

# Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: July 19-20, 2006

Reference No.: 2.1c.(11)  
Action Item

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Subject: **TRAFFIC CONGESTION RELIEF PROGRAM (TCRP) PROJECT APPLICATION  
AMENDMENT APPROVAL  
RESOLUTION TAA-06-47, AMENDING RESOLUTION TAA-05-36**

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve Resolution TAA-06-47, amending the application for Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP) Project #116 described below.

## **ISSUE:**

The Sacramento Regional Transit District (SacRT) requests approval of the following TCRP project application amendment.

Project #116 – Route 80 Light Rail Corridor; double-track Route 80 light rail line for express service in Sacramento County. Amend application to:

- Redistribute programming as follows:
  - \$5,000 from Plans, Specifications, and Estimate (PS&E) to Project Approval and Environmental Documentation (PA&ED).
  - \$20,000 from Construction to PA&ED.
  - \$50,000 from Construction to Right of Way (R/W).
- Revise the project scope.
- Update the project schedule and funding plan.

## **BACKGROUND:**

This project is to implement express rail service on the I-80 corridor from downtown Sacramento to the Watt/I-80 light rail station. This project includes double-tracking existing single-track sections and improving various light rail stations.

The SacRT is requesting to re-distribute TCRP funds to PA&ED and R/W in order to cover additional costs that have recently been identified.

Although this project, as a whole, was environmentally cleared previously, PA&ED has been increased due to costs to acquire a Negative Declaration for SacRT property. Currently, this property is used for parking, but this will change, as SacRT plans to install a one-megawatt substation to increase the traction power capacity to operate express trains not included in the original clearance. SacRT staff have determined that an additional environmental analysis is needed to ensure that all environmental issues are addressed and will not impact project delivery.

The costs for R/W have increased due to an unforeseen cost for property that is to be acquired from the Department. It was originally anticipated that this property would not add to the cost of the project. However, it has been decided that the potential cost of that parcel needs to be included in the overall project cost in case SacRT is required to pay full market value. It is estimated that the additional cost will be \$800,000. The sale of the excess portion of the Lumberjack property adjacent to Arden Way (purchased with TCRP funds) will cover \$750,000 of the increase. The remainder will come from the re-distribution of Construction funds.

The SacRT is requesting to amend the scope of the project to decrease the amount of double-tracking in order to complete the project within budget. Studies have shown that express service can be implemented without double-tracking the entire length of the corridor. Therefore, additional track will be limited to the amount needed to implement express service rather than the entire corridor. Other scope changes include additional vehicle storage at the 13<sup>th</sup> street station, improvements at the Metro Heavy Repair Facility, and installation of message signs at various stations to let passengers know that the express train will not stop at those locations. Furthermore, two additional station platforms have been eliminated as they were determined to be unnecessary for express service.

The project schedule is being amended to reflect the delays due to the additional environmental work and additional time needed for purchase of right-of-way. Additional simulation studies will also be done to ensure express service will not be affected by areas not double-tracked. The schedule for completing PA&ED and R/W will prevent SacRT from awarding a construction contract within 6 months of the construction allocation.

The funding plan is being amended to reflect the cost increases in PA&ED and R/W and the addition of the \$750,000 from the sale of property purchased with TCRP funds.

A concurrent allocation amendment is requested under Reference No. 2.6e.(4).

A concurrent request for extension of construction award is requested under Reference No. 2.8b.(1)

**RESOLUTION:**

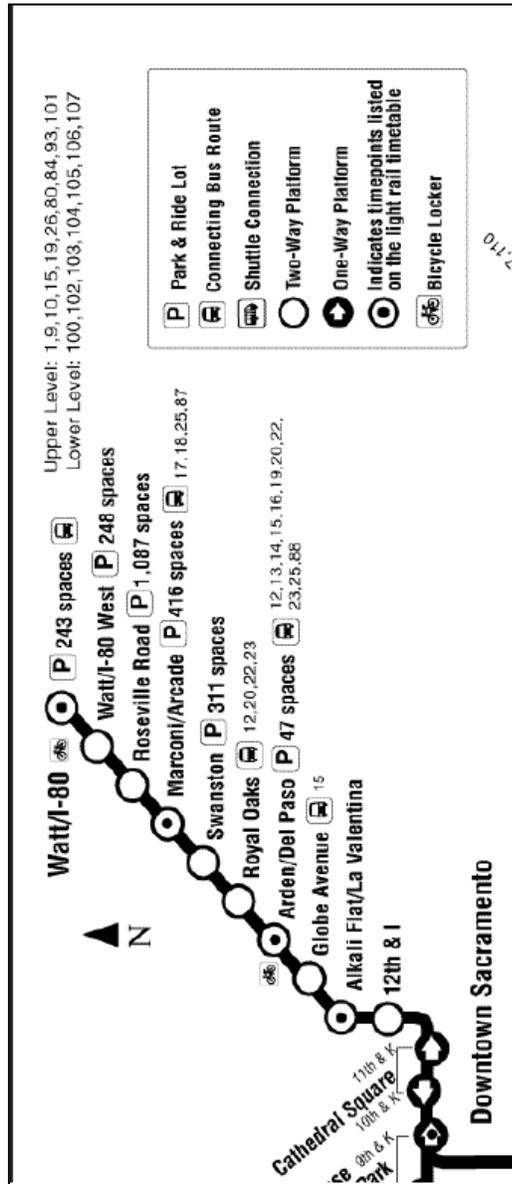
Resolved, with all conditions stipulated still in effect, the California Transportation Commission hereby revises TCRP Project #116 as follows:

**Revises:**

<b>County</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>BREF</b>	<b>TCRP</b>										
Sacramento	3	116	\$ 25,000										
<b>Completion (FY)</b>		<b>Phase 1</b>	05/06 06/07					<b>Phase 3</b>	05/06 07/08				
		<b>Phase 2</b>	06/07 07/08					<b>Phase 4</b>	07/08 08/09				
<b>Lead Agency:</b>	Sacramento Regional Transit District												
<b>Implementing:</b>	Sacramento Regional Transit District												
<b>Description:</b>	Route 80 Light Rail Corridor, double-track Route 80 light rail line for express service in Sacramento County.												
<b>(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)</b>													
<b>FUND</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>Project Totals by Fiscal Year</b>						<b>Project Totals by Component</b>					
		<b>Prior</b>	<b>06/07</b>	<b>07/08</b>	<b>08/09</b>	<b>09/10</b>	<b>Beyond</b>	<b>R/W</b>	<b>CON</b>	<b>PA&amp;ED</b>	<b>PS&amp;E</b>	<b>R/W Supp</b>	<b>CON Supp</b>
<b>TCRP committed</b>													
Existing	25,000	25,000						2,470	21,136	150	1,244		
Change	0							50	(70)	25	(5)		
Proposed	25,000	25,000						2,520	21,066	175	1,239		
<b>STIP-RIP committed</b>													
Existing	977	977								977			
Change	0												
Proposed	977	977								977			
<b>Property Sale (TCRP re-investment)</b>													
Existing	0												
Change	750		750					750					
Proposed	750		750					750					
<b>Total</b>													
Existing	25,977	25,977	0					2,470	21,136	1,127	1,244		
Change	750	0	750					800	(70)	25	(5)		
Proposed	26,727	25,977	750					3,270	21,066	1,152	1,239		

**TCRP AMENDMENT TAA-06-47**

Location Map



TCRP #116

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