six lane roadway underpass on Fullerton Road with retaining walls and a new railroad bridge. The proposed project will reduce traffic congestion, enhance safety, reduce air pollution emissions, and reduce noise impacts.

Since award savings in TCIF funds were realized in the Los Angeles/Inland Corridor, SCCG and ACE propose to place TCIF savings on this project (see attached letters). The total cost of the project is estimated at \$127.3 million. Construction is expected to begin in March 2016.

RESOLUTION TCIF-P-1415-12

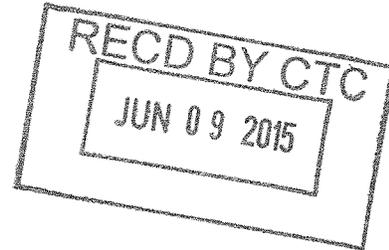
Be it Resolved, that the California Transportation Commission does hereby amend the TCIF program by adding the Fullerton Road Grade Separation Project as TCIF Project 114.

Attachments

- Letters of Support



Metro



June 4, 2015

Mr. Wil Kempton
Executive Director
California Transportation Commission
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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 Alameda Corridor-East Construction Authority (ACE) is requesting to seek funding of \$35,060,000 in Trade Corridor Improvement Funds (TCIF) for a new project; the construction of the Fullerton Road Grade Separation Project. This request is based upon the de-allocation of from two other ACE TCIF projects including the Baldwin Avenue project (\$4,900,000) and the San Gabriel Trench project (\$30,160,000).

Please see the attached letter detailing the programming request. We understand they intend to submit a formal application to the CTC for action in August 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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May 27, 2015

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Re: **Southern California Consensus Group support for TCIF programming
for Fullerton Road Grade Separation Project**

Dear Wil:

We hereby request the concurrence of the Southern California Consensus Group in the Alameda Corridor-East Construction Authority (ACE) submittal seeking the programming of \$35,060,000 in Prop 1B Trade Corridor Improvement Funds (TCIF) for the Fullerton Road Grade Separation Project at the August 26-27 meeting of the California Transportation Commission (CTC).

The amount requested to be programmed represents a recycling of ACE project cost savings due to be de-allocated at the August CTC meeting and is not the result of any additional TCIF funding for ACE. ACE is requesting the funds be de-allocated from the Baldwin Avenue project due to a cost savings of \$4,900,000 and from the San Gabriel Trench project due to similar anticipated cost savings totaling \$30,160,000.

We appreciate your leadership and the support of the Southern California Consensus Group. Questions regarding this matter may be directed to ACE Community and Government Relations Director Paul Hubler at phubler@theaceproject.org or (626) 373-2685.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Christoffels". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mark Christoffels
Chief Executive Officer