

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

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Action Item

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Subject: **TRAFFIC CONGESTION RELIEF PROGRAM PROJECT APPLICATION
AMENDMENT APPROVAL
RESOLUTION TAA-08-10, AMENDING RESOLUTION TAA-07-19**

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve an application amendment (Resolution TAA-08-10) for Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP) Project #12.3, as described below.

ISSUE:

The Alameda County Congestion Management Agency (ACCMA) is requesting an application amendment in order to update the project schedule for TCRP Project #12.3 – Bay Area Transit Connectivity; complete studies of, and fund related improvements for, the I-580 Livermore Corridor (PPNO T0123).

BACKGROUND:

On July 27, 2007, the Commission approved Resolution TAA-07-19, which revised the project schedule to show Fiscal Year 2008-09 as the completion date for Environmental (PA&ED). The Commission concurrently approved Resolution TFP-07-02, which allocated \$3,000,000 for a Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR), which ACCMA proposed to develop by December 2008. The purpose of the PEIR is to support the early acquisition of right of way along I-580 for a future transit corridor.

Contract work is in progress, but the schedule for completing the PEIR is now dependent on inclusion of a right of way preservation project-known as the “I-580 Transit Corridor”-in the regional transportation plan (RTP) currently being developed by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC).

MTC’s adoption of an EIR for its RTP, which includes right of way preservation for the I-580 Transit Corridor as a project, is necessary prior to ACCMA’s adoption of the PEIR. MTC is scheduled to adopt the Final Plan, EIR, and Conformity Analysis for the RTP on March 25, 2009.

Once the RTP is adopted, ACCMA will continue work already under contract for the PEIR. The PEIR project area is identified as the “I-580 Livermore Corridor” by ACCMA and in TCRP documents. This is geographically within the area identified by MTC in the RTP as the “I-580 Transit Corridor”.

ACCMA requests a project application amendment updating the project schedule to reflect December 2009 as the completion date of environmental documents already under contract.

RESOLUTION TAA-08-10

Be it Resolved, that the California Transportation Commission does hereby amend Traffic Congestion Relief Program Project 12.3 – Bay Area Transit Connectivity (PPNO T0123) to reflect the changes proposed above.