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Memorandum

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Ref: **PENDING TRAFFIC CONGESTION RELIEF (TCR) PROGRAM ALLOCATIONS**

BACKGROUND:

The adopted Fiscal Year (FY) 2003-04 budget provided $189,000,000 in new revenue to be added with existing funds for Traffic Congestion Relief (TCR) Program projects. As reported at the special meeting of the California Transportation Commission (Commission) on November 24, 2003, the cash-flow forecast based on the October 2003 TCR Progress Report indicates that implementing agency expenditures would leave a balance of $74,000,000 at the end of FY 2003-04. Due to the uncertainty of TCR funding for FY 2004-05, the California Department of Transportation (Department) recommended that the Commission refrain from making new allocations of TCR funds.

On January 10, 2004, Governor Schwarzenegger released his budget proposals for FY 2004-05. The proposals include the transfer of $189,000,000 from the TCR Fund to the General Fund, the elimination of TCR project definitions from statutes, and the rescission of all allocations and approvals for AB 1335 TCRP Letter of No Prejudice.

To date, the Legislature has not taken action to approve these proposals. However, the deficit in the State's General Fund continues to impact the TCR Program. The following six project allocation amendment requests, including one allocation amendment with a net change of ($1,528,000) in TCR funding, were listed under Tab 45 (Reference Item 2.6e) of the January 2004 Commission meeting materials. The Commission deferred and directed the requests be added to the following pending list:

- $0 – Project #1.1 – BART to San Jose; extend BART from Fremont to Downtown San Jose in Santa Clara and Alameda Counties – Extension from Fremont to Warm Springs. Redistribute $10,000,000 from Phase 2 to Phase 3.
  Implementing Agency: San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District
  (Redistribution of funds subject to application amendment approval)

- $0 – Project # 55.1 – Alameda Corridor East; build grade separations on Burlington Northern-Santa Fe and Union Pacific Railroad lines, Los Angeles County line to Colton. Redistribute $47,000 from Phase 1 and $600,000 from Phase 2 to Phase 3.
  Implementing Agency: City of Montclair
  (Redistribution of funds subject to application amendment approval)

- ($490,000) – Project #87.1 – Route 94/125; build two new freeway connector ramps at Route 94/125 in Lemon Grove in San Diego County. De-allocate savings in TCR funds from Phase 4 for allocation to TCRP Sub-project #87.2.
  Implementing Agency: California Department of Transportation (Department)
  (De-allocation of funds subject to application amendment approval)

- $490,000 – Project #87.2 – Route 94/125; build two new freeway connector ramps at Route 94/125 in Lemon Grove in San Diego County. Allocate $490,000 for Phase 3 from TCRP Sub-project #87.1. Redistribute $210,000 from Phase 1 to Phase 3.
  Implementing Agency: Department
  (De-allocation and redistribution of funds subject to application amendment approval)

- ($2,078,000) – Project #94 – Route 43; widen to four-lane expressway from Kings County line to Route 99 in Selma in Fresno County. De-allocate ($2,078,000) Phase 1 to be made available for allocation to TCRP Sub-project #97.2 and other projects.
  Implementing Agency: Department
  (De-allocation of funds subject to application amendment approval)

- $550,000 – Project #97.2 – Operational improvements on Shaw Avenue, Chestnut Avenue, Willow Avenue, and Barstow Avenue near California State University at Fresno in Fresno County – Operational improvements in City of Fresno. Allocate $550,000 for Phase 3 from TCRP Project #94.
  Implementing Agency: City of Fresno
  (Allocation of funds subject to application amendment approval)

The following 15 project allocation requests totaling $155,733,000 were listed under Tab 20 (Reference Item 4.3b) of the January 2004 Commission meeting materials. Except for those allocation requests subject to application approval, the following projects are consistent with the approved application, have met any applicable conditions set by Commission, and the implementing agency is ready to proceed:

- $4,170,000 – Project #27.1, Phase 3 for Vasco Road Safety and Transit Enhancement Project in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties – Vasco Road Improvements.
  Implementing Agency: Alameda County Public Works Agency
  (Allocation of funds subject to application approval)

- $1,204,000 – Project #27.2, Phase 4 for Vasco Road Safety and Transit Enhancement Project in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties – ACE Commuter Parking.
  Implementing Agency: City of Livermore

- ($432,000) – Project #60.1, Phases 2 and 3 for Route 15; southbound truck climbing lane at two locations in San Bernardino County.
  Implementing Agency: Department
  (De-allocation of funds subject to application amendment approval)

- $17,000,000 - Project #62.1, Phase 4 for Route 91; add HOV lanes through downtown Riverside, Mary Street to Route 60/215 junction in Riverside County.
  Implementing Agency: Department

- $7,700,000 – Project #75.2, Phase 4 for San Diego Transit Buses; acquire about 85 low-emission buses for San Diego transit service in San Diego County.
  Implementing Agency: North San Diego County Transit District (NCTD)

- $80,000,000 – Project #79, Phase 4 for North County Light Rail; build new 20-mile light rail line for Oceanside to Escondido in San Diego County.
  Implementing Agency: NCTD

- $7,800,000 – Project #83.1, Phase 3 for Route 15; add high-tech managed lane on I-15 freeway north of San Diego (Stage 1) from Route 163 to Route 78 in San Diego County – Transit Elements.
  Implementing Agency: San Diego Metropolitan Transit Development Board

- $10,000,000 – Project #92, Phase 4 for San Joaquin Corridor; improve track and signals along San Joaquin intercity rail line near Hanford in Kings County.
  Implementing Agency: Department

- $35,000 – Project #97.2, Phase 3 for Operational improvements on Shaw Avenue, Chestnut Avenue, Willow Avenue, and Barstow Avenue near California State University at Fresno in Fresno County.
  Implementing Agency: City of Fresno

- $260,000 – Project #98, Phase 3 for Peach Avenue; widen to four-lane arterial and add pedestrian overcrossings for three schools in Fresno County.
  Implementing Agency: City of Fresno

- $7,000,000 – Project #99.2, Phase 4 for San Joaquin Corridor; improve track and signals along San Joaquin intercity rail line in seven counties – Stockton to Escalon Second Main Track.
  Implementing Agency: Department

- $1,298,000 – Project #114, Phases 2 and 3 for Route 65; add four passing lanes, intersection improvement, and conduct environmental studies for ultimate widening to four lanes from Route 99 in Bakersfield to Tulare County line in Kern County.
  Implementing Agency: Department

- $18,500,000 - Project #118, Phase 4 for Sacramento Emergency Clean Air/Transportation Plan (SECAT); incentive for the reduction of emissions from heavy-duty diesel engines operating within the Sacramento region.
  Implementing Agency: Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG)

- $608,000 – Project #119.2, Phase 1 for Convert Sacramento Regional Transit bus fleet to low emission and provide Yolobus service by the Yolo County Transportation District.
  Implementing Agency: Yolo County Transportation District

- $590,000 – Project #123, Phase 4 for Oceanside Transit Center; parking structure.
  Implementing Agency: City of Oceanside