

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: November 3-4, 2010

Reference No.: 2.1c.(5e)
Action



From: BIMLA G. RHINEHART
Executive Director

Subject: **TRADE CORRIDORS IMPROVEMENT FUND (TCIF) – PROGRAM AMENDMENT
RESOLUTION TCIF-P-1011-11**

ISSUE:

Should the Commission approve the proposed TCIF Program Amendment to include the *Laurel Street/BNSF Grade Separation 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 *Laurel Street/BNSF Grade Separation Project* in the Los Angeles/Inland Corridor element of the TCIF Program and program \$11.917 million in TCIF funds to the project.

BACKGROUND:

The Southern California Consensus Group (SCCG) and the San Bernardino Associated Governments (Sanbag) propose to amend the TCIF Program by including the *Laurel Street/BNSF Grade Separation Project* in the Los Angeles/Inland Corridor element of the TCIF Program and programming \$11.917 million of TCIF funds to the project.

The request to program the *Laurel Street/BNSF Grade Separation Project* is a related to Sanbag's request to delete TCIF Project 80: *South Archibald Grade Separation Project*. The *South Archibald Grade Separation Project* has experienced significant delays and is at risk of not meeting the TCIF Program deadline to begin construction by December 2013. The *Laurel Street/BNSF Grade Separation Project* is also located within the Alameda Corridor East (ACE) rail corridor and construction is planned to begin in late 2012. The proposed project would result in traffic operational improvements, enhanced safety, air quality benefits, and would reduce train related noise impacts on the community. Sanbag proposes to program \$11.917 million of TCIF funds to the project, a combination of the \$7.658 million TCIF deprogrammed from TCIF Project 80: *South Archibald* and Private Place Bond savings of \$4.259 million from TCIF Project 58: *I-10 Corridor Logistics Access Project (Interchange Reconstruction at Riverside Avenue)*.

The SCCG supports the proposed amendment to the TCIF Program and requests the Commission's concurrence (see attached letter dated August 25, 2010).



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August 25, 2010

Ms. Bimla Rhinehart
Executive Director
California Transportation Commission
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Dear Ms. Rhinehart:

The Southern California Consensus Group supports San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG) requested nomination and amendment regarding the Laurel Street Grade Separation at BNSF/UP Line, deprogramming of the Archibald Grade Separation, and programming of TCIF funds from the Archibald Grade Separation and construction cost savings from I-10 Riverside Interchange Project. SANBAG's request would nominate the Laurel Street Grade Separation as a TCIF Project as well as program TCIF funds from the Archibald Grade Separation and construction cost savings from I-10 Riverside Interchange Project into the TCIF funding for the Laurel Street Grade Separation.

Please see attached letter from SANBAG detailing the requested changes to be considered by the CTC at their September 2010 meeting.

Please direct any questions or comments regarding this issue to me at (213) 922-3061. As always, your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Deputy Executive Officer

cc: Southern California Consensus Group
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