

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: July 8-9, 2009

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Action Item

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Subject: **TRAFFIC CONGESTION RELIEF PROGRAM PROJECT APPLICATION
AMENDMENT APPROVAL
RESOLUTION TAA-09-02, AMENDING RESOLUTION TAA-06-26**

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) consider the City of Fresno's request to amend Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP) Project 98, as described below.

ISSUE:

The City of Fresno (City) is requesting to amend TCRP Project 98 – Peach Avenue; widen to four-lane arterial in Fresno County, to:

- Reprogram \$900,000 from Right of Way to Construction.
- Update the project funding plan.

In addition, the City requests that the Right of Way phase of this 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 \$1,400,000 to be reimbursed in Fiscal Year (FY) 2010-11. The Construction phase will remain in Tier 2.

BACKGROUND:

The overall project involves the widening of Peach Avenue to a 4-lane arterial from Kings Canyon Road to Belmont Avenue. The project will improve the linkage between Route 99 and the Fresno-Yosemite International Airport, and improve passenger and freight services and traffic flow south of Route 180, including access to Route 180.

Currently, \$2,300,000 in TCRP funds are programmed for Right of Way. Recognizing the scarcity of TCRP funding, the City proposes to reprogram \$900,000 in TCRP funds from Right of Way to Construction, use local Measure C funds to complete the Right of Way phase, and request reimbursement of \$1,400,000 in TCRP funds in FY 2010-11. The City expects to request a Construction allocation in FY 2012-13.

The cost estimate for construction has increased to \$9,274,000 due to rising labor and materials costs since the project was originally proposed in May 2001. The construction cost increase will be funded with local Measure C funds.

The cost estimate for Right of Way has increased from \$2,300,000 to \$5,611,000 due to required mitigation for historical residences and removal/replacement of valuable trees lining Peach Avenue. The right of way cost increase will be funded with local Measure C funds.

The City of Fresno, in exchange for Tier 1 status, has committed to using local Measure C funds to keep right of way acquisition moving forward until TCRP funds become available. Should Tier 1 status be awarded, the City of Fresno will postpone their \$1,400,000 Right of Way allocation request until FY 2010-11.

RESOLUTION TAA-09-02:

Resolved, with all conditions stipulated still in effect, the California Transportation Commission hereby revises TCRP Project 98 – Peach Avenue; widen to four-lane arterial in Fresno County to reflect the changes as described above and as illustrated in the table on page 3; and

Be it Further Resolved, that the Commission does hereby move the Right of Way phase of TCRP Project 98 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 2010-11, unless funding is available.

REVISES:

TCRP Project 98 – Peach Avenue; widen to four-lane arterial in Fresno County

(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)													
FUND	TOTAL	Project Totals by Fiscal Year						Project Totals by Component					
		Prior	08/09	09/10	10/11	11/12	12/13	R/W	CON	PA&ED	PS&E	R/W Supp	CON Supp
TCRP													
Existing	10,000	10,000						2,300	7,050	150	500		
Change	0	(9,350)			1,400		7,950	(900)	900	0	0		
Proposed	10,000	650			1,400		7,950	1,400	7,950	150	500		
Measure C													
Existing	0							0	0		0		
Change	5,685	150			4,211		1,324	4,211	1,324		150		
Proposed	5,685	150			4,211		1,324	4,211	1,324		150		
Total													
Existing	10,000	10,000			0		0	2,300	7,050	150	500		
Change	5,685	(9,200)			5,611		9,274	3,311	2,224	0	150		
Proposed	15,685	800			5,611		9,274	5,611	9,274	150	650		

RIP = Regional Improvement Program

R/W = Right of Way Capital

CON = Construction Capital

PA&ED = Project Approval & Environmental Document

IIP = Interregional Improvement Program

PS&E = Plans, Specifications & Estimates

R/W Supp = Right of Way Support

CON Supp = Construction Support