

# 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-09-04, AMENDING RESOLUTION TAA-08-06**

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve an application amendment for Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP) Project 146 (PPNO 0007E) described below.

## **ISSUE:**

Riverside County and the Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) are requesting to amend TCRP Project 146 – Construction of Palm Drive Interchange, to designate Riverside County as implementing agency for Construction.

In addition, Riverside County and CVAG formally request this TCRP project be moved from Tier 2 to Tier 1, in accordance with the requirements of the TCRP Allocation Plan approved at the September 2008 Commission meeting, with reimbursement in Fiscal Year (FY) 2015-16.

## **BACKGROUND:**

This project will modify the existing Route 10/Palm Drive Interchange from diamond configuration to a partial cloverleaf configuration with east and westbound loop entrance ramps and will construct a bridge structure over Route 10 to accommodate additional lanes.

At present, the CVAG is the implementing agency for TCRP Project 146 – Construction of Palm Drive Interchange. The agency is requesting that Riverside County be made the implementing agency for Construction.

As presented by Commission staff, the purpose of the TCRP Allocation Plan is to best utilize the available funding capacity for TCRP projects as currently projected. Those TCRP projects still awaiting future allocation of TCRP funds were divided into two tiers. Projects in Tier 1 are those that have agreed to receive their remaining allocation scheduled over several years or postponed until a later date. Tier 1 projects have priority for TCRP allocation capacity.

Projects in Tier 2 will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis to the extent additional allocation capacity is available. However, projects in Tier 2 can request to be moved to Tier 1 as long as the agency agrees to meet the criteria as stated in the TCRP Allocation Plan. CVAG has committed to using local funds until TCRP funds become available in exchange for Tier 1 status. Should this status be awarded, CVAG will postpone their allocation request for \$10,000,000 from FY 2010-11 until FY 2015-16.

The Riverside County Transportation Commission concurs with this amendment request.

**RESOLUTION TAA-09-04:**

Resolved, with all conditions stipulated still in effect, the California Transportation Commission hereby revises TCRP Project 146 – Palm Drive Interchange project (PPNO 0007E) to program Riverside County as the implementing agency for construction; and

Be it Further Resolved, that the Commission does hereby move TCRP Project 146 from Tier 2 to Tier 1, in accordance with the requirements of the TCRP Allocation Plan as presented on September 17, 2008, with reimbursement no sooner than FY 2015-16, unless funding is available.