

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: February 1-2, 2006

Reference No.: 2.1c.(3)
Action Item

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Ref: **TRAFFIC CONGESTION RELIEF PROGRAM (TCRP) PROJECT APPLICATION
AMENDMENT APPROVAL
RESOLUTION TAA-06-03, AMENDING RESOLUTION TA-01-03**

The California Department of Transportation (Department) requests approval of the following Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP) project application amendment.

Project #93 – Route 180; complete environmental studies to extend Route 180 westward from ~~Mendota~~ Fresno to I-5 in Fresno County. Amend application to:

- Revise project scope.
- Update project schedule.

RECOMMENDATION

The Department recommends approval.

BACKGROUND

Initially, work on Project #93 was to be limited to the environmental studies and preliminary engineering required for a Route Adoption Study for a segment of State Route 180 between Interstate 5 and State Route 33, near Mendota.

In February 2003, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) expressed their concern that State Route 33 was not a logical terminus point for the project. Based on this concern, the Project Development Team stopped work on the Route Adoption Study and began work on the alternative of a “traversable highway”.

However, in January 2004, the Council of Fresno Governments (Fresno COG) formed the Route 180 Steering Committee to consider a regional look at the entire Route 180 corridor and the concept of creating a four-lane expressway between Fresno and Interstate 5.

The possibility of this new expressway required various alternatives to again be considered and, in July 2004, the Steering Committee re-initiated the Route Adoption Study extension from Interstate 5 to Brawley Avenue, not to State Route 33, as originally recommended by FHWA.

A concurrent re-allocation is requested under Reference No. 2.6e.(3).

RESOLUTION

Resolved, with all conditions stipulated still in effect, the California Transportation Commission hereby revises TCRP Project #93 as follows:

Revises:

County	District	BREF	TCRP										
Fresno	6	93	\$ 7,000										
Completion (FY)	Phase 1	04/05	07/08					Phase 3	N/A				
	Phase 2	N/A							Phase 4	N/A			
Lead Agency:	California Department of Transportation												
Implementing:	Same												
Description:	Route 180; complete environmental studies to extend Route 180 westward from Mendota Fresno to I-5 in Fresno County.												
(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													
Existing	7,000	7,000								7,000			
Change	0												
Proposed	7,000	7,000								7,000			
Total													
Existing	7,000	7,000								7,000			
Change	0	0								0			
Proposed	7,000	7,000								7,000			

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Location Map



TCRP #93

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