

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: October 26-27, 2011

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Action

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Subject: **TRADE CORRIDORS IMPROVEMENT FUND (TCIF)– PROJECT BASELINE AGREEMENT
STATUS REPORT
RESOLUTION TCIF-P-1112-09B**

ISSUE:

Should the Commission delete TCIF Project 7: *Shafter Intermodal Rail Facility* and TCIF Project 13: *San Joaquin Valley Short Haul Rail/Inland Port Project* from the TCIF Program of Projects and place these projects on the Northern California Trade Corridors Coalition's (NCTCC) Tier 2 list of TCIF Projects as the nominating agencies for these projects did not submit executed TCIF Project Baseline Agreements by the September 1, 2011 deadline?

RECOMMENDATION:

Commission staff recommends that the Commission delete TCIF Project 7: *Shafter Intermodal Rail Facility* and TCIF Project 13: *San Joaquin Valley Short Haul Rail/Inland Port Project* from the TCIF Program of Projects and place these projects on the NCTCC's Tier 2 list of TCIF Projects as the nominating agencies for these projects did not submit executed TCIF Project Baseline Agreements by the September 1, 2011 deadline.

BACKGROUND:

The Commission, at its April 10, 2008 meeting, adopted the TCIF Program and directed agencies to provide executed Project Baseline Agreements that set forth the proposed project scope, measurable expected performance benefits, delivery schedule, and project budget and funding plan. The Commission also directed that the Project Baseline Agreements be signed by the Director of the Department of Transportation, the regional agency and nominating agency executive directors, and the CTC Executive Director.

As of April 1, 2011, all but two of the projects programmed in the original TCIF Program, TCIF Project 7: *Shafter Intermodal Rail Facility* and TCIF Project 13: *San Joaquin Valley Short Haul Rail/Inland Port Project*, have submitted executed project baseline agreements in accordance with Resolution TCIF-P-0708-01, "Adoption of Program of Projects for the Trade Corridors Improvement Fund" and the TCIF Guidelines. At the May 11, 2011 Commission meeting, staff

recommended that the Commission direct the nominating agencies for these projects, the City of Shafter and the County of Stanislaus, to submit executed TCIF Project Baseline Agreements for these projects no later than June 13, 2011. Failure to submit executed TCIF Project Baseline Agreements by the deadline would result in the Commission deleting the projects from the TCIF Program of Projects and placing the projects on the NCTCC's Tier 2 list of TCIF projects. At the meeting, the County of Stanislaus requested that the deadline for submittal be extended to September 1, 2011 and the Commission agreed to extend the deadline for submittal of executed TCIF Project Baseline Agreements to that date for both projects. Neither project submitted an executed TCIF Project Baseline Agreement by the September 1, 2011 deadline.