

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: December 12-13, 2007

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Action Item

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Subject: **TCRP PROJECT APPLICATION AMENDMENT APPROVAL
RESOLUTION TAA-07-41, AMENDING RESOLUTIONS TAA-06-16 AND TAA-07-06**

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve Resolution TAA-07-41, amending the application for Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP) Projects #32.4 and #32.5 described below.

ISSUE:

The North Coast Railroad Authority (NCRA) is requesting to amend the TCRP project applications for TCRP Project #32.4 North Coast Railroad; upgrade rail line to Class 2 or 3 standards, and TCRP Project #32.5 – North Coast Railroad; environmental remediation, to update the project schedule for both projects.

BACKGROUND:

TCRP Project #32.4 involves upgrading of the entire railroad to provide operation at Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) Class 2 and 3 standards pursuant to Government Code Section 14556.50(d). The project scope includes debris removal, scour repair, levee/roadbed repairs, culvert repairs and vegetation control.

The project schedule is being revised due to permitting and environmental clearance delays, extending the environmental completion from November 2006 to December 2007. Delay in permitting and environmental results in a delay in the completion of construction from December 2007 to August 2008.

A concurrent TCRP allocation of \$2,084,000 for construction of TCRP Project #32.4 is being requested under agenda item 2.6e.

TCRP Project #32.5 will provide for environmental remediation, as identified in the Consent Decree and Stipulated Judgment ordered by the Mendocino County Superior Court in People of the State of California v. North Coast Railroad Authority, Case No. CV80240.

For TCRP Project #32.5, the delay in project completion is due to characterization plans. In July 2007, when the work was approximately 60 percent complete, new information was found in files of the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board that impacted the work being performed to prepare site characterization plans for potential hazardous waste sites. The information found resulted in the need to establish a new scope of work, although this revised scope is within the overall scope approved for TCRP Project #32.5. At this time, a final schedule and scope has not yet been determined, but the work effort can be expected to be complete by March 2009.

RESOLUTION:

Resolved, with all conditions stipulated still in effect, the California Transportation Commission hereby revises TCRP Projects #32.4 and #32.5 as follows:

Revises:

County	District	BREF	TCRP										
Various	1	32.4	\$ 5,000										
Completion (FY)		Phase 1	06/07	07/08				Phase 3					
		Phase 2	06/07					Phase 4	07/08	08/09			
Lead Agency:	North Coast Railroad Authority												
Implementing:	North Coast Railroad Authority												
Description:	North Coast Railroad; upgrade rail line to Class 2 or 3 standards.												
(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	5,000	5,000							4,249	318	433		
Change	0												
Proposed	5,000	5,000							4,249	318	433		
Existing													
Existing	0												
Change	0												
Proposed	0												
Total													
Existing	5,000	5,000							4,249	318	433		
Change	0	0							0	0	0		
Proposed	5,000	5,000							4,249	318	433		

And Revises:

County	District	BREF	TCRP										
Various	1	32.5	\$ 4,100										
Completion (FY)		Phase 1	09/10					Phase 3					
		Phase 2	10/11					Phase 4	16/17				
Lead Agency:	North Coast Railroad Authority												
Implementing:	North Coast Railroad Authority												
Description:	North Coast Railroad; environmental remediation projects												
(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	4,100	1,435	1,575		1,090				2,755	641	704		
Change	0												
Proposed	4,100	1,435	1,575		1,090				2,755	641	704		
Local Measure A committed													
Existing	0												
Change	0												
Proposed	0												
Total													
Existing	4,100	1,435	1,575		1,090				2,755	641	704		
Change	0	0	0		0				0	0	0		
Proposed	4,100	1,435	1,575		1,090				2,755	641	704		

TCRP AMENDMENT TAA-07-41

Location Map

Description:

#32.4 – North Coast Railroad; Sub-paragraph (d) upgrade rail line to Class 2 or 3 standards.

#32.5 – North Coast Railroad; Sub-paragraph (e) environmental remediation.

