

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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Action Item

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Subject: **TRAFFIC CONGESTION RELIEF PROGRAM PROJECT APPLICATION
AMENDMENT APPROVAL
RESOLUTION TAA-10-05, AMENDING RESOLUTION TAA-05-04 and
RESOLUTION TA-01-10**

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve a project application for the Kraemer Boulevard Undercrossing Project to be subdivided from Project 73 as Project 73.1 in the Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP), as described below.

ISSUE:

The Kraemer Boulevard Undercrossing Project (PPNO TC38) is part of TCRP Project 73 and is programmed as Project 38 in the Proposition 1B Trade Corridors Improvement Fund Program (TCIF). The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) is the implementing agency.

OCTA requests this project be subdivided from TCRP Project 73 as Project 73.1 and programmed with \$1.46 million in TCRP funds for construction. These funds will replace some of the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality funds now programmed to the project in the TCIF baseline agreement (Resolution TCIF-P-0809-04B) approved by the Commission on October 30, 2008.

BACKGROUND

On June 7, 2001, the Commission, in Resolution TA-01-10, approved the project application for TCRP Project 73 – Alameda Corridor East; (Orangethorpe corridor) build grade separations on Burlington Northern-Santa Fe (BNSF) line, Los Angeles County line through Santa Ana Canyon in Orange County. OCTA was named as lead applicant agency and the City of Placentia as implementing agency. The approved project scope included three distinct projects:

- 1) Melrose Street railroad undercrossing and Bradford Avenue closure/pedestrian overcrossing;
- 2) Placentia Avenue Railroad undercrossing; and
- 3) Railroad lowering from Kraemer Boulevard to Kellogg Drive (eight streets).

A total of \$28.0 million in TCRP funds were programmed to the overall project.

On May 26, 2005, the Commission approved Resolution TAA-05-04, which updated the project schedule and funding plan. With approval of this resolution, the scope of the Kraemer Boulevard Undercrossing project will be designated as TCRP Project 73.1. The scope includes the lowering of Kraemer Boulevard 24 feet below the BNSF mainline rail lines. A rail bridge will be constructed for the two existing mainline tracks with space for a third track to accommodate the anticipated growth in freight volumes. A second structure is required for Crowther Avenue, which runs parallel and adjacent to the tracks. The Crowther Avenue centerline is located about 65 feet south of the rail centerline. An eastbound and westbound couplet will pass over bridges above Kraemer Boulevard, and the middle segment of Crowther Avenue will descend to Kraemer Boulevard and end in a T-intersection.

The terms of TCRP Project 73 will remain as previously approved by the Commission, with one exception. For the Placentia Avenue Railroad undercrossing, OCTA is now the implementing agency. This is consistent with the October 30, 2008 TCIF project baseline agreement.

RESOLUTION TAA-10-05

Be it Resolved, the California Transportation Commission does hereby approve the Traffic Congestion Relief Program project application for Project 73 - Alameda Corridor East; (Orangethorpe corridor) build grade separations on Burlington Northern-Santa Fe line, Los Angeles County line through Santa Ana Canyon in Orange County to be subdivided to identify the Kraemer Boulevard Undercrossing as TCRP Project 73.1, programmed for \$1.46 million, and to name the Orange County Transportation Authority as implementing agency for the Placentia Avenue Railroad undercrossing, which remains part of TCRP Project 73, as described above and shown in the table below.

Subdivides TCRP Project 73 to Designate TCRP Project 73.1 as Separate Project:

County	District	PPNO	EA	Element	Const. Year	PM Back	PM Ahead	Route/Corridor					
Orange	12	TC38		LA	2010-11								
Implementing Agency:		PA&ED	complete by FY 09-10			PS&E	complete by FY 10-11						
OCTA fo all		R/W	complete by FY 11-12			CON	complete by FY 13-14						
RTPA/CTC:		Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA)											
Project Title:		Kraemer Boulevard Undercrossing											
Location		In the city of Placentia at the Kraemer Boulevard Undercrossing. Grade Separation - Kraemer Boulevard to be lowered											
Description:		In the city of Placentia at the Kraemer Boulevard Undercrossing. Grade Separation - Kraemer Boulevard to be lowered											
(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)													
FUND	TOTAL	Project Totals by Fiscal Year						Project Totals by Component					
		Prior	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15	R/W	CON	PA&ED	PS&E	R/W Supp	CON Supp
PIB - TCIF													
Existing	22,642		22,642						22,642				
Change	0		0						0				
Proposed	22,642		22,642						22,642				
Local Funds - Measure M2													
Existing	15,718	14,425	1,293					9,382	1,293		5,043		
Change	0	0	0					0	0		0		
Proposed	15,718	14,425	1,293					9,382	1,293		5,043		
RSTP													
Existing	631	631								631			
Change	0	0								0			
Proposed	631	631								631			
CMAQ													
Existing	31,441		31,441						31,441				
Change	(1,460)		(1,460)						(1,460)				
Proposed	29,981		29,981						29,981				
TCRP													
Existing	0		0						0				
Change	1,460		1,460						1,460				
Proposed	1,460		1,460						1,460				
Total													
Existing	70,432	15,056	55,376					9,382	55,376	631	5,043		
Change	0	0	0					0	0	0	0		
Proposed	70,432	15,056	55,376					9,382	55,376	631	5,043		