

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: April 26-27, 2006

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

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Ref: **TRAFFIC CONGESTION RELIEF PROGRAM (TCRP) PROJECT APPLICATION
AMENDMENT APPROVAL
RESOLUTION TAA-06-20, AMENDING RESOLUTION TA-01-09**

RECOMMENDATION

The Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve the application amendment for Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP) Project #18 described below.

ISSUE

The Department requests approval of the following TCRP project application amendment for \$15,400,000 in new TCRP funding.

Project #18 – Route 101; widen eight miles of freeway to six lanes; Novato to Petaluma (Novato Narrows) in Marin and Sonoma Counties. Amend application to:

- Program \$600,000 in TCRP funds for Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E).
- Program \$1,000,000 in TCRP funds for Right of Way (R/W)
- Program \$13,800,000 in TCRP funds for Construction
- Update project schedule and funding plan.

BACKGROUND

The overall project is to construct an HOV lane in both the northbound and southbound directions of Route 101 from Route 37 in Novato to the Old Redwood Highway in Petaluma. The project will convert the section from north of Atherton Avenue to Route 116 from a four-lane expressway to a six-lane freeway. In addition, the project includes provisions for interchanges, extension of frontage roads, and bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

East Washington Street Interchange improvements on Route 101 are part of the overall project, as per the approved Project Study Report. The existing northbound off-ramp does not have enough storage capacity to handle the traffic. Therefore, traffic is stored on the mainline causing congestion in the northbound direction. The existing southbound on-ramp does not have standard geometrics and enough tapering to allow for traffic to merge into the mainline, creating congestion in the southbound direction. Advancing the interchange improvements will alleviate the current congestion at the intersection. Improvements to the off- and on-ramps will be compatible with the future HOV lane project.

Environmental studies and preliminary engineering have been delayed due to the inability to hire consultants to complete the technical studies. The United States Fish and Wildlife Services (USFWS) is requiring additional surveys to determine the impacts on the Red Legged Frog within the project limits. The USFWS is now requiring that the survey of the Red Legged Frog be conducted over a two-year period, instead of the previous one-year requirement.

A concurrent allocation of \$600,000 for PS&E and \$1,000,000 for R/W is requested under Reference No. 2.6e.(2).

RESOLUTION

Resolved, with all conditions stipulated still in effect, the California Transportation Commission hereby revises TCRP Project #18 as follows:

Revises:

County	District	BREF	TCRP										
Main/Sonoma	4	4	\$ 60,000										
Completion (FY)	Phase 1	04/05 08/09				Phase 3	07/08						
	Phase 2	07/08				Phase 4							
Lead Agency:	California Department of Transportation												
Implementing:	California Department of Transportation												
Description:	Route 101; widen eight miles of freeway to six lanes, Novato to Petaluma (Novato Narrows) in Marin and Sonoma Counties.												
(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	5,600	5,600								5,600			
Change	15,400		1,600	13,800				1,000	13,800		600		
Proposed	21,000	5,600	1,600	13,800				1,000	13,800	5,600	600		
TCRP - Proposed													
Existing	15,400				15,400						15,400		
Change	(15,400)				(15,400)						(15,400)		
Proposed	0				0						0		
STIP- RP													
Existing	14,726				4,400		10,326	10,326			4,400		
Change	0												
Proposed	14,726				4,400		10,326	10,326			4,400		
STIP- IP													
Existing	16,600	5,000			2,200		9,400	9,400		5,000	2,200		
Change	0												
Proposed	16,600	5,000			2,200		9,400	9,400		5,000	2,200		
SAFETA-LU													
Existing	28,000						28,000	28,000					
Change	0												
Proposed	28,000						28,000	28,000					
TEA-21													
Existing	8,850	3,100	100		5,650			100		3,100	5,650		
Change	0												
Proposed	8,850	3,100	100		5,650			100		3,100	5,650		
Measure													
Existing	3,600			3,600					3,600				
Change	0												
Proposed	3,600			3,600					3,600				
City of Petaluma													
Existing	4,000			4,000					4,000				
Change	0												
Proposed	4,000			4,000					4,000				
Future													
Existing	476,600				15,826		460,774	41,774	419,000		15,826		
Change	0												
Proposed	476,600				15,826		460,774	41,774	419,000		15,826		
Total													
Existing	573,376	13,700	100	7,600	43,476		508,500	89,600	426,600	13,700	43,476		
Change	0	0	1,600	13,800	(15,400)		0	1,000	13,800	0	(14,800)		
Proposed	573,376	13,700	1,700	21,400	28,076		508,500	90,600	440,400	13,700	28,676		

