

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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Action Item

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Subject: PROPOSITION 1B INTERCITY RAIL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT
RESOLUTION ICR1B-P-1314-02, AMENDING RESOLUTION ICR1B-P-1314-01

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) requests that the California Transportation Commission (Commission) consent to amend the Proposition 1B Intercity Rail Improvement Program (ICR1B) project list to add the Van Nuys North Platform Station Improvement Project (Van Nuys); delete the Commerce/Fullerton Triple Track – Segment 8 Project (Triple Track – Segment 8), reprogramming the Triple Track – Segment 8 funds to Van Nuys; and reprogram unallocated funds from the New Station Tracks at LA Union Station (New Station Tracks), and splitting these funds between the Van Nuys project and the Raymer to Bernson Double Track Project (Raymer).

ISSUE:

The Department requests that the following actions be taken with the ICR1B:

- Add the Van Nuys project.
- Delete the Triple Track – Segment 8 project funds of \$30,500,000 and reprogram these funds to the Van Nuys project for construction.
- Reprogram \$13,300,000 of unallocated funds from the New Station Tracks. Of these funds, program \$4,000,000 to the Van Nuys project for PS&E and \$9,300,000 to the Raymer project (\$6,500,000 for PS&E and the remaining funds to construction).

Van Nuys North Platform Station Improvements

Initial design and environmental clearance for the Van Nuys project has been funded through a Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) grant. Van Nuys is ready to proceed into final design. The project is to be funded with \$30.5 million from Triple Track – Segment 8 project and \$4 million from the New Station Tracks project. The Van Nuys project will improve travel times for Pacific Surfliner intercity passenger service. It will also generate cross modal benefits to the corridor's commuter and freight rail services and improve operational reliability.

Commerce/Fullerton Triple Track – Segment 8

The Triple Track – Segment 8 effort will complete all of the rail and signal contract work with BNSF Railway. The final segment became fully funded through cost savings and redirected Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP) funds from the Valley View Grade Separation project. Segments 1 through 5 were funded through TCRP; Segment 6 was funded through the ICR1B program and Segment 7 was funded through a Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) grant. The programmed funds associated with this project are to be reprogrammed to the Van Nuys Station Project.

Los Angeles New Station Tracks

Phase 1 at Union Station is complete and Phase 2 will be completed by June 30, 2014. The remaining funds of \$13,300,000 are to be reprogrammed to the Van Nuys and Raymer projects.

Raymer to Bernson Double Track

Initial design and environmental clearance for the Raymer to Bernson Double Track project has been funded through a FRA grant.

Project budgets are shown in the tables below:

Van Nuys Station

Funding Source	PA&ED	PS&E	ROW	CON	TOTAL
Local	\$200,000				\$200,000
Federal	\$800,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$800,000
Proposition 1B	\$0	\$4,000,000	0	\$30,500,000	\$34,500,000
TOTAL	\$1,000,000	\$4,000,000		\$30,500,000	\$35,500,000

Raymer to Bernson Double Track

Funding Source	PA&ED	PS&E	ROW	CON	TOTAL
Local	\$391,000				\$391,000
Federal	\$1,564,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,564,000
Proposition 1B	\$0	\$6,500,000	0	\$10,300,000*	\$16,800,000
2015-16 STIP				\$63,500,000	\$63,500,000
TOTAL	\$1,955,000	\$6,500,000		\$73,800,000	\$82,255,000

(*There is \$7.5 million previously programmed for construction for the Raymer Project; combined with the \$2.8 million remaining from the Los Angeles Station Tracks project for a combined total of \$10.3 million for construction.)

The benefits of both the Van Nuys and Raymer projects are consistent with the ICR1B Program guidelines and the State’s intercity passenger rail goals for the corridors.

BACKGROUND:

The Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006, approved by voters as Proposition 1B, provides \$400 million, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the Department for intercity passenger rail improvement projects.

This \$400 million program is part of the \$4 billion Public Transportation Modernization, Improvement, and Service Enhancement Account (PTMISEA). This account is to be used to fund public transportation projects. Pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (c) of Section 8879.50 of the Government Code, the Department is the administrative agency for the PTMISEA.

At its December 2007 meeting, the Commission approved the guidelines for intercity passenger rail projects in the PTMISEA. The guidelines allow the Department, if necessary, to return to the Commission to request its consent to modify the project list.

The necessary changes are reflected in strikethrough and bold underline in the revised Proposition 1B Intercity Rail Projects list.

