

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC meeting: May 21-22, 2003

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Action Item

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Ref: **TRAFFIC CONGESTION RELIEF (TCR) PROGRAM APPLICATION AMENDMENT APPROVALS, RESOLUTION TAA-03-01, AMENDING RESOLUTIONS TA-00-03 and TA-01-03**

BACKGROUND:

At the December 2002 meeting, the California Transportation Commission (Commission) took action to defer approval of any additional Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP) applications and allocations due to the continuing economic challenges faced by the State. The Governor signed Executive Order D-49-01, BL 02-21, directing all State agencies and departments to reduce expenditures in order to achieve General Fund savings wherever possible. Additionally, the Administration announced a mid-year spending reduction proposal on December 6, 2002, subject to legislative approval. These actions will have direct impacts on the TCRP.

In the meantime, applicant agencies are continuing to submit application amendment requests. The following list identifies those pending application amendment requests received but not acted upon or deferred as identified under Reference Item 2.1c.(5)

RECOMMENDATION:

The following two project application amendment requests were received subsequent to the December 2002 Commission meeting. The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the Commission defer approval of Resolution TAA-03-01 for two TCRP application amendments at this time. A fact sheet describing each of the projects is attached.

- Project #152 – Pasadena ~~Blue~~ **Gold** Line transit-oriented mixed-use development. Amend application to update the project schedule and funding plan. This amendment also requests a waiver to condition regarding non-tandem parking set forth in Resolution TA-01-03. Original TCR application approved under Resolution TA-00-03, as amended by Resolution TA-01-02. The City of South Pasadena is requesting this amendment.

- Project #153 – Pasadena ~~Blue~~ **Gold** Line utility relocation. Amend application to update the project schedule and funding plan. Original TCR application approved under Resolution TA-00-03. The City of South Pasadena is requesting this amendment.

Attachments

TCR Program – Application Amendment Project #152

Los Angeles Pasadena Blue Gold Line transit-oriented mixed-use development.

(\$ X 1,000)

<i>Estimated Project Cost:</i>	\$6,380	<i>TCRP Funds covered by application:</i>	\$0
<i>Total TCRP Funds Available:</i>	\$1,500	<i>Phases(s) covered by application:</i>	1,2,4
<i>Lead Agency:</i>	City of South Pasadena	<i>TCRP funds previously approved for #152:</i>	\$1,500
		<i>Implementing Agency:</i>	City of South Pasadena

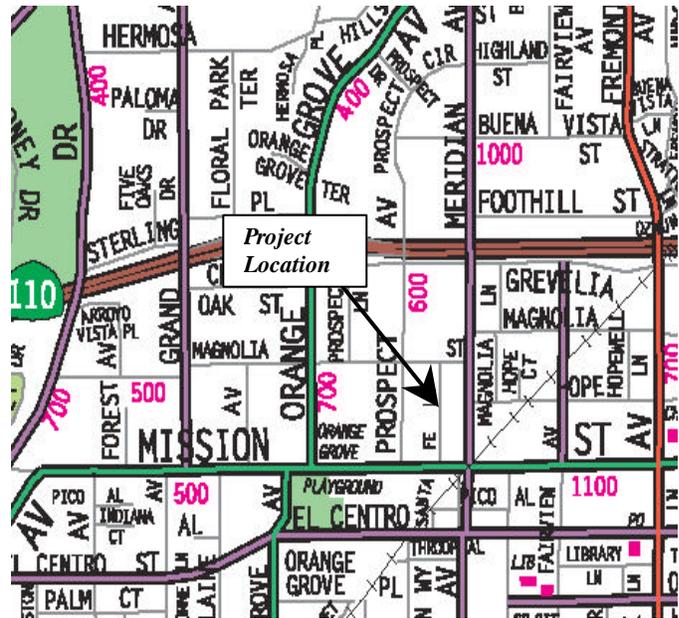
TCRP allocation request concurrent w/application: \$692
Advance requested: \$0

for Phase(s): 4
for Phase(s): N/A

Project Summary: The purpose of this project is to develop a public parking structure within a mixed-use development project to serve the commuters using the Los Angeles to Pasadena Gold Line.

