

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: October 24, 2012

Reference No.: 4.11
Action

From: BIMLA G. RHINEHART
Executive Director

Subject: **TRADE CORRIDORS IMPROVEMENT FUND (TCIF)– PROGRAM AMENDMENT
RESOLUTION TCIF-P-1213-17**

ISSUE:

Should the Commission approve the proposed Trade Corridors Improvement Fund (TCIF) Program amendment to delete TCIF Project 71: *32nd Street at Harbor Drive Grade Separated Improvements* and TCIF Project 73: *National City Marine Terminal Improvement (Warf Extension)* and related funding totaling \$65.665 million from the San Diego Border Region of the TCIF Program?

Should the Commission approve the proposed TCIF Program Amendment to include the *Route 101 Improvements from the Los Angeles County Line to Moorepark Road* 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 delete TCIF Project 71: *32nd Street at Harbor Drive Grade Separated Improvements* and TCIF Project 73: *National City Marine Terminal Improvement (Warf Extension)* and related funding totaling \$65.665 million from the San Diego Border Region of the TCIF Program.

Commission staff recommends that the Commission approve the proposed TCIF Program Amendment to include the *Route 101 Improvements from the Los Angeles Count Line to Moorepark Road* in the Los Angeles/Inland Corridor element of the TCIF Program and program \$11.916 million in TCIF funds to the project.

BACKGROUND:

The San Diego Association of Governments and the Port of San Diego propose to amend the TCIF Program by deleting TCIF Project 71: *32nd Street at Harbor Drive Grade Separated Improvements* and TCIF Project 73: *National City Marine Terminal Improvement (Warf Extension)* from the San Diego Border Region element of the TCIF Program. The projects have funding challenges which prohibit delivery within the constraints of the TCIF Program.

The San Diego Border Region supports the proposed amendment to the TCIF program and requests the Commission's concurrence (see attached letter dated August 15, 2012).

The Southern California Consensus Group (SCCG) and the Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC) propose to amend the TCIF Program by including the *Route 101 Improvements from the Los Angeles County Line to Moorpark Road* in the Los Angeles/Inland Corridor element of the TCIF Program and program \$11.916 million of TCIF funds to the project.

The *Route 101 Improvements* Project proposes to add a freeway lane in each direction on a 4.4 mile stretch of US 101 in the City of Thousand Oaks from the Los Angeles/Ventura County line to Moorpark Road. The project includes: conversion of auxiliary lanes to mixed-flow lanes; adding a lane in both directions; ramp realignment and improvements at the US 101/SR 23 interchange; seismic retrofitting of three undercross bridges and the construction of sound walls. The proposed project will improve safety and efficiency of the existing corridor and fix a major bottleneck near the US 1010 and SR 23 Interchange. VCTC proposes to program the \$11.916 million from award savings to the Rice/101 Interchange of \$14.793 million de-allocated in February 2012.

The SCCG supports the proposed amendment to the TCIF Program and requests the Commission's concurrence (see attached letter dated August 28, 2012).



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August 28, 2012

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

The Southern California Consensus Group has discussed and is in agreement with the request from our partner agency. It is our understanding that the Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC) is nominating a new project. VCTC's TCIF project, the Rice/101 Interchange, has a contract award cost savings of \$14,793,000, which has now been de-allocated by the CTC. VCTC proposes to use \$11,916,000 to improve Route 101 from the Los Angeles County Line to Moorpark Road.

Please see the attached letter from VCTC 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,

Shahrzad Amiri
Deputy Executive Director

cc: Southern California Consensus Group
Stephen Maller



Ventura County Transportation Commission

August 23, 2012

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TRADE CORRIDOR INFRASTRUCTURE FUND PROJECT NOMINATION

Dear Silva:

The Ventura County Transportation Commission is requesting concurrence from the Southern California Consensus Group to amend the TCIF program to add the Route 101 Improvements from the Los Angeles County Line to Moorpark Road in Thousand Oaks.

VCTC is proposing that this project will use the \$11,916,000 in remaining Ventura County TCIF cost savings after deducting VCTC's share of the TCIF overprogramming for the corridor. The funds will be matched by \$11,916,000 in Regional STP funds programmed by VCTC. \$500,000 of the construction cost will come from a federal earmark, and the remaining \$17,668,000 of the project's construction cost will be provided by the City of Thousand Oaks, subject to CTC approval of an AB 3090 cash reimbursement agreement. The STIP funds for the project are currently programmed in FY 2015/16, but the project construction contract can be awarded in July, 2013. Caltrans will administer the project.

This project will improve Route 101 from the Los Angeles County Line to Moorpark Road, including improvements to the connectors with Route 23, various other ramp improvements, and additions of auxiliary lanes, and in some locations connecting of the existing auxiliary lanes to form through lanes. Based on the analysis of the Port of Hueneme access studies, the majority of trucks accessing the Port utilize this segment of Route 101 through Thousand Oaks, and a bottleneck currently occurs at this location. The project will facilitate the throughput of all vehicles through this bottleneck, including the trucks accessing the Port of Hueneme. Attached is a fact sheet regarding the project. Based on preliminary feedback from CTC staff, this project appears to be eligible for TCIF funds.

The TCIF application is currently being prepared and we plan to submit it by the end of the month. Thousand Oaks will be submitting the AB 3090 application. The ability of this project to use the TCIF funds by the deadline is contingent upon CTC approval of the AB 3090. Should the CTC not approve the AB 3090, then the TCIF funds would become available for another project elsewhere in the corridor. We would anticipate a decision regarding the AB 3090 request in March, 2013.

Ms. Silva Mardrussian
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Should you have any questions please e-mail me at pdehaan@goventura.org or call me at (805) 642-1591, extension 106.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Peter De Haan", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Peter De Haan
Programming Director