

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: March 14-15, 2007

Reference No.: 2.6e.(3)
Action Item

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Subject: **FINANCIAL ALLOCATION FOR TRAFFIC CONGESTION RELIEF PROGRAM PROJECTS
RESOLUTION TFP-06-33**

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve the following allocation requests totaling \$17,414,000 in new Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP) funding to reimburse previously approved AB 1335 Letters of No Prejudice (LONP) for two projects, as identified on the attached vote list and below.

ISSUE:

Under Resolution TL-05-02 (approved in May 2005), the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) received approval of a LONP authorizing the expenditure of \$16,700,000 for Plans, Specifications and Estimates (PS&E) for TCRP Project #37.2 – Los Angeles Mid-City Transit Improvements; Light Rail Transit system along Exposition Boulevard. LACMTA has not completed PS&E, which will be complete in December 2009, but has expended \$16,700,000 in eligible expenses. The remaining PS&E activities will continue during construction under the design/build contract. There is a concurrent request for an application amendment under Reference 2.1c.(3).

Under Resolution TL-05-03 (approved in September 2005), the California State University, Fresno received approval of a LONP authorizing the expenditure of \$714,000 for PS&E (\$130,000) and Right of Way (R/W) (\$584,000) for TCRP Project #97.2 – Operational improvements on Shaw Avenue, Chestnut Avenue, Willow Avenue, and Barstow Avenue near California State University at Fresno in Fresno County. Both PS&E and R/W have been completed, and the University is requesting reimbursement.

The Revised Traffic Congestion Relief Program Guidelines, Resolution G-06-04, adopted on April 26, 2006, permits reimbursement of LONPs on an equitable basis that serves the interest of the entire State transportation program, including, but not limited to, the impact of such allocations for other transportation projects. These requests for reimbursement are in accordance with the Revised TCRP Guidelines.

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.(3) Traffic Congestion Relief Program AB 1335 Reimbursements		Resolution TFP-06-33	
1 \$16,700,000 Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority 07 – Los Angeles	Project #37.2 – Los Angeles Mid-City Transit Improvements; Light Rail Transit (LRT) system along Exposition Boulevard. Construct the Mid-City LRT, along Exposition Boulevard, to serve as a major east-west route connecting downtown Los Angeles to the University of Southern California and West Los Angeles. This allocation is to reimburse a previously approved AB 1335 Letter of No Prejudice for \$16,700,000 for Plans, Specifications, and Estimates.	Chapter 91 of the Statutes of 2000 889-3007 30.10.710.010	\$16,700,000
2 \$714,000 California State University, Fresno 06 – Fresno	Project #97.2 – Operational improvements on Shaw Avenue, Chestnut Avenue, Willow Avenue, and Barstow Avenue near California State University at Fresno in Fresno County. Improve traffic circulation and operations in the vicinity of California State University, Fresno, in anticipation of the construction of the Save Mart Center. This allocation is to reimburse a previously approved AB 1335 Letter of No Prejudice for \$714,000 for Plans, Specifications and Estimates and Right-of-Way.	Chapter 91 of the Statutes of 2000 889-3007 20.30.710.876	\$714,000