PROPOSITION 1B INTERCITY RAIL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT (Proposed)

Project/Description	Corridor	Funding Request
Procure New Rail Cars: ¹ Purchase bi-level intercity rail cars and locomotives (est. 42 cars and 6 locomotives).	Capitol Corridor, Pacific Surfliner, San Joaquin	\$ 150,000,000
Commerce/Fullerton Triple Track - Segment 6: ¹ Construct third main track from MP 154.5 to MP 157.6	Pacific Surfliner, Metrolink	\$ 32,000,000
Commerce/Fullerton Triple Track - Segment 8: ¹ Construct third main track from MP 157.4 to MP 158.8	Pacific Surfliner, Metrolink	\$ 30,500,000 \$ 0
New Station Track at LA Union Station: ¹ Build new track, platform and renovate canopies.	Pacific Surfliner, Metrolink	\$ 35,100,000 \$ 21,800,000
San Onofre to Pulgas Double Track Project – Phase 1: ¹ Design and environmental work for Phases 1 and 2 of project, plus construction of Phase 1.	Pacific Surfliner	\$ 30,000,000
Sacramento Maintenance Facility: Design and build storage track and maintenance facility.	Capitol Corridor, San Joaquin	\$ 19,151,000
Oakley to Port Chicago: ¹ Construct double track.	San Joaquin	\$ 25,450,000
Coast Daylight Track and Signal: Track and signal project to allow Pacific Surfliner extension to San Francisco Bay Area.	Pacific Surfliner, Coast Daylight	\$ 25,000,000
Kings Park Track and Signal Improvements: ¹ Improve track and signals along San Joaquin Intercity rail line near Hanford in Kings County.	San Joaquin	\$ 3,500,000
Wireless Network for Northern California IPR Fleet: ¹ Install a wireless communication network on the Northern California IPR fleet for passenger amenity, support of safety and security, and expand ADA compliance for on-train communications.	Capitol Corridor, San Joaquin	\$ 3,750,000
Raymer to Bernson Double Track: Construct double track from MP 453.1 to MP 446.8 in Los Angeles County.	Pacific Surfliner, Metrolink LAMTA	\$ 7,500,000 \$ 16,800,000
Van Nuys North Platform: Construct Second Platform in Los Angeles County.	Pacific Surfliner, LAMTA	\$ 34,500,000
Santa Margarita Bridge and Double Track: ¹ Replace bridge with 2-track bridge and construct additional double track.	Pacific Surfliner	\$ 16,206,000
Emeryville Station and Track Improvements: ¹ Extend siding track with associated signal and other track.	Capitol Corridor, San Joaquin	\$ 6,250,000
Bahia Benicia Crossover: ¹ Construct crossover between two mainline tracks and additional track improvements and upgrades including frog replacement and tie tamping on the Capitol Corridor.	Capitol Corridor	\$ 4,750,000
SCRRA Sealed Corridor: ¹ Enhance safety of grade crossings and Railroad Right of Way.	Metrolink	\$ 3,000,000
SUB-TOTAL ALL PROJECTS		\$ 392,157,000
Bond Issuance Costs - Loan admin costs, arbitrage rebates, etc. ²		\$ 7,843,000
TOTAL RAIL BOND FUNDS		\$ 400,000,000

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CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

**Commission Advice and Consent
Proposition 1B Intercity Rail Capital Program Amendment**

**Resolution ICR1B-P-1314-02,
Amending Resolution ICR1B-P-1314-01**

- 1.1 WHEREAS, Proposition 1B, passed by California voters on November 7, 2006, called for \$4 billion to be deposited into the Public Transportation Modernization, Improvement, and Service Enhancement Account; and
- 1.2 WHEREAS, of the \$4 billion, \$400 million was designated, to be available upon appropriation by the Legislature, for intercity rail capital projects, including at least \$125 million for the purchase of additional rail cars and locomotives; and
- 1.3 WHEREAS, the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approved at its December 2007 meeting, the “Guidelines for Intercity Passenger Rail Projects in the Public Transportation Modernization, Improvement, and Service Enhancement Account”, that provide guidance on the implementation of the Proposition 1B Intercity Passenger Rail Program; and
- 1.4 WHEREAS, the guidelines state the California Department of Transportation (Department) can return to the Commission to request formal approval to modify the project list and project scope; and
- 1.5 WHEREAS, the initial intercity rail Proposition 1B project list was approved at February 2008 Commission meeting; and
- 1.6 WHEREAS, the amended intercity rail Proposition 1B projects list includes \$392.2 million in intercity rail projects and \$7.8 million in bond issuance costs; and
- 1.7 WHEREAS, all projects on the attached amended Proposition 1B project list are consistent with the guidelines.
- 2.1 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commission does hereby provide its consent to the amended list of intercity rail Proposition 1B projects; and
- 2.2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department shall report on a quarterly basis to the Commission on the allocation status of the Proposition 1B intercity passenger rail projects as part of the Department’s quarterly delivery report.