The mixed-use project (Mission Meridian Courts) includes 142 public parking spaces for Gold Line commuters, 6000 square feet of commuter and neighborhood serving retail (food market/café, newsstand, etc.), and 67 for-sale condominiums. The condominiums will be marketed to people who will use the Gold Line to commute to work rather than their personal vehicles.

Summary of Action: This amendment updates the overall project schedule to extend project completion to August 2004, and updates the overall financial plan. In addition, the applicant agency is requesting the Commission waive the condition regarding non-tandem parking previously set forth for this project under Resolution TA-01-02. (See Status of Conditions below).



Reason for Change: Additional time is needed to construct the project due to the delays in right of way acquisition to relocate the historical bungalows previously on the project site. The right of way has now been acquired (Magnolia property) and the bungalows relocated, and construction is underway. An update in the financial plan is needed due to a cost decrease in the project from \$6,380,127 to \$6,095,463 (excluding the Magnolia property).

The City of South Pasadena is requesting the Commission waive the condition in Resolution TA-01-02 requiring that the parking structure contain 142 non-tandem parking spaces exclusively for Blue Line commuters. The location of the site, along with its site and dimensions, dictate that the most efficient arrangement of parking for all uses is in two levels of subterranean parking under the entire project site. The public parking is located on the lowest level with a separate and distinct entrance from the residential parking.

Of the 142 public parking spaces, 70 will be tandem parking. The City, with the concurrence of the LACMTA, indicates that the dimensions of the site, together with the dimensions needed for parking spaces and parking safety, dictate that the parking layout include tandem parking on one side in order to achieve the maximum number of parking spaces. The City has had a parking audit conducted by parking consultants to ensure and verify that this layout would provide the most effective, safe, and maximum number of public parking spaces. The parking garage will be managed with state of the art computerized controlled access equipment capable of maintaining 142 public spaces for public use at all times. Moreover, a parking attendant(s) will be assigned to work in the facility to manage the tandem parking and serve the commuters.

Should the Commission continue to require non-tandem commuter parking spaces, approximately 107 spaces would be available to Gold Line commuters.

Cost and Schedule (\$ x 1,000)

Phase	Scope	Start	End	Cost
1	Environmental and soil reports, traffic, studies, environmental impact report, schematic parking study and permits	1/99 5/00	12/02 2/02	\$1,048 \$989
2	Preparation of project plans and specifications	1/01 4/01	5/02 6/01	\$202
3	Land Acquisition (including Magnolia Property)	2/01	2/03 10/01	\$2,239 \$2,018
4	Construction	2/03 7/02	8/04 12/03	\$2,828 \$3,171
Total:				\$6,317 \$6,380

Financial Plan

Source	Type		Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4	Total
TCRP	State	Committed	\$606	\$202		\$692	\$1,500
		Proposed					
Developer	Private	Committed	\$442			\$1,069	\$1,511
		Proposed	\$383			\$1,412	\$1,795
Prop A & C & AB2766	Local	Committed			\$518		\$518
		Proposed					
CRA	Local	Committed			\$221		\$221
		Proposed					
MTA	Local	Committed			\$1,500	\$1,067	\$2,567
		Proposed					
Totals:		Committed	\$1,048	\$202	\$2,239	\$2,828	\$6,317
		Proposed	\$989		\$2,018	\$3,171	\$6,380
Totals:		Committed	\$1,048	\$202	\$2,239	\$2,828	\$6,317
		Proposed	\$989		\$2,018	\$3,171	\$6,380

Prior TCRP Action: Original application was approved on December 6, 2000 (Resolution TA-00-03). An Amendment was approved on January 17, 2001 (Resolution TA-01-02) to redirect Phase 3 funds to Phases 1, 2, and 4. A Minor Amendment was approved June 10, 2002, to update the project schedule and update the financial plan to redistribute funds other than TCRP, as well as including “committed” local funds previously reflected as “proposed.” Project delay attributed to right of way acquisition and environmental documentation taking longer than originally anticipated.

Status of Conditions: The following condition was set forth by the CTC under Resolution TA-00-03, and reiterated in Resolution TA-01-02.

