

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

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ACTION

Ref: Trade Corridors Improvement Fund (TCIF) – Program Amendment

ISSUE

Should the Commission approve the proposed TCIF Program Amendment to include the *Colton Crossing Project* in the Los Angeles/Inland Corridor element of the TCIF Program?

RECOMMENDATION

Commission staff recommends that the Commission approve the proposed TCIF Program Amendment to include the *Colton Crossing Project* in the Los Angeles/Inland Corridor element of the TCIF Program.

BACKGROUND

In accordance with AB 268 (Chapter 756, Statutes of 2008), the Commission, at its March 25, 2010 meeting, deleted TCIF Project 79 from the TCIF program of projects and directed the SCCG to propose a replacement project or projects for Commission consideration to amend into the Los Angeles/Inland Corridor element of the TCIF Program. The Commission also directed the SCCG to consider the *Colton Crossing Project* as a potential replacement project.

The Southern California Consensus Group (SCCG), in conjunction with San Bernardino Associated Governments (Sanbag), proposes to amend the TCIF Program by programming \$91 million for the *Colton Crossing Project* in the Los Angeles/Inland Corridor element of the program. The *Colton Crossing Project* proposes to construct a railroad grade separation in the City of Colton to eliminate train delays created by conflicting movements where BNSF's north-south mainline crosses UP's east-west mainline at grade.

