

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

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Action Item

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Subject: **TCRP PROJECT AMENDMENT**
RESOLUTION TAA-07-47, AMENDING RESOLUTIONS TAA-06-60 AND TAA-07-09

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) is submitting this request to the California Transportation Commission (Commission) for consideration. Resolution TAA-07-47 will amend Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP) Projects #32.3 and #32.9 described below.

ISSUE:

The North Coast Railroad Authority (NCRA) is requesting to amend two TCRP projects as follows:

TCRP Project #32.3 – North Coast Railroad; completion of rail line from Willits to Arcata;

- Revise the project scope.
- Update the project schedule and funding plan.

TCRP Project #32.9 – North Coast Railroad; long-term stabilization;

- Revise the project scope.
- Re-distribute programmed funds totaling \$3,249,000 from Environmental (PA&ED) (\$2,253,000) and Design (PS&E) (\$996,000) to Construction.
- Update the project schedule and funding plan.

BACKGROUND:

TCRP Project #32.3 was approved for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report/Statement (EIR/EIS) for the area of the railroad called the “Canyon”, from Willits to South Fork. Since this scope was approved in November 2006, it has been determined that the original estimate and schedule for completing the Canyon EIR/EIS was significantly underestimated. Therefore, sufficient funds are not available to complete the EIR/EIS, and NCRA is requesting to change the scope to a Geotechnical Study that includes mapping and cost estimates. This will allow NCRA to evaluate the feasibility of rehabilitating the railroad through the Canyon. The project schedule and funding plan are being revised to reflect this scope change.

TCRP Project #32.9 is to replace ties, repair roadbed, repair structures, improve drainage, and improve crossing protection to permit the operation of Federal Rail Administration Class II and, where possible, Class III service. The project will also provide landslide stabilization where required. NCRA is requesting to revise the scope to focus the project on restoring a segment within the Russian River Division. This includes changing the scope of PA&ED from preparing an EIR/EIS for the Canyon to preparing a Geotechnical Study with mapping.

Consistent with this scope change, NCRA requests to re-distribute programmed funds totaling \$2,253,000 from PA&ED and \$996,000 from PS&E to Construction, and update the project schedule and funding plan.

A concurrent TCRP allocation of \$1,561,000 (\$40,000 for PS&E and \$1,521,000 for Construction) is under item 2.6e.(2) and a concurrent TCRP allocation amendment to move \$2,253,000 of already allocated funds from PA&ED to Construction is under item 2.6e.(3). In addition, there is a concurrent request to extend the award deadline for a portion of the construction funds allocated in July 2007, under item 2.8b.(3).

RESOLUTION:

Resolved, with all conditions stipulated still in effect, the California Transportation Commission hereby revises TCRP Projects #32.3 and #32.9 as follows:

Revises:

County	District	BREF	TCRP										
Various	1	32.3	\$ 1,000										
Completion (FY)		Phase 1	07/08					Phase 3					
		Phase 2						Phase 4					
Lead Agency:	North Coast Railroad Authority												
Implementing:	North Coast Railroad Authority												
Description:	North Coast Railroad; completion of rail line from Willits to Arcata												
(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	1,000	1,000								1,000			
Change	0	0								0			
Proposed	1,000	1,000								1,000			
TCRP 32.9 committed													
Existing	3,300	3,300								3,300			
Change	(3,060)	(3,060)								(3,060)			
Proposed	240	240								240			
Operator - NWP Co. committed													
Existing	100	100								100			
Change	(100)	(100)								(100)			
Proposed	0	0								0			
Total													
Existing	4,400	4,400								4,400			
Change	(3,160)	(3,160)								(3,160)			
Proposed	1,240	1,240								1,240			

And Revises:

Completion (FY)		Phase 1	09/10	08/09			Phase 3					
		Phase 2	09/10	08/09			Phase 4	11/12	08/09			
Lead Agency:	North Coast Railroad Authority											
Implementing:	North Coast Railroad Authority											
Description:	North Coast Railroad; long-term stabilization (restore operable segment within the Russian River Division)											
(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
TCRP committed												
Existing	31,000		31,000	0				23,138	5,429	2,433		
Change	0		(15,149)	15,149				3,249	(2,253)	(996)		
Proposed	31,000		15,851	15,149				26,387	3,176	1,437		
TCRP 32.3, 32.4, 32.7												
Existing	7,300	7,300						6,049	990	261		
Change	(6,700)	(6,700)						(6,049)	(390)	(261)		
Proposed	600	600						0	600	0		
FEMA/DEMO												
Existing	9,259		9,259					9,259				
Change	(9,259)		(9,259)					(9,259)				
Proposed	0		0					0				
Measure M and Cities												
Existing	3,000		3,000	0				3,000				
Change	330		(3,000)	3,330				330				
Proposed	3,330		0	3,330				3,330				
Operator committed and proposed												
Existing	50,206		50,206					44,832	1,028	4,346		
Change	(50,206)		(50,206)					(44,832)	(1,028)	(4,346)		
Proposed	0		0					0	0	0		
Insurance Proceeds/Private Crossings												
Existing	0			0				0				
Change	220			220				220				
Propose	220			220				220				
Future Need												
Existing	49,823		49,823					43,998	2,719	3,106		
Change	(49,823)		(49,823)					(43,998)	(2,719)	(3,106)		
Propose	0		0					0	0	0		
NCRA funds												
Existing	0			0				0				
Change	695			695				695				
Proposed	695			695				695				
Total												
Existing	150,588	7,300	143,288	0				130,276	10,166	10,146		
Change	(114,743)	(6,700)	(127,437)	19,394				(99,644)	(6,390)	(8,709)		
Proposed	35,845	600	15,851	19,394				30,632	3,776	1,437		

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Location Map

Description:

#32.3 – North Coast Railroad; completion of rail line from Willits to Arcata.

#32.9 – North Coast Railroad; long-term stabilization (restore operable segment within the Russian River Division).