- Prior to an allocation of funds for any capital phase of the project, the City must develop a parking management plan that, among other requirements, provides for procedures to ensure that 142 single, non-tandem designated parking spaces and 30 secured bike racks are for the exclusive use of MTA Gold Line commuters, and ensure the commuter parking spaces are maintained and operated separate from residential and retail parking developed within the mixed-use site. **A Parking Management Plan (PMP) has been developed by the City of South Pasadena and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA), and submitted to the Department for review. Inasmuch as the PMP calls for tandem parking the PMP could not be accepted at this time. Should the Commission waive the non-tandem requirement, the PMP would be approved.**

Discussion/Issues: Department and Commission staff recommend that the Commission defer action on the City of Pasadena's request until such time as the legislative consideration and action regarding the Administration's fiscal year spending proposals has been determined. Should the Commission choose to act on the City of Pasadena's request this month, the Department and Commission staff recommend the following condition:

- The Commission waives the non-tandem requirement set forth under Resolution TA-01-02.

CTC reviewed the Mitigated Neg Dec and approved the project for future consideration of funding on July 18, 2002, under Resolution E-02-32.

TCR Program – Application Amendment Project #153

Los Angeles Pasadena Blue Gold Line utility relocation.

(\$ X 1,000)

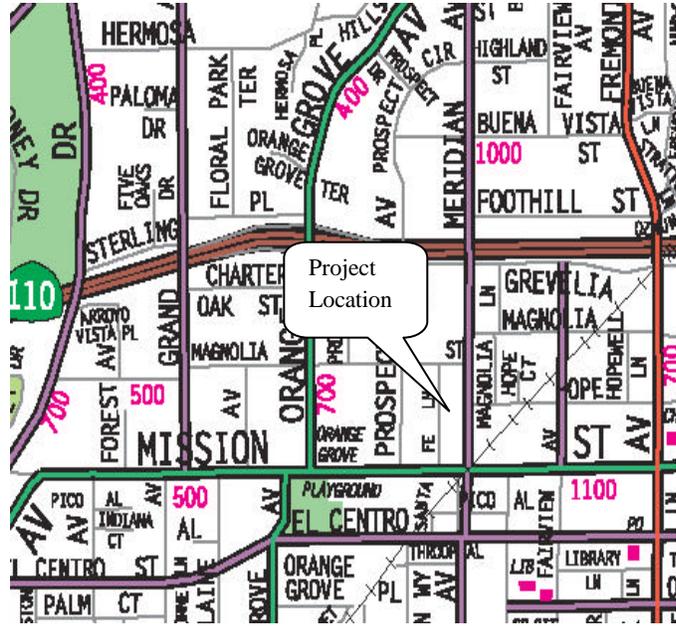
<i>Estimated Project Cost:</i>	\$550	\$1,050	<i>TCRP Funds covered by application:</i>	\$0
<i>Total TCRP Funds Available:</i>	\$550		<i>Phases(s) covered by application:</i>	4
<i>Lead Agency:</i>	City of South Pasadena		<i>TCRP funds previously approved for #153</i>	\$550
			<i>Implementing Agency:</i>	City of South Pasadena

<i>TCRP allocation request concurrent w/application:</i>	\$550	<i>for Phase(s):</i>	4
<i>Advance requested:</i>	\$0	<i>for Phase(s):</i>	N/A

Project Summary:

The purpose of this project is to underground the overhead utility lines that run along the site of the future parking structure (see application for TCRP Project #152). The overhead utility lines are a major obstacle to the construction of the parking structure. The parking structure will include 142 public parking spaces for Gold Line commuters, 6000 square feet of commercial and neighborhood serving retail (food market/café, newsstand, etc.) and 67 for-sale condominiums. The condominiums will be marketed to people who will use the Gold line to commute to work rather than their personal vehicles.

Summary of Action: This amendment updates the project financial plan to remove a total of \$500,000 of local funds from the funding plan. This amendment also updates the overall project schedule to be consistent with the schedule for related project TCRP #152 – Pasadena Gold Line Mixed-use Transit Development project.



