

Memorandum

To: Chair and Commissioners

Date: August 22, 2008



From: JOHN F. BARNA, JR.
Executive Director

File No: 4.5
Action

Ref: TRAFFIC CONGESTION RELIEF PROGRAM (TCRP) ALLOCATION POLICY

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Commission approve a first-come, first-serve TCRP allocation policy for Fiscal Year (FY) 2008-09 based on the Department's ability to cash flow limited TCRP revenue. In addition, staff recommends that the Commission direct staff to return in September with a TCRP allocation criteria recommendation for future fiscal years that recognizes the relative merits of Letters of No Prejudice (LONPs), Proposition 1B projects, TCRP allocations for construction, and TCRP allocations for pre-construction and right-of-way.

Issue: The projected TCRP revenue for FY 2008-09 is \$83 million. The current estimated allocation need for FY 2008-09 (including requests deferred from FY 2007-08) is \$662 million, leaving a potential shortfall of \$579 million. The Legislature has recognized the shortfall, has acknowledged that the Commission must make choices regarding 2008-09 TCRP allocations, and has given the Commission the authority to adopt an allocation policy per the attached letter from Senator Alan Lowenthal and Assemblymember Mark DeSaulnier, the chairs of the Senate and Assembly Transportation Committees, respectively.

There are 14 TCRP allocation requests, totaling nearly \$201 million, on this August 2008 agenda (Item 2.6e). After consulting with the Department, and considering priorities, staff recommends allocating funds on a first-come, first-serve basis to ten projects totaling \$109.2 million. Seven (totaling \$89.4 million) were deferred from FY 2007-08. Three are requests from July 2008, including two LONP reimbursements totaling \$7.8 million, and one new allocation for \$12 million. The Department has indicated that there is a sufficient balance to cover cash flow needs for these allocations, which exceed current revenue by \$26.2 million.

Background: TCRP projects are designated in legislation (Traffic Congestion Relief Act, Chapters 91 and 656 of the Statutes of 2000) to receive a total of \$4.909 billion from the State's General Fund and Proposition 42 funds. To date, over \$3.7 billion has been allocated for TCRP projects.

Future funding for TCRP includes \$662 million as required by Proposition 1A and \$482 million from Tribal Gaming revenues, for a total of \$1.144 billion to be available for TCRP allocations. Proposition 1A requires that the outstanding balance of Proposition 42 suspensions of \$662 million be repaid over the next eight years, with expected revenue in FY 2008-09 of approximately \$83 million. Legal challenges have prevented the sale of Tribal Gaming bonds; however, under current legislation, the projected TCRP revenue from tribal gaming is \$68 million in FY 2009-10.

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August 21, 2008

Mr. John Chalker, Chair
California Transportation Commission
1120 N Street
Room 2221 (MS-52)
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Chairman Chalker and Members:

We understand that when the 2008-2009 budget is enacted, the Commission will have \$83 million available for allocating to projects funded by the Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP). However, we have been informed by the Commission's executive director that there are over \$200 million in TCRP funding request pending before the Commission. As the Commission knows, the legislation creating the TCRP, AB 2928 (Torlakson), Chapter 91, Statutes of 2000, does not contemplate a backlog of projects.

Unfortunately, the loans and transfers that were necessary to balance previous state budgets have interrupted the smooth flow of revenue that was expected when the TCRP was enacted. As a consequence of these actions, there is a discontinuity between the availability of funds and the readiness of projects.

While this situation may ultimately have to be resolved through legislation next year, we encourage the Commission to develop a prioritization strategy for allocating the \$83 million made available this year to TCRP projects. The mobility and economic benefits of funding even a portion of the TCRP projects outweigh waiting for a more comprehensive approach to this matter.

We value the relationship between the Legislature and the Commission, and welcome the opportunity to assist you with this issue.

Very truly yours,



Senator Alan Lowenthal
Chair, Senate Transportation and Housing Committee



Assemblymember Mark Desaulnier
Chair, Assembly Transportation Committee

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Traