

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: August 13-14, 2003

Reference No.: 2.1c(3)

Action Item

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Ref: **TRAFFIC CONGESTION RELIEF (TCR) PROGRAM MINOR APPLICATION
AMENDMENT APPROVALS, RESOLUTION TAA-03-08, AMENDING RESOLUTIONS
TA-00-01, TA-02-13, and TAA-02-08**

BACKGROUND:

At the December 2002 meeting, the California Transportation Commission (Commission) took action to defer approval of any additional Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP) applications and allocations due to the continuing economic challenges faced by the State.

In the meantime, implementing agencies continue to submit minor application amendment requests to update project status. The following list identifies those pending minor application amendment requests that have been received and reviewed by the California Department of Transportation (Department) as suitable for action. Since all approval actions are being deferred by the Commission, Department and Commission staff cannot use delegated authority to approved the minor amendment requests. The minor amendment requests do not seek to approve or allocate any new TCR funding.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department recommends that the Commission approve Resolution TAA-03-08 for four minor amendments to TCRP applications.

- Project #44 – Route 47 (Terminal Island Freeway); construct interchange at Ocean Boulevard Overpass in the City of Long Beach in Los Angeles County. Minor amendment to update project schedule. Additional time is needed due to discovery of soil contamination during site investigation requiring development and approval of Hazardous Waste Management Plan and modification of Plans, Specifications, and Estimates documentation. Original TCR application approved under Resolution TA-01-01, as amended by Resolution TAA-02-08. The Port of Long Beach is requesting this amendment.

- Project #45 – Route 710; complete Gateway Corridor Study, Los Angeles/Long Beach ports to Route 5 in Los Angeles County. Minor amendment to extend the end date of the study by one fiscal year. Additional time to ensure local community groups have opportunity to express all questions and concerns and preferred alternative is selected. Original TCR application approved under Resolution TA-00-01. The Department of Transportation and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority are requesting this amendment.
- Project #55.1 – Alameda Corridor East; build grade separations on Burlington Northern-Santa Fe and Union Pacific Railroad lines, Los Angeles County line to Colton, with rail-to-rail separation at Colton in San Bernardino County. Minor amendment to update project schedule. Additional time due to delays in securing Federal NEPA environmental clearance. Original TCR application approved under Resolution TA-01-11, as amended by Resolution TA-02-13. The San Bernardino Associated Government is requesting this amendment.
- Project #115 – South Line Light Rail; extend South Line three miles towards Elk Grove, from Meadowview Road to Calvine Road in Sacramento County. Minor Amendment to extend end date of Phase 1 – Environmental and Permits by one fiscal year. Additional time required due to additional environmental analyses and processes required by the City of Sacramento and Federal Transit Administration. Original TCR application approved under Resolution TA-00-01. The Sacramento Regional Transit District is requesting this amendment.

Attachment

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
Approval of Traffic Congestion Relief Program
Project Application Amendment

RESOLUTION TAA-03-08,
Amending Resolutions TA-00-01, TA-02-13, and TAA-02-08

- 1.1 WHEREAS the Traffic Congestion Relief Act of 2000 (herein after referred to as “statute”), which was established by Chapters 91 (AB 2928) and 656 (SB 1662) of the Statutes of 2000, establishes the Traffic Congestion Relief Program, providing \$5.39 billion for projects throughout the State of California to reduce traffic congestion, provide for safe and efficient movement of goods, and provide system connectivity; and
- 1.2 WHEREAS in accordance with Government Code Section 14556.11 the California Transportation Commission (Commission) has adopted guidelines, in consultation with the Department of Transportation (Department) and regional agencies, to implement the Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP); and
- 1.3 WHEREAS the statute and guidelines require applicants to specify full and complete project applications, including scope, cost and schedule, financial plans and funding sources; and
- 1.4 WHEREAS on July 13, 2001, the Commission passed Resolution G-01-23 approving the policy for the delegation of authority to the Department in the approval of Minor amendments to applications for TCRP projects; and
- 1.5 WHEREAS on December 11, 2002, the Commission took action to defer approval of any additional TCRP applications and allocations due to the continuing economic challenges faced by the State in accordance with Executive Order D-49-01, BL 02-21, in effect suspending the Department delegated authority to approve minor TCRP project amendments originally granted in Resolution G-01-23; and
- 1.6 WHEREAS implementing agencies continue to submit application amendment requests to update project status.
- 2.1 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Commission does hereby approve the following four minor amendments to TCRP applications as submitted, with subsequent clarifications and revisions:
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 - Schedule change impacts delivery of final project by one Fiscal Year

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- 2.2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all applicant agencies shall provide the Commission and the Department with a progress report on April 1st and October 1st of each year on actual expenditures and status of work, until the projects have been completed; and
- 2.3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this TCRP project application approval by the Commission reserves the State funding for the projects as specified by the statute, and allows the applicant agencies to incur costs in accordance with the approved project application, statute and guidelines; and
- 2.4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that CTC Resolutions TA-00-01, TA-02-13, and TAA-02-08 are hereby amended.