Reason for Change: The project was delayed due to right of way acquisition associated with TCRP #152. According to the applicant agency, the funding plan for the project has decreased not because the actual cost decreased, but because a City match was inadvertently added into the plan. The City match was only intended for TCRP Project #152 - Pasadena Gold Line Mixed-use Transit Development project.

Cost and Schedule (\$ x 1,000)

Phase	Scope	Start	End	Cost
1	Community outreach, eminent domain initiated (for a small parcel, not the one being purchased), environmental review. (from Project #152)	1/99 5/00	12/02 2/02	
2	Design, development, plans, and working drawing. (From Project #152)	6/99 1/01	5/02	
3	Right of Way Acquisition	2/01	10/01	
4	Construct under grounding of overhead utility lines.	2/03 7/02	12/03 1/03	\$550 \$1,050
Total:				\$550 \$1,050

Funding Plan A (\$ x 1,000)

Source	Type		Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4	Total
TCRP	State	Committed				\$286	\$286
		Proposed					
Prop A & C	Local	Committed				\$264	\$264
		Proposed					
	Totals:	Committed				\$550	\$550
		Proposed				\$1,050	\$1,050
		Totals:				\$550	\$550
						\$1,050	\$1,050

Funding Plan B (\$ x 1,000)

Source	Type		Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4	Total
TCRP	State	Committed				\$550	\$550
		Proposed					
Prop A & C	Local	Committed				\$500	\$500
		Proposed					
	Totals:	Committed				\$550	\$550
		Proposed				\$1,050	\$1,050
		Totals:				\$550	\$550
						\$1,050	\$1,050

Prior TCRP Action: Original application was approved on December 6, 2000 (Resolution TA-00-03). A minor amendment was approved on June 10, 2002, to update the schedule to be consistent with TCRP #152.

Status of Conditions: The following condition was set forth by the CTC under Resolution TA-00-03, and remains in effect: Prior to an allocation of funds, the conditions stated for Project #152 must be met.

Discussion/Issues: Department and Commission staff recommend that the Commission defer action on the City of Pasadena’s request until such time as the legislative consideration and action regarding the Administration’s fiscal year spending proposals has been determined. Should the Commission choose to act on the City of Pasadena’s request this month, the Department and Commission staff recommend the following conditions:

- Inasmuch as the State is entitled to participate in any cost savings achieved on a project, should funds be made available, the Commission should adopt Funding Plan A, which reflects the reduced cost of the project and includes a cost savings to the State.

CTC reviewed the Mitigated Neg Dec for the Pasadena Gold Line Mixed Use Facility and approved the project for future consideration of funding on July 18, 2002, under Resolution E-02-32.

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
Approval of Traffic Congestion Relief Program
Project Application Amendment

RESOLUTION TAA-03-01
Amending Resolutions TA-00-03 and TA-01-02

- 1.1 WHEREAS the Traffic Congestion Relief Act of 2000 (herein after referred to as “statute”), which was established by Chapters 91 (AB 2928) and 656 (SB 1662) of the Statutes of 2000, establishes the Traffic Congestion Relief Program, providing \$5.39 billion for projects throughout the State of California to reduce traffic congestion, provide for safe and efficient movement of goods, and provide system connectivity; and
- 1.2 WHEREAS in accordance with Government Code Section 14556.11 the California Transportation Commission (Commission) has adopted guidelines, in consultation with the Department of Transportation (Department) and regional agencies, to implement the Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP); and
- 1.3 WHEREAS the statute and guidelines require applicants to specify full and complete project applications, including scope, cost and schedule, financial plans and funding sources; and
- 1.4 WHEREAS on December 6, 2000, the Commission passed Resolution TA-00-03 approving TCRP Project #152 – Pasadena **Blue Gold** Line transit-oriented mixed-use development, for \$1,500,000 for Phase 3 – Right of Way (ROW) to the City of South Pasadena; and
- 1.5 WHEREAS on January 17, 2001, the Commission passed Resolution TA-01-02, approving application amendment to redirect all funds from Phase 3 – ROW to Phase 1 – Environmental and Permits (ENV), Phase 2 – Plans, Specifications and Estimates (PS&E), and Phase 4 – Construction (CON); and
- 1.4 WHEREAS in Resolution TA-00-03, the Commission set forth the condition that prior to an allocation of funds for any capital phase of the project, the City must develop a parking management plan that, among other requirements, provides for procedures to ensure that 142 single, non-tandem designated parking spaces and 30 secured bike racks are for the exclusive use of Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) **Blue Gold** Line commuters, and ensure the commuter parking spaces are maintained and operated separate from residential and retail parking developed within the mixed-use site; and
- 1.5 WHEREAS the City of South Pasadena and MTA have determined that the location of the site, along with its dimensions, dictate that the most efficient arrangement of parking for all uses is in two levels of subterranean parking under the entire project site, and that the public parking is to be located on the lowest level with a separate and distinct entrance from the residential parking; and
- 1.6 WHEREAS the dimensions needed for parking spaces and parking safety dictate that the parking layout include tandem parking on one side in order to achieve the maximum number of parking spaces; and

