

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

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Action Item

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Ref: **FINANCIAL ALLOCATION FOR TRAFFIC CONGESTION RELIEF PROGRAM (TCRP) PROJECTS**
RESOLUTION TFP-06-04

ISSUE:

Attached is a vote box for three Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP) project allocation requests to “reallocate” \$4,093,000 in previously allocated TCRP funds for the projects identified.

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission) consider this allocation request.

BACKGROUND:

On September 28, 2000, the Commission adopted the TCRP Guidelines (Guidelines) under Resolution G-00-23. Section 3.3 of the Guidelines outline states allocated TCRP funds be available for expenditure and reimbursement for up to five years after the date of the allocation.

TCRP funding is derived from Proposition 42. However, this funding was partially suspended in FY 2003-04 and fully suspended in FY 2004-05 in response to the fiscal crisis experienced by the State at that time. In response to the future availability of TCRP funds being in doubt, both applicant and implementing agencies decelerated the expenditure rate of some projects and/or in some cases suspended all activities pending future funds becoming available. In FY 2005-06, Proposition 42 funds were restored and projects are once again proceeding.

Initial allocations of TCRP funds were made beginning in September 2000. The unspent portions of those early allocations started to expire in September 2005. Projects ready to continue are at risk of further delays and incurring higher costs if these expiring allocations are not reallocated. Allocations for projects not ready to proceed can be allowed to expire and reallocated at a future time when justified.

The following list identifies four projects for a total \$792,000 in TCRP allocations that will expire at the end of March 2006. Please note however, they may return for re-allocation at a future date:

- \$5,000 – Project #8 – Route 880; reconstruct Coleman Avenue Interchange.
- \$14,000 – Project #47 – Route 101; California Street off-ramp in Ventura County.
- \$770,000 – Project #89 – Rte 99; improve Shaw Ave Interchange in northern Fresno.
- \$3,000 – Project #133 – Feasibility studies for grade separation projects for Union Pacific Railroad at Elk Grove Boulevard and Bond Road.

The following are three projects ready to proceed and will continue to need the remaining balance of previously allocated TCRP funds otherwise set to expire at the end of March 2006:

- \$2,873,000 – Project #77 – Route 94; environmental studies to add capacity to Route 94 corridor, downtown San Diego to Route 125 in San Diego County. To date, the Department has expended \$1,127,000 of the total \$4,000,000 allocated for PA&ED, which is scheduled to be completed in FY 2010-11.
- \$718,000 – Project #103 – Route 99; improve interchange at Seventh Standard Road, north of Bakersfield in Kern County. To date, the Kern County Road Department has expended \$1,183,000 of the total \$1,900,000 allocated for PA&ED, PS&E, and R/W, with all three phases scheduled to be completed in FY 2005-06.
- \$502,000 – Project #157 – Route 12; improvements from Route 29 to I-80 through Jamison Canyon. To date, the Department has expended \$3,598,000 of the total \$4,100,000 allocated for PA&ED, which is scheduled to be completed in FY 2007-08.

Approval of this reallocation request extends the availability of the TCRP funds, allowing the three TCRP projects identified above to continue to expend funds beyond the current five-year time limit.

Justification:

TCRP #77

The project is an analysis study to increase capacity and operational efficiency of Route 94 from downtown San Diego to Route 125 in Spring Valley. In 2002, the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) began development of an additional tax ordinance for transportation in the region, Transnet II. As SANDAG's studies impacted the Route 94 analysis study, the decision was made to postpone further work until final decisions were made by SANDAG.

The Transnet II funds are now available and SANDAG has identified several projects along the Route 94 corridor. The Department, working in conjunction with SANDAG, is now able to resume the analysis study and can proceed in starting the environmental process.

TCRP #103

The project involves improvements to the Seventh Standard Road Interchange at Route 99. Due to the previous temporary suspension of allocating new TCRP funds, the project was suspended until alternate funding could be identified for right-of-way acquisition. The Public Utilities Commission and the Union Pacific Railroad have provided the alternate funding needed and right-of-way acquisition is now underway.

TCRP #157

The project is to provide additional capacity on Route 12 by widening the existing two lane highway to a four lane expressway from Route 29 to Interstate 80. Environmental studies and preliminary engineering has been delayed due to the inability to hire a consultant to complete technical studies.

In addition, the United States Fish and Wildlife Services (USFWS) is requiring further surveys to determine the impacts on the Red Legged Frog and Fairy Shrimp within the project limits. The USFWS is now requiring that the Red Legged Frog survey be conducted over a two-year period, instead of the previous one-year requirement. For the Fairy Shrimp, a one-year survey during both wet and dry seasons must be conducted, when previously such a survey was not required.

FINANCIAL RESOLUTION

Resolved That:

The project(s), as component phases or in their entirety, appear under Government Code Section 14556.40(a) and are entitled to participate in this allocation amendment.

Reimbursement of eligible costs is subject to the policies, restrictions and assurances as set forth in the Commission's policy for allocating, monitoring, and auditing TCRP projects, and is governed by the terms and conditions of the Fund Transfer Agreement, Program Supplement or Cooperative Agreement, and subsequent amendments to the same if required, as executed between the Implementing Agency and the Department.

Attachment

2.6 Mass Transportation Financial Matters

Project # Allocation Amount Implementing Agency District-County	BREF # and Project Description Description of Allocation	Item # Program Code	Total Allocation Amount
2.6e.(1) Traffic Congestion Relief Program Projects		Resolution TFP-06-04	
1 \$2,873,000 Department of Transportation 11 – San Diego	Project #77 – Route 94; Environmental studies to add capacity to Route 94 corridor, downtown San Diego to Route 125 in Lemon Grove in San Diego County. This project is to increase the capacity and operational efficiency of Route 94 from downtown San Diego to Route 125 in Spring Valley. Re-allocate \$2,873,000 in previously allocated TCRP funding.	Chapter 91 of the Statutes of 2000 889-3007 20.10.710.870	\$2,873,000
2 \$718,000 Kern County Road Department 06 - Kern	Project #103 – Route 99; Improve interchange at Seventh Standard Road, north of Bakersfield in Kern County. This project involves improvements to the Route 99 Interchange including, an additional bridge over Route 99, ramp modifications, widening to four lanes, realignment of 7th Standard Road, signalization of ramp intersections, as well as an adjacent grade separation over the Union Pacific Railroad. Re-allocate \$718,000 in previously allocated TCRP funding.	Chapter 91 of the Statutes of 2000 889-3007 20.10.710.870	\$718,000
3 \$502,000 Department of Transportation 04 – Napa/Solano	Project #157 – Route 12; Congestion relief improvements from Route 29 to I-80 through Jamison Canyon. Widen Route 12 from a 2-lane highway to a 4-lane expressway to provide additional capacity on Route 12 and reduce congestion. Re-allocate \$502,000 in previously allocated TCRP funding.	Chapter 91 of the Statutes of 2000 889-3007 20.10.710.870	\$502,000