

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: July 25-26, 2007

Reference No.: 2.1c.(4)
Action Item

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Subject: **TRAFFIC CONGESTION RELIEF PROGRAM PROJECT APPLICATION
AMENDMENT APPROVAL
RESOLUTION TAA-07-21, AMENDING RESOLUTION TAA-05-08**

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve Resolution TAA-07-21, amending the application for Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP) Project #23 described below.

ISSUE:

The San Mateo County Transportation Authority (SMCTA) requests approval of the following TCRP project application amendment.

Project #23 – CalTrain Peninsula Corridor; ~~complete~~ **reconstruct** grade separations at Poplar Avenue, 25th Avenue and Linden Avenue **and adjacent bridge crossings** in San Mateo County. Amend application to:

- Revise the project scope.
- Rescind the previously approved Letter of No Prejudice (LONP) for Plans, Specifications and Estimates (PS&E).
- Update the project schedule and funding plan.

BACKGROUND:

Originally, TCRP Project #23 was to construct grade-separated crossings at 25th Avenue in San Mateo and Linden Avenue in South San Francisco, and reconstruct an existing obsolete grade separation at Poplar Avenue in San Mateo. Preliminary engineering work has been completed for these three grade separations. However, as engineering analysis progressed, the projected costs increased substantially.

In November 2006, the Joint Powers Board completed Project 2025, its long-range capital improvement program to complement and implement the CalTrain Strategic Plan. Project 2025 calls for the implementation of “state of good repair” projects as the short-term focus of the capital improvement program prior to electrification. The Poplar Avenue grade separation project replaces

existing grade separations and is consistent with the strategy. However, the grade separations at the existing Linden and 25th Avenue at-grade crossings are now planned as part of a long-term capital strategy with electrification of the CalTrain right-of-way. In the interim, safety improvements are planned at these two locations. These safety improvements will be funded with non-TCRP fund sources.

The scope of this project is being revised to package the Poplar Avenue grade separation project as part of a program of bridge corridor improvements from Bellview Avenue to the north of the San Mateo CalTrain Station in San Mateo. This project involves the replacement of four existing grade separation structures, which include the Poplar, Santa Inez, Monte Diablo and Tilton Avenue bridges. These bridge structures are in need of replacement due to structural safety reasons and to provide additional vertical clearance. Work may include, but is not limited to, rehabilitation of existing bridge superstructures, raising bridge structures, replacement of tracks, completion of roadway improvements, and utility relocations.

The SMCTA also requests to rescind the previously approved LONP for \$3,000,000 for PS&E (approved under Resolution TL-05-03). As the SMCTA has already incurred over \$1,450,000 in reimbursable expenses for PS&E, the agency would rather receive an allocation of the full amount of TCRP funds programmed for this phase rather than waiting until the phase is complete before receiving reimbursement.

The project schedule and funding plan are being revised to reflect these changes.

A concurrent allocation of \$3,000,000 for PS&E is being requested under item 2.6e.(2).

RESOLUTION:

