

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: March 16, 2006

Reference No.: 2.6e.(2) - **REVISED**
Action Item

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Ref: **ALLOCATIONS FOR TRAFFIC CONGESTION RELIEF (TCR) PROGRAM PROJECTS
RESOLUTION TFP-06-06**

CTC ACTION UPDATE: The California Transportation Commission approved Projects #1 (Pico Rivera), #2 (Caltrans) and #3 (Fresno), in accordance with the Financial Resolution below and the attached Vote List. Projects #4 and #5 were not approved at this time.

ISSUE:

Attached is a Vote List for five Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP) project allocation requests for \$35,768,000 in new TCRP funding. In addition, the North Coast Railroad Authority is requesting a cash advancement of TCRP funds.

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission) defer approval of these allocation requests.

BACKGROUND:

The Governor's FY 2005-06 Budget Proposal included the transfer of Proposition 42 funding. This transfer made \$678 million available for allocation to TCRP projects. However, TCRP project allocation needs for FY 2005-06 were greater than this amount, and the Department recommended, and the Commission approved the TCRP Allocation Plan and Criteria.

With allocation actions taken to date, the Commission has approved allocations up to the limit of available funding as identified in the approved TCRP Allocation Plan and Criteria. Therefore, the Department recommends that any further requests for allocations of new or additional TCRP funding be considered upon adoption of an updated TCRP Allocation Plan and Criteria, to be discussed under Reference No. 4.11, 2005-06 TCRP/STIP Allocation Policy.

The Department further recommends that allocation requests not approved be placed on a pending list until such time as new or additional sources of TCRP funding can be identified.

FINANCIAL RESOLUTION:

Resolved That:

The project(s), as component phases or in their entirety, appear under Government Code Section 14556.40(a) and are entitled to participate in this allocation amendment.

Reimbursement of eligible costs is subject to the policies, restrictions and assurances as set forth in the Commission's policy for allocating, monitoring, and auditing TCRP projects, and is governed by the terms and conditions of the Fund Transfer Agreement, Program Supplement or Cooperative Agreement, and subsequent amendments to the same if required, as executed between the Implementing Agency and the Department.

Attachment

2.6 Mass Transportation Financial Matters

Project # Allocation Amount Implementing Agency District-County	BREF # and Project Description Description of Allocation	Item # Program Code	Total Allocation Amount
2.6e.(2) Traffic Congestion Relief Program Projects		Resolution TFP-06-06	
1 \$16,200,000 City of Pico Rivera 07-Los Angeles	Project #54.3 – Alameda Corridor East; Passons Boulevard. Build grade separations on Burlington Northern-Santa Fe and Union Pacific Railroad lines, downtown Los Angeles to Los Angeles County line in Los Angeles County. This allocation provides \$16,200,000 in new TCRP funding for Right-of-Way.	Chapter 91 of the Statutes of 2000 899-3007 20.30.710.875	\$16,200,000
2 \$9,140,000 California Department of Transportation (Department) 08 – San Bernardino	Project #60.2 – Route 15; Southbound truck climbing lane at two locations in San Bernardino. This project is to construct truck-climbing lanes in two locations on Interstate 15 (I-15) in the southbound direction. This allocation provides \$9,140,000 in new TCRP funding for Construction.	Chapter 91 of the Statutes of 2000 899-3007 20.20.710.870	\$9,140,000
3 \$9,488,000 County of Fresno Department of Public Works 06-Fresno	Project #96 – Friant Road; Widen to four lanes from Copper Avenue to Road 206 This project will add two lanes, requiring additional right of way in some locations, resurface the existing roadway and add a bridge. This allocation provides \$9,488,000 in new TCRP funding for Construction.	Chapter 91 of the Statutes of 2000 889-3007 20.30.710.876	\$9,488,000
4 \$651,000 North Coast Railroad Authority 01 – Regional	Project #32.4 – North Coast Railroad; Upgrade rail line to class II or III standards. This project involves upgrading of the entire railroad to provide operation at Federal Railroad Administration Class II and III standards. This allocation provides a total of \$651,000 in new TCRP funding for PA&ED (\$390,000) and PS&E (\$261,000). NCRA is requesting that \$200,000 of the allocated amount be in the form of a cash advance. Not approved for funding at this time.	Chapter 91 of the Statutes of 2000 899-3007 30.10.710.050	\$651,000
5 \$289,000 North Coast Railroad Authority 01 – Regional	Project #32.5 – Environmental remediation projects for North Coast Railroad. The removal of hazardous wastes, rail ties, and regulated debris from the maintenance facilities and Hopland Station. This allocation provides \$289,000 for PS&E. NCRA is requesting that \$50,000 of the allocated amount be in the form of a cash advance. Not approved for funding at this time.	Chapter 91 of the Statutes of 2000 899-3007 30.10.710.050	\$289,000