

# Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS  
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: October 26-27, 2011

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Action Item

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Subject: **TRADE CORRIDORS IMPROVEMENT FUND-PROJECT BASELINE AMENDMENT  
RESOLUTION TCIF-P-1112-11**

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) amend the Trade Corridors Improvement Fund (TCIF) Project Baseline Agreement for Project 45, Iowa Avenue Grade Separation (PPNO 1121). The Southern California Consensus Group concurs with this amendment and the requested changes.

## **ISSUE:**

The Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) and the city of Riverside (City) propose to amend the TCIF Project Baseline Agreement for TCIF Project 45, Iowa Avenue Grade Separation (Iowa Avenue), in the city of Riverside, to update the project delivery schedule and funding plan. A concurrent funding allocation and a Letter of No Prejudice (LONP) to use City and Federal Congestion Mitigation Air Quality funds are also on this month's Commission meeting agenda for approval.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The Iowa Avenue project will grade separate the mainline of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Company (BNSF) San Bernardino Subdivision at Iowa Avenue in the City of Riverside. The project will construct a four lane roadway bridge over the existing BNSF tracks. These tracks also carry the Union Pacific mainline. The completed project will eliminate impacts from the existing at-grade crossing, improve public safety and vehicle circulation, increase reliability and throughput on the railway system, and bring environmental benefits to the local area.

The Commission adopted the project into the TCIF Program on April 10, 2008. The Baseline Agreement was executed between the City, RCTC, the Department, and the Commission; and approved by the Commission on October 29, 2008, under Resolution TCIF-P-0809-04B.

This amendment will update the project schedule and funding plan. A change in the local funding source delayed the Right of Way Component by nine months. The City had to work with proper programming agencies to reprogram the needed funding. In addition, longer than expected negotiations and relocations required by the project Right of Way caused further delay of 17 months. Subsequently, the Design and Construction components experienced delays as indicated below. The project currently is certified for Right of Way and Design is complete. Project construction is expected to begin in February 2012.

<b>Project Milestone</b>	<b>Current Approved</b>	<b>Proposed</b>	<b>Change</b>
Begin Environmental Phase	Aug-07		No Change
End Environmental Phase	July-08		No Change - COMPLETE
Begin Design Phase	Aug- 08		No Change
End Design Phase	Mar-10	Sep-11	19 Months
Begin Right of Way Phase	Nov-08		No Change
End Right of Way Phase	Mar-10	Aug-11	17 Months - COMPLETE
Begin Construction Phase	July-10	Feb-12	20 Months
End Construction Phase	Nov-11	Jun-13	20 Months
Begin Close Out Phase	Nov-11	July-13	20 Month
End Close Out Phase	May-12	Jan-14	21 Month

The total project cost of \$32,000,000 and the total programmed TCIF amount of \$13,000,000 have remained unchanged. The programming year is to be pushed to Fiscal Year 2011-12 due to the timing of construction contract award. The programmed TCIF funds are proposed to be split; \$2,000,000 for construction engineering and \$11,000,000 for construction capital. The updated funding plan for the project is as follows:

<b>(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS) Iowa Avenue Grade Separation</b>									
<b>FUND SOURCE</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>Totals by Fiscal Year</b>				<b>Totals by Project Phase</b>			
		<b>Prior</b>	<b>10/11</b>	<b>11/12</b>	<b>12/13</b>	<b>PA&amp;ED</b>	<b>PS&amp;E</b>	<b>R/W</b>	<b>CONST</b>
<b>State Funds (TCIF)</b>									
Current Approved	13,000	13,000		0					13,000
Change	0	(13,000)		13,000					0
Proposed	13,000	<b>0</b>		<b>13,000</b>					13,000
<b>Demo (DEMOSTL)</b>									
Current Approved	2,000	2,000							2,000
Change	(2,000)	(2,000)							(2,000)
Proposed	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>							<b>0</b>
<b>STP HR 4818</b>									
Current Approved	330	330				330			
Change	0	0				0			
Proposed	330	330				330			
<b>Local Funds –RCTC, TDA Grant</b>									
Current Approved	1,500	1,500				170	1,330		
Change	0	0				0	0		
Proposed	1,500	1,500				170	1,330		
<b>Local Funds – City of Riverside</b>									
Current Approved	170	170		0			170	0	0
Change	2,100	100		2,000			0	100	2,000
Proposed	<b>2,270</b>	<b>270</b>		<b>2,000</b>			170	<b>100</b>	<b>2,000</b>
<b>State PUC</b>									
Current Approved	5,000	5,000		0				50	4,950
Change	0	(4,950)		4,950				0	0
Proposed	5,000	<b>50</b>		<b>4,950</b>				50	4,950
<b>Local Funds – RCTC Section 190 Match</b>									
Current Approved	500	500						500	
Change	0	0						0	
Proposed	500	500						500	
<b>Local Federal Funds – STPL</b>									
Current Approved	3,950	3,950						400	3,550
Change	(3,550)	(3,550)						0	(3,550)
Proposed	<b>400</b>	<b>400</b>						400	<b>0</b>
<b>Local Funds – BNSF Contribution</b>									
Current Approved	1,500	1,500		0				500	1,000
Change	(100)	(1,100)		1,000				(100)	0
Proposed	<b>1,400</b>	<b>400</b>		<b>1,000</b>				<b>400</b>	<b>1,000</b>
<b>Local Federal Funds – PNRS funds</b>									
Current Approved	4,050	4,050						4,050	
Change	0	0						0	
Proposed	4,050	4,050						4,050	
<b>Local Federal Funds – CMAQ</b>									
Current Approved	0			0					0
Change	3,550			3,550					3,550
Proposed	<b>3,550</b>			<b>3,550</b>					<b>3,550</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>									
Current Approved	32,000	32,000		0		500	1,500	5,500	24,500
Change	0	(24,500)		24,500		0	0	0	0
Proposed	32,000	<b>7,500</b>		<b>24,500</b>		500	1,500	5,500	24,500

**RESOLUTION TCIF-P-1112-11**

Be it Resolved, that the California Transportation Commission does hereby amend the Trade Corridors Improvement Fund Baseline Agreement for Project 45, Iowa Avenue Grade Separation (PPNO 1121), in accordance with the changes as described and illustrated.

Attachment



# Metro

August 30, 2011

Ms. Bimla G. Rhinehart  
Executive Director  
California Transportation Commission  
1120 "N" Street, Mail Stop: 52  
Sacramento, CA 94273-0001

Dear Ms. Rhinehart:

The Southern California Consensus Group has discussed and approved the changes requested by our partner agency. The requested action will not modify the amount of TCIF funding allocated to the project. It is our understanding that the Riverside County Transportation Commission and the city of Riverside are requesting approval of an amendment of their Baseline Agreement for Iowa Avenue grade separation project.

- Requesting allocation for \$13 million with a Letter of No Prejudice.
- Changes in milestone dates, including plans, specifications, and estimates, right of way certification, and construction start date.
- Changes in fund sources due to local funding shortfalls.

Please see the attached letter from RCTC detailing the requested changes. Please direct any questions or comments regarding this issue to me at (213) 922-3061. We appreciate the ongoing support and guidance provided by you and your staff.

Sincerely,

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Deputy Executive Director

cc: Southern California Consensus Group  
Maura Twomey