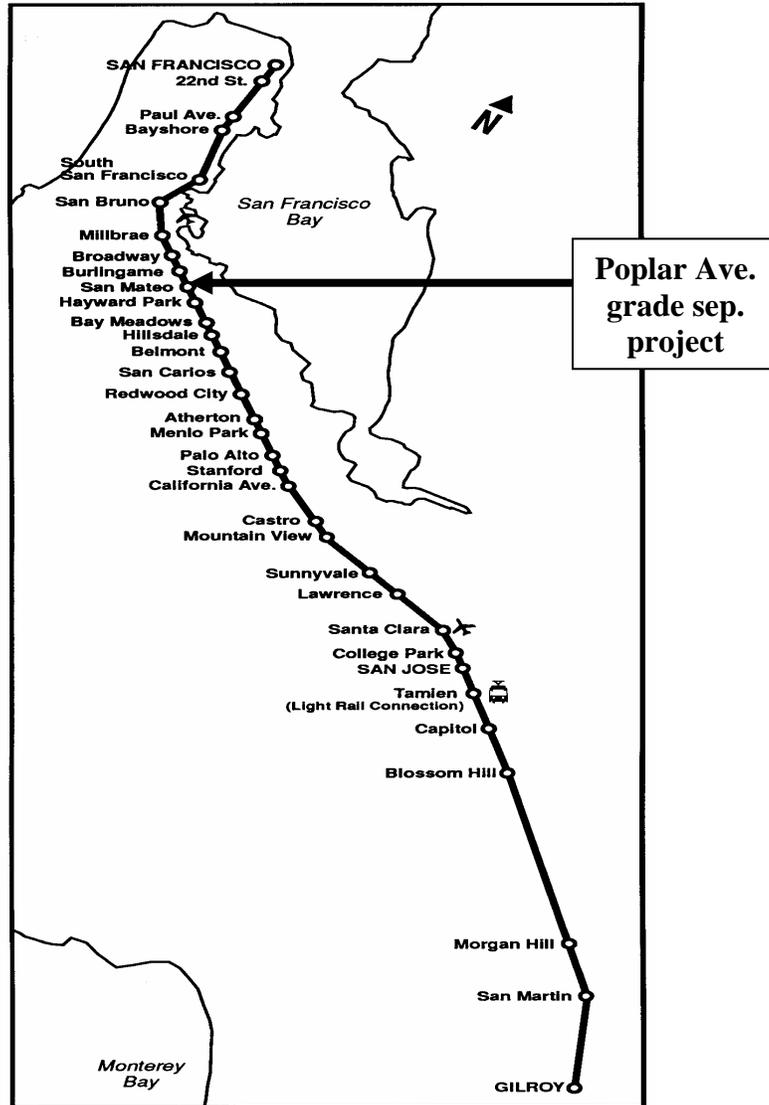
Resolved, with all conditions stipulated still in effect, the California Transportation Commission hereby revises TCRP Project #23 as follows:

Revises:

County	District	BREF	TCRP										
San Mateo	4	23	\$ 15,000										
Completion (FY)		Phase 1	03/04				Phase 3	08/09 N/A					
		Phase 2	07/08 08/09				Phase 4	10/11					
Lead Agency:	San Mateo County Transportation Authority												
Implementing:	San Mateo County Transportation Authority												
Description:	CalTrain Peninsula Corridor; complete reconstruct grade separations at Poplar Avenue, 25th Avenue and Linden Avenue and adjacent bridge crossings in San Mateo County.												
(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 committed													
Existing	4,000	4,000								1,000	3,000		
Change	0												
Proposed	4,000	4,000								1,000	3,000		
TCRP proposed													
Existing	11,000		11,000						11,000				
Change	0		(11,000)		11,000								
Proposed	11,000		0		11,000				11,000				
SIIP RIP proposed													
Existing	9,103		9,103						9,103				
Change	(9,103)		(9,103)						(9,103)				
Proposed	0		0						0				
State Section 190													
Existing	25,000		25,000						25,000				
Change	(20,000)		(25,000)		5,000				(20,000)				
Proposed	5,000		0		5,000				5,000				
SMCTA funds committed													
Existing	135,877	42,760	93,117					22,300	93,117	880	19,580		
Change	(132,997)	(39,980)	(93,117)		100			(22,300)	(93,017)		(17,680)		
Proposed	2,880	2,780	0		100			0	100	880	1,900		
Joint Powers Board committed													
Existing	0												
Change	1,254				1,254				1,254				
Proposed	1,254				1,254				1,254				
Federal Transit committed													
Existing	0												
Change	5,015				5,015				5,015				
Proposed	5,015				5,015				5,015				
Joint Powers Board and Federal Transit proposed													
Existing	0												
Change	18,731				18,731				18,731				
Proposed	18,731				18,731				18,731				
Total													
Existing	184,980	46,760	138,220		0			22,300	138,220	1,880	22,580		
Change	(137,100)	(39,980)	(138,220)		41,100			(22,300)	(97,120)	0	(17,680)		
Proposed	47,880	6,780	0		41,100			0	41,100	1,880	4,900		

TCRP AMENDMENT TAA-07-21

Location Map



TCRP #23

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