

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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Action Item

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Subject: **PROPOSITION 1B LETTER OF NO PREJUDICE**
RESOLUTION LONPIB-A-1112-04

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve Letters of No Prejudice (LONP), authorized under Assembly Bill (AB) 672, for the I-15 La Mesa/Nisqualli project (PPNO 0172T) in San Bernardino County and the I-5 Carpool Lane from Orange Line to I-605 (Segment 1) project (PPNO 4153) in Los Angeles County.

ISSUE:

ROUTE 15/LA MESA ROAD/NISQUALLI ROAD INTERCHANGE

This project will construct an interchange at La Mesa/Nisqualli Road and realign frontage roads. Once completed, this project will improve traffic congestion and reduce traffic delays during peak operating hours on existing arterial and collector roads within the project vicinity.

Currently \$21,324,000 in Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA) funds for construction capital is programmed to the I-15 La Mesa/Nisqualli project. Due to limited Proposition 1B Bond sales, the San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG) is requesting AB 672 authority to substitute the CMIA funds with \$21,324,000 in San Bernardino County's Measure I half-cent sales tax funds in order to keep the project construction on schedule. The SANBAG Board of Directors is expected to approve this funding commitment on August 3, 2011.

I-5 CARPOOL LANE FROM ORANGE LINE TO I-605 (SEGMENT 1)

The Interstate 5 South Widening project from Orange County Line to Interstate 605 seeks to improve mobility and reduce congestion by addressing a bottleneck where the Interstate 5 crosses from Orange County to Los Angeles County. The project will construct a carpool lane and one general purpose lane in each direction between the Orange County Line and Route 605.

This segment is programmed in the CMIA for \$65,555,000 in construction capital. An allocation request for this amount is on this month's agenda. Due to the limited Proposition 1B Bond sales, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) is requesting AB 672 authority to substitute the CMIA funds with \$54,077,000 in local Proposition C funds in order to

keep the project construction on schedule. This LONP amount reflects the final Engineer's Estimate, which has been reduced due to savings on the project. The LACMTA Board of Directors is expected to approve this funding commitment on August 3, 2011.

BACKGROUND

Government Code Section 14556.33 allows an applicant agency that is either a regional or local entity, to seek approval of a LONP. If approved by the Commission, the LONP allows the applicant agency to expend its own funds for any component of the transportation project, and seek allocation and reimbursement from the CMIA in the future

RESOLUTION LONP1B-A-1112-004

Resolved, with all conditions stipulated still in effect, the California Transportation Commission hereby approves Letters of No Prejudice for \$21,324,000 for the I-15 La Mesa/Nisqualli project (PPNO 0172T) and for \$54,077,000 for the I-5 Carpool Lane from Orange Line to I-605 (Segment 1) project (PPNO 4153) programmed in, or otherwise funded from, the Proposition 1B Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA); and

Be it Further Resolved, that the San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG) and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) understand that they proceed at their own risk, as reimbursement is dependent on future availability of CMIA funding; and

Be it Further Resolved, that the project should be ready to proceed to contract award once the LONP is approved; and

Be it Further Resolved, that SANBAG and LACMTA shall report to the California Department of Transportation within four months following Letters of No Prejudice approval on progress in executing agreements and third-party contracts needed to execute the work.