

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: September 28-29, 2005

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

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Ref: **TRAFFIC CONGESTION RELIEF PROGRAM (TCRP) PROJECT APPLICATION
APPROVAL
RESOLUTION TA-05-03**

The California Department of Transportation (Department) requests approval of the following Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP) project application for \$2,400,000 in new TCR funding.

Project #74.8 – Pacific Surfliner; double track intercity rail line within San Diego County, add maintenance yard in San Diego County (O’Neil to Flores double track).

- Program \$2,400,000 for Construction
- Approve project schedule and funding plan

RECOMMENDATION

The Department recommends approval.

BACKGROUND

Due to the size and complexity of Project #74, it was separated into seven sub-projects for implementation. Project #74.8 – Pacific Surfliner – O’Neil to Flores Double Track – is to be added as the eighth sub-project.

Project #74.8 consists of constructing 1.8 miles of second main track (double track) from Control Point (CP) O’Neil to CP Flores (or milepost 220.8 to milepost 219.0). This project will significantly reduced delays by allowing passing trains on this section of track, allowing passing at maximum track speed, and reducing dispatcher hold times.

The total project cost is \$7.4 million and will be ready for construction by October 2005.

Using other funds (SHA and STIP), PA&ED will be complete by October 2005. Initially, the project was determined to be statutorily exempt (with construction completely within North County Transit District right-of-way). However, during the design process, vernal pools were found that would require some retaining walls for protection. It was decided to obtain construction easements from Camp Pendleton in order to avoid building expensive retaining walls for the entire length of the project. An Environmental Assessment is being reviewed by Camp Pendleton and approval is expected by mid-September 2005. A Finding of No Significant Impact is expected from the Federal Rail Administration by the end of September 2005.

PS&E for the double track was completed using other funds (SHA and STIP), although some design for retaining walls remains and will be complete by October 2005.

A concurrent allocation of \$2,400,000 for Construction is requested under Reference No. 2.6e.(1).

RESOLUTION

Resolved, with all conditions stipulated still in effect, the California Transportation Commission hereby approves TCRP Project #74.8 as follows:

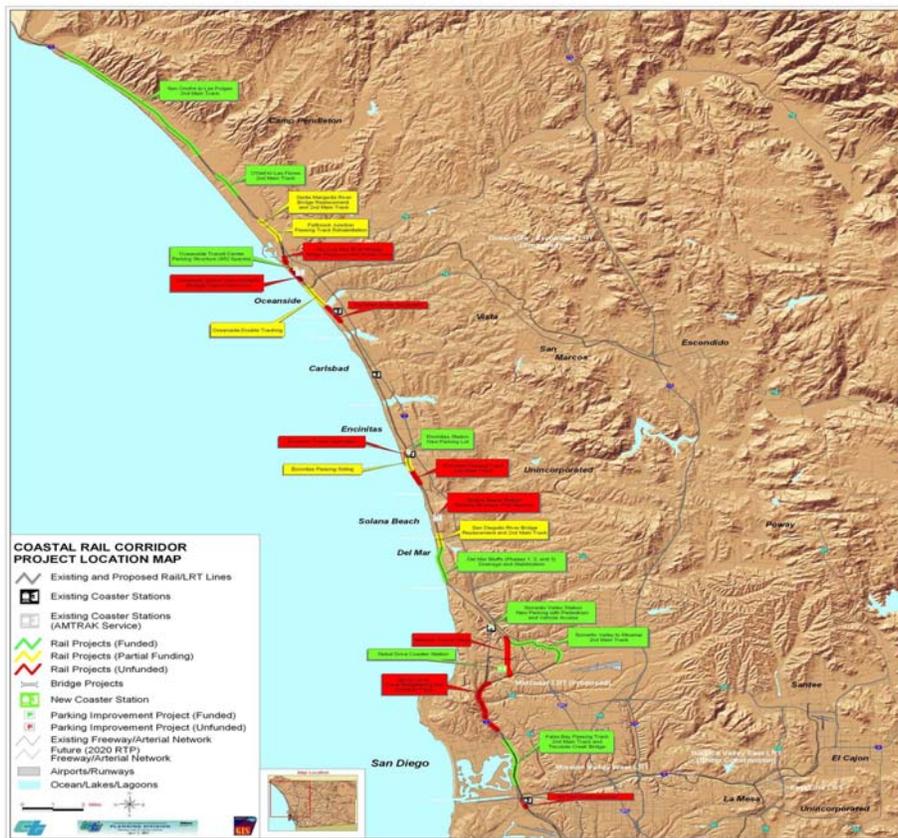
Approves:

County	District	BREF	TCRP										
San Diego	11	74.8	\$ 2,400										
Completion (FY)		Phase 1	05/06					Phase 3					
		Phase 2	05/06					Phase 4	06/07				
Lead Agency:	California Department of Transportation												
Implementing:	California Department of Transportation												
Description:	Pacific Surfliner; O'Neil to Flores double track												
(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)													
FUND	TOTAL	Project Totals by Fiscal Year						Project Totals by Component					
		Prior	05/06	06/07	07/08	08/09	Beyond	R/W	CON	PA&ED	PS&E	R/W Supp	CON Supp
TCRP - Committed													
Existing	0												
Change	2,400		2,400						2,400				
Proposed	2,400		2,400						2,400				
STIP-IIP													
Existing	3,750	3,750							3,350	280	120		
Change	0												
Proposed	3,750	3,750							3,350	280	120		
Amtrak													
Existing	1,250	1,250							1,250				
Change	0												
Proposed	1,250	1,250							1,250				
Total													
Existing	5,000	5,000	0						4,600	280	120		
Change	2,400	0	2,400						2,400	0	0		
Proposed	7,400	5,000	2,400						7,000	280	120		

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Location Map

TCRP #74.8



Description: Pacific Surfliner; O'Neil to Flores double track.

