

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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Action Item

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Subject: TRADE CORRIDORS IMPROVEMENT FUND - PROJECT BASELINE AMENDMENT
RESOLUTION TCIF-P-1011-01

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission) amend the Trade Corridors Improvement Fund (TCIF) Project Baseline Agreement for TCIF Project 18, New Siding on the Antelope Valley Line (PPNO 2897).

ISSUE:

The Department and the Southern California Regional Rail Authority/MetroLink (SCRRA), in conjunction with the Southern California Consensus Group, propose to amend the Proposition 1B Project Baseline Amendment for TCIF Project 18, New Siding on the Antelope Valley Line (MP44 to MP61) for Freight Trains to revise the project schedule for design and construction.

BACKGROUND:

The original project schedule called for design to be completed on April 30, 2009. However during the design process, SCRRA found critical habitat for the California Coastal Gnatcatcher. This required nine surveys each two weeks apart. In addition, the selection of a cost effective siding location between Lang and Vincent required additional effort and time beyond the original schedule. As a result, the 100 percent camera ready drawing was accepted 13 months after the original schedule on May 20, 2010.

In anticipation of approval of this amendment and a concurrent allocation of \$7.2 million in TCIF funds on the Commission's August agenda, SCRRA expects to award a construction contract by August 27, 2010. Project close out is expected to remain as June 30, 2011, as shown on the original Project Baseline Agreement.

The proposed amendment does not impact the overall benefits of the overall project. The revised schedules are shown in the following table:

Milestone	Original Baseline Agreement Schedule	Change (Months)	Revised Schedule
End Design Phase (RTL)	04/30/09	+13	05/20/10
Award Construction Contract	09/30/09	+11	08/27/10
Construction Complete	12/30/10	+3	03/30/11
Project Closeout	06/30/11	No change	06/30/11

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Be it Resolved, that the California Transportation Commission does hereby amend the Trade Corridors Improvement Fund baseline agreement for the New Siding on the Antelope Valley Line (PPNO 2897) project in accordance with the information described above.