

# Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

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Action Item

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Ref: **TRAFFIC CONGESTION RELIEF (TCR) PROGRAM APPLICATION APPROVALS,  
RESOLUTION TA-03-01**

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve Resolution TA-03-01 for the following Traffic Congestion Relief Program application for \$980,000. A fact sheet describing the project is attached.

- Project #27.3 – \$980,000 for Phase 4 for Vasco Road Safety and Transit Enhancement Project in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties – Valley Center ACE Parking Structure.  
Applicant Agency: Alameda County Congestion Management Agency  
Implementing Agency: City of Livermore  
(Letter of No Prejudice submitted by City of Livermore)

Attachments

**TCR Program – Application Approval Project # 27.3**

**Alameda/Contra Costa Vasco Road Safety and Transit Enhancement Project in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties.**

(\$ X 1,000)				
Estimated Project Cost:	\$8,526	<b>TCRP Funds Covered by Application:</b>	<b>\$980</b>	
TCRP Funds – Subproject #27.3:	\$1,500	Phases(s) Covered by Application:	4	
TCRP Funds for Project #27:	\$11,000	TCR Funds Previously Approved for #27.3:	\$520	
Lead Agency:	Alameda County Congestion Management Agency	Implementing Agency:	City of Livermore Community Development Department	

<b>TCRP Allocation Requested Concurrently with Application:</b>	<b>\$980</b>	for Phase(s):	4
<b>Advance Requested:</b>	<b>\$0</b>	for Phase(s):	N/A
<b>TCRP Allocations to Date:</b>	<b>\$520</b>	for Phase(s):	1,2

**Project Summary:**

The overall Vasco Road Safety and Transit Enhancement project consists of three separate sub-projects to provide improved access to the Altamont Commuter Express (ACE) rail service. Each sub-project will be covered under separate project applications. The three sub-projects are:

- Sub-Project #27.1 – straighten Vasco Road (Total cost: \$19.246 million, including \$6.5 million TCRP);
- Sub-Project #27.2 – improvements to the Vasco Road commuter parking facility for the ACE platform station (Total cost: \$3 million TCRP); and
- **Sub-Project #27.3**, – Parking Structure for Valley Center Project (Total cost: \$8.526 million, including \$1.5 million TCRP).



Sub-Project #27.3, the Downtown Valley Center ACE Parking Facility, will be a three-story parking structure built on the current site, and some additional surrounding parcels, of the at-grade ACE Train parking lot. This project will provide approximately 512 parking spaces to accommodate ACE train riders, LAVTA bus riders, and patrons of the proposed Livermore Valley Center complex. The present surface parking lot serving the ACE ridership can accommodate only ninety-six (96) vehicles. Currently, the lot is completely full by the time the second ACE morning-train arrives. Compounding the pressure for additional parking, ACE added a third train to its schedule in March 2001.

**Summary of Action:** This application programs Phase 4 – Construction, of the Downtown Valley Center ACE Parking Facility. The end dates for Phase 1 – Environmental and Phase 3 – Right of Way are also updated.

**Cost and Schedule** (\$ x 1,000)

Phase	Scope	Start	End	Cost
1	Environmental	6/01	<del>8/02</del> 6/02	\$20
2	Plans, Specifications, Estimates	7/01	10/02	\$500
3	Right of Way Acquisition	6/01	<del>11/02</del> 10/02	\$1,306
4	Construction	6/03	6/04	\$6,700
			<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$8,526</b>

**Funding Plan** (\$ x 1,000)

<i>Source</i>	<i>Type</i>		<i>Phase 1</i>	<i>Phase 2</i>	<i>Phase 3</i>	<i>Phase 4</i>	<i>Total</i>
TCRP	State	Committed	\$20	\$500		\$980	\$1,500
		Proposed					
Redevelop.	Local	Committed			\$1,306	\$4,970	\$6,276
		Proposed					
TEA-21 Demo	Federal	Committed				\$750	\$750
		Proposed					
<b>Totals:</b>		Committed	\$20	\$500	\$1,306	\$6,700	\$8,526
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		<b>Totals:</b>	\$20	\$500	\$1,306	\$6,700	\$8,526

**Prior TCRP Action:** Original Application was approved on July 11, 2001 (Resolution TA-01-11). A minor amendment was approved October 2001 to extend the completion date for Phases 1 and 2. A second minor amendment was approved April 2002, to extend Phase 2 completion.

**Status of Conditions:** The condition set forth under Resolution TA-01-11 has been met.

**Discussion/Issues:** Recommend Approval.

Phase 4 – CON is ready to proceed. Due to the financial uncertainties of TCR funds, alternative funding has been identified to enable construction to proceed on schedule. The City of Livermore –Redevelopment Agency received a loan from the City’s General Fund to complete this project. However, should TCR funds become available in the future, ACCMA and the City of Livermore wish to be reimbursement for any and all eligible expenses related to the construction of the urgently needed project. A Letter of No Prejudice has been requested to enable the allocation/reimbursement of TCR funds when they become available. Upon reimbursement of the TCR funds, the City of Livermore will reimburse the City’s General Fund.

Regional Transportation Plan documentation on file. CTC reviewed the Mitigated Negative Declaration and approved the project for future consideration of funding on October 3, 2002, under Resolution E-02-43.

**CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**  
**Approval of Traffic Congestion Relief Program**  
**Project Applications**

**RESOLUTION TA-03-01**

- 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 the Commission, with assistance from the Department, is required by statute to review and approve applications for TCRP projects that meet the requirements in statute and guidelines; and
- 1.5 WHEREAS the City of Livermore has submitted a request for a Letter of No Prejudice (Letter) for Commission approval; and
- 1.6 WHEREAS the Commission, with assistance from the Department, has reviewed submitted TCRP project applications, and subsequent clarifications and revisions, and determined they comply with the statute and guidelines.
- 2.1 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Commission does hereby approve the following Traffic Congestion Relief Program application for \$980,000 as submitted, with subsequent clarifications and revisions:
  - Project #27.3 – \$980,000 for Phase 4 for Vasco Road Safety and Transit Enhancement Project in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties – Valley Center ACE Parking Structure.  
Applicant Agency: Alameda County Congestion Management Agency  
Implementing Agency: City of Livermore;and
- 2.2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all applicant agencies shall provide the Commission and the Department with a progress report on April 1<sup>st</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup> 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.