

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: January 29, 2013

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Action

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Subject: **TRADE CORRIDORS IMPROVEMENT FUND - PROGRAM AMENDMENT**
RESOLUTION TCIF-P-1314-09

ISSUE:

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) amend the Trade Corridors Improvement Fund (TCIF) Program to reflect the following actions?

Los Angeles/Inland Corridor

- TCIF Project 96: *Fairway Drive Grade Separation Project*, increase TCIF funds by \$15 million from savings generated in the region.
- Add *Raymond Avenue Grade Separation Project* to the TCIF Program as TCIF Project 99 and program \$11.89 million in TCIF funds to the project from savings generated in the region.

RECOMMENDATION:

Commission staff recommends that the Commission approve the proposed TCIF Program Amendment to increase TCIF funds to Projects 96, *Fairway Drive Grade Separation Project*, and add *Raymond Avenue Grade Separation Project* to the TCIF Program.

BACKGROUND:

Project 96

The Southern California Consensus Group (SCCG) and the Alameda Corridor-East Construction Authority (ACE) propose to amend the TCIF program by increasing the TCIF funds to Project 96, *Fairway Drive Grade Separation Project*, by \$15 million. The total TCIF funds programmed to this project will increase from \$56 million to \$71 million.

The *Fairway Drive Grade Separation Project* will construct a roadway underpass on Fairway Drive and a double track railroad bridge on the Los Angeles subdivision of the Union Pacific Railroad. The project will eliminate the existing at grade crossing. This project was programmed in the TCIF program in August 2013. At the time of programming the project design plans were 85 percent complete. Since then, the project design plans have been completed and the final cost estimate for construction has increased. Since additional award savings have been realized in the Los Angeles/Inland Corridor Region, the SCCG and ACE propose to add additional TCIF funds to this project (see attached letters).

The SCCG supports the proposed amendment to the TCIF program (see attached letter).

Project 99

The SCCG and the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) propose to amend the TCIF program by including Raymond Avenue Grade Separation Project in the Los Angeles/Inland Corridor element of the TCIF program and program \$11.89 million of TCIF funds to the project.

The Raymond Avenue Grade Separation Project will construct an underpass for vehicular traffic by lowering Raymond Avenue below the BNSF mainline rail lines. A rail bridge will be constructed for the two existing mainline tracks with space for a third track. This project was originally programmed in the TCIF program in 2008. In April 2012 the project was deleted from the program to maximize the use of available funding in other TCIF projects. Since OCTA achieved award savings from the Lakeview Avenue Grade Separation Project (TCIF Project 40) of \$11.89 million, SCCG and ACE proposed to place these TCIF savings on the Raymond Avenue Grade Separation Project (see attached letters). The total cost of the project is estimated at \$112.190 million.