

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: December 13-14, 2006

Reference No.: 2.1c.(2)
Action Item

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Subject: **TRAFFIC CONGESTION RELIEF PROGRAM (TCRP) PROJECT APPLICATION
AMENDMENT APPROVAL
RESOLUTION TAA-06-62, AMENDING RESOLUTION TA-02-13**

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve Resolution TAA-06-62, amending the application for Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP) Project #55.3 described below.

ISSUE:

The San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG) requests approval of the following TCRP project application amendment.

Project #55.3 – Alameda Corridor East; build grade separations on Burlington Northern-Santa Fe and Union Pacific Railroad lines, Los Angeles County line to Colton, with rail-to-rail separation at Colton in San Bernardino County – Hunts Lane and State Street/University Parkway. Amend application to:

- Program \$350,000 in TCRP funds to Construction.
- Redistribute \$180,000 in TCRP funds from Plans, Specifications and Estimates (PS&E) to Project Approval and Environmental Document (PA&ED).
- Update the project schedule and funding plan.

BACKGROUND:

The overall Alameda Corridor East project will reduce traffic congestion and delays at roadway/railroad crossings and eliminate potential conflicts between vehicular and train traffic by the construction of grade separations along the Burlington Northern-Santa Fe and Union Pacific Railroad lines. This project is to construct a grade separation at Hunts Lane and State Street/University Parkway in San Bernardino County.

SANBAG is requesting to revise the project schedule and to update the funding plan to address increased project costs and new funding sources. Due to several years of uncertainty of available TCRP funding and future allocations, right of way activities were suspended and a railroad

construction and maintenance agreement was also suspended at these locations. These activities have resumed over the last 12 months; however, right of way and construction costs have increased substantially.

SANBAG and the local agencies are addressing cost increases with all the San Bernardino County Alameda Corridor East projects by utilizing available federal funding and other funding sources to augment the TCRP funds to fully fund the projects. This is resulting in some reprogramming of TCRP funding between the five projects and a change in the funding plan for the Hunts Lane and State Street/University Parkway projects.

SANBAG will be supplementing TCRP funds on the Hunts Lane project with \$18,750,000 in SAFETEA-LU funds. As a result of using federal funds, National Environmental Policy Act environmental clearance is now necessary and will require additional environmental work and a schedule delay. To cover the costs for additional environmental work, it is proposed to move anticipated cost savings of \$180,000 in the PS&E phase to the PA&ED phase. Additional right of way work will also be necessary and will be covered with SAFETEA-LU funds. In addition, SANBAG is proposing to program an additional \$350,000 in TCRP funds to the construction phase.

A concurrent allocation of \$22,000,000 for Construction on the State Street/University Parkway project and an allocation amendment to redistribute \$180,000 from PS&E to PA&ED is requested under Reference No. 2.6e.

RESOLUTION:

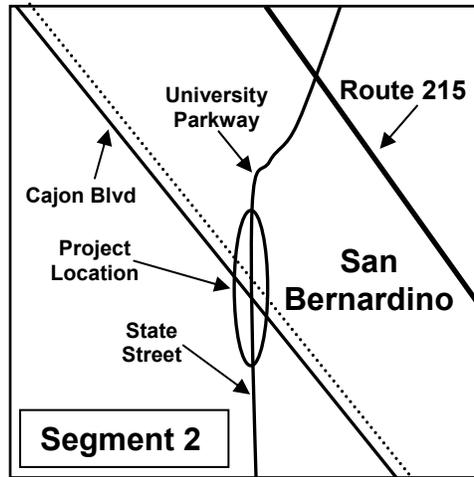
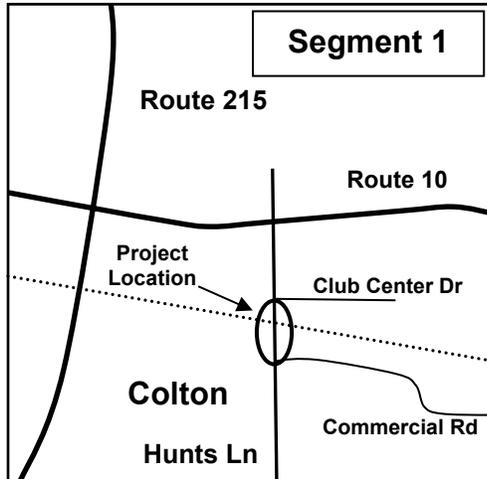
Resolved, with all conditions stipulated still in effect, the California Transportation Commission hereby revises TCRP Project #55.3 as follows:

Revises:

County	District	BREF	TCRP										
San Bernardino	8	55.3											
Completion (FY)	Phase 1	02/03	06/07					Phase 3	03/04	07/08			
	Phase 2	03/04	07/08					Phase 4	05/06	10/11			
Lead Agency:	San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG)												
Implementing:	SANBAG												
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(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)													
FUND	TOTAL	Project Totals by Fiscal Year						Project Totals by Component					
		Prior	06/07	07/08	08/09	09/10	Beyond	R/W	CON	PA&ED	PS&E	R/W Supp	CON Supp
TCRP													
Existing	34,060	34,060						5,100	25,450	510	3,000		
Change	350	(25,450)	22,000		3,800				350	180	(180)		
Proposed	34,410	8,610	22,000		3,800			5,100	25,800	690	2,820		
SAFETEA-LU													
Existing	0												
Change	18,750	4,000			14,750			4,000	14,750				
Proposed	18,750	4,000			14,750			4,000	14,750				
UPRR													
Existing	0												
Change	1,000				1,000				1,000				
Proposed	1,000				1,000				1,000				
BNSF													
Existing	0												
Change	1,500		1,500						1,500				
Proposed	1,500		1,500						1,500				
Total													
Existing	34,060	34,060	0		0			5,100	25,450	510	3,000		
Change	21,600	(21,450)	23,500		19,550			4,000	17,600	180	(180)		
Proposed	55,660	12,610	23,500		19,550			9,100	43,050	690	2,820		

TCRP AMENDMENT TAA-06-62

Location Map



TCRP #55.3

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