- 1.7 WHEREAS the City of South Pasadena and MTA have determined that of the 142 public parking spaces, 70 will be tandem parking; and
 - 1.8 WHEREAS the City of South Pasadena has submitted an amended application for TCRP Project #152 – Pasadena ~~Blue~~ **Gold** Line transit-oriented mixed-use development to revise the project schedule and update the financial plan; and
 - 1.9 WHEREAS the City of South Pasadena is also requesting that the Commission waive the non-tandem requirement previously set forth under Resolution TA-01-02, allowing for 72 single spaces and 70 tandem parking spaces for the Gold Line commuters; and
 - 1.10 WHEREAS on December 6, 2000, the Commission passed Resolution TA-00-03 approving TCRP Project #153 – Pasadena ~~Blue~~ **Gold** Line utility relocation, for \$550,000 for Phase 4 – CON to the City of South Pasadena; and
 - 1.11 WHEREAS in Resolution TA-00-03, the Commission set forth the condition that prior to an allocation of funds for TCRP Project #153 – Pasadena ~~Blue~~ **Gold** Line utility relocation, the conditions stated for TCRP Project #152 – Pasadena ~~Blue~~ **Gold** Line transit-oriented mixed-use development must be met; and
 - 1.12 WHEREAS the City of South Pasadena has identified delays to the schedule for both TCRP #152 and TCRP #153 due to delays in right of way acquisition for two historical bungalows previously located on the project site; and
 - 1.13 WHEREAS the City of South Pasadena has indicated that the cost of TCRP #153 – Pasadena ~~Blue~~ **Gold** Line utility relocation has decreased from \$1,050,000 to \$550,000; and
 - 1.14 WHEREAS the City of South Pasadena has submitted an amended application for TCRP Project #153 – Pasadena ~~Blue~~ **Gold** Line utility relocation, updating project schedule and financial plan.
- 2.1 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Commission does hereby approve the following two TCRP project application amendments as submitted, with subsequent clarifications and revisions:
- Project #152 – Pasadena ~~Blue~~ **Gold** Line transit-oriented mixed-use development. Amend application to update the project schedule and funding plan, and waive non-tandem parking space requirement.
Applicant Agency: The City of South Pasadena
Implementing Agency: The City of South Pasadena
 - Project #153 – Pasadena ~~Blue~~ **Gold** Line utility relocation. Amend application to update the project schedule and funding plan.
Applicant Agency: The City of South Pasadena
Implementing Agency: The City of South Pasadena;
- and
- 2.2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission waive the condition stipulated in Resolution TA-00-03, and reiterated in Resolution TA-01-02, for TCRP Project #152 – Pasadena ~~Blue~~ **Gold** Line transit-oriented mixed-use development, that 142 single, non-tandem designated parking spaces be made available for the exclusive use of MTA ~~Blue~~ **Gold** Line commuters; and

- 2.3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all applicant agencies shall provide the Commission and the Department with a progress report on April 1st and October 1st of each year on actual expenditures and status of work, until the projects have been completed; and
- 2.4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this TCRP project application approval by the Commission reserves the State funding for the projects as specified by the statute, and allows the applicant agencies to incur costs in accordance with the approved project application, statute and guidelines; and
- 2.5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that CTC Resolutions TA-00-03 and TA-01-02 are hereby amended.