

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: March 2-3, 2005

Reference No.: 2.1c.(1)
Action Item

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Ref: **TRAFFIC CONGESTION RELIEF (TCR) PROGRAM APPLICATION APPROVALS
RESOLUTION TA-05-01**

ISSUE:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) and the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) request approval of the attached Resolution for one Traffic Congestion Relief (TCR) project application to program \$21,000,000 in TCR funding for Phase 4 – Construction. A fact sheet describing the project is attached.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department recommends approval.

BACKGROUND:

Designating the RCTC as the Applicant Agency, and approving the additional phase of work, enables the agency to request an AB 1335 Letter of No Prejudice (Letter) in order to fund the project using local funds and seek TCR fund reimbursement in the future. The RCTC has submitted a Letter request in accordance with the Guidelines, identifying an alternate fund source (concurrent Reference Item 2.1c.(4)). In addition, a concurrent STIP Amendment (04S-018) is being requested to replace the STIP funds with local funds. By utilizing the Letter request process and AB 3090, the RCTC will be able to proceed with the project.

Attachments

TCR Program – Application Amendment Project #63

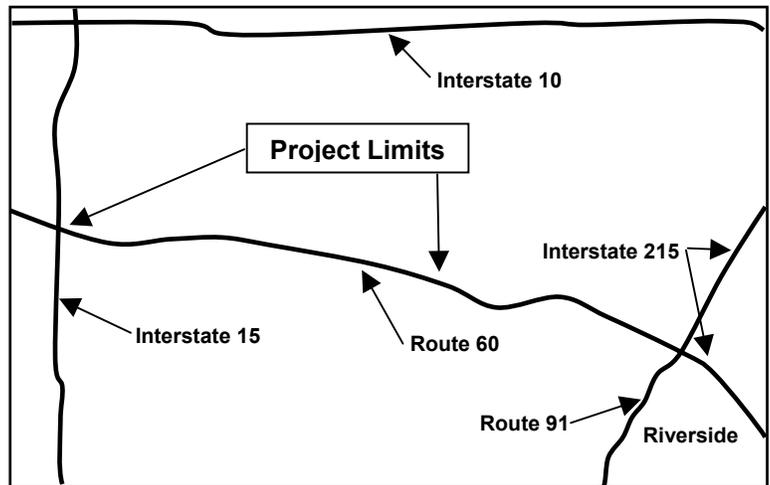
Riverside **Route 60; add seven miles of HOV lanes west of Riverside, Route 15 to Valley Way in Riverside County.**

(\$ X 1,000)

<i>Estimated Project Cost:</i>	\$41,496	<i>TCRP Funds Covered by Application:</i>	\$21,000
<i>Total TCRP Funds Available:</i>	\$25,000	<i>Phase(s) Covered by Application:</i>	All
<i>Lead Agency:</i>	Riverside County Transportation Commission California Department of Transportation	<i>Implementing Agency:</i>	California Department of Transportation

<i>TCRP Allocation Requested Concurrently with Application:</i>	\$0	<i>for Phase(s):</i>	N/A
<i>Advanced Requested:</i>	\$0	<i>for Phase(s):</i>	N/A
<i>TCRP Allocations to Date:</i>	\$4,000	<i>for Phase(s):</i>	1,2,3
<i>LONP Requested Concurrently with Application:</i>	\$21,000	<i>for Phase(s):</i>	4

Project Summary: Widen State Route 60 from six lanes to eight lanes beginning at the Junction of I-15 and ending at Valley Way by constructing one HOV lane in each direction. This addition will provide the missing portion between the completed westerly section from the Los Angeles County line to the I-15 junction and the currently under construction section, between Valley Way and I-215. Both of these segments consist of 3-mixed flow lanes and one HOV lane in each direction. Currently, 3 mixed flow lanes exist between I-15 and Valley Way.



Summary of Action: This action programs \$21,000,000 of TCRP funds to Phase 4 and designates Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) as the Lead Agency.

Reason for Change: The designation of RCTC as the Lead Agency will enable the agency to request a Letter of No Prejudice and fund the project with other funds and seek reimbursement in the future. A concurrent STIP Amendment (04S-018) is being requested to replace the STIP funds with local funds. By utilizing the LONP process and AB 3090, RCTC will be able to fund the project for construction.

Cost and Schedule (\$ x 1,000)

<i>Phase</i>	<i>Scope</i>	<i>Start</i>	<i>End</i>	<i>Cost</i>
1	Prepare Environmental Document	10/00	6/02	\$1,340
2	Prepare PS&E Package	2/01	6/03	\$2,460
3	Right of Way Acquisition, Utility Relocation and Support	10/02	6/03	\$200
4	Construct Roadways, Structures and Support	3/05	10/07	\$37,496
Total:				\$41,496

Funding Plan (\$ x 1,000)

Source	Type		Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4	Total
TCRP	State	Committed	\$1,340	\$2,460	\$200	\$21,000	\$25,000
		Proposed					
STIP-IIP	State	Committed				\$4,615	\$4,615
		Proposed					
Trans Uniform Mitigation Fee	Local	Committed				\$8,881	\$8,881
		Proposed					
CMAQ	Federal	Committed				\$3,000	\$3,000
		Proposed					
Totals:		Committed	\$1,340	\$2,460	\$200	\$37,496	\$41,496
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AB 1335 Letter Funding Plan (\$ x 1,000)

Source	Type		Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4	Total
CMAQ	Federal	Total				\$21,000	\$21,000

Prior TCRP Action:

- Original application was approved on January 17, 2001 (TA-01-01) for \$3,800,000 for Phases 1 and 2.
- Minor amendment was approved February 13, 2002 based on the October 2001 Progress Report.
- Minor amendment was approved July 10, 2002 based on the April 2002 Progress Report.
- An application was approved October 3, 2002 (TA-02-13) for \$200,000 for Phase 3.
- The funding plan was updated based on the adoption of the 2004 STIP (G-04-07) on August 5, 2004.
- The funding plan was updated based on STIP Amendment 04S-007, approved December 5, 2004. This amendment programmed an additional \$199,000 of STIP-RIP and \$251,000 of STIP-IIP as an escalation adjustment.

Status of Conditions: The following condition was set under Resolution TA-02-13 and has been met.

- Allocation of capital funds is contingent upon review of the final environmental document and approval of the project for future consideration of funding by the CTC. The Commission has reviewed the Negative Declaration and approved the project for future consideration of funding on October 3, 2002 under Resolution E-02-49.

Discussion/Issues: No issues. Project is fully funded. A concurrent STIP Amendment (04S-018) is on the agenda for approval of an AB 3090 to replace the STIP funds with local funds. This project has been “ready to list” for over a year and the environmental document will expire June 2005. This project is integral to the regional HOV system and will fill a gap along the existing system.

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
Approval of Traffic Congestion Relief Program
Project Applications

RESOLUTION TA-05-01

- 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 (TCR) Program; 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 the Commission, with assistance from the Department, is required by statute to review and approve applications for TCR projects that meet the requirements in statute and guidelines; and
- 1.5 WHEREAS on August 14, 2003, the Commission approved Resolution G-03-12 adopting Guidelines for Letter of No Prejudice, Traffic Congestion Relief Program (Guidelines); and
- 1.6 WHEREAS the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC), in conjunction with the Department, has submitted a application designating the RCTC as the Applicant Agency and requesting to program \$21,000,000 in TCR funding for Phase 4 – Construction; and
- 1.7 WHEREAS the RCTC has submitted a request for an AB1335 Letter of No Prejudice (Letter) for Commission approval in accordance with the adopted Guidelines; and
- 1.8 WHEREAS the Commission, with assistance from the Department, has reviewed and finds the following submitted TCR project application in compliance with the statute and guidelines.
- 2.1 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Commission does hereby approve the following Traffic Congestion Relief Program application for \$21,000,000 as submitted, with subsequent clarifications and revisions:
- Project #63 – \$21,000,000 for Phase 4, for Route 60; add seven mile of HOV lanes west of Riverside, Route 15 to Valley Way in Riverside County.
Applicant Agency: ~~California Department of Transportation~~ **Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC)**
Implementing Agency: RCTC;
- and

- 2.2 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
- 2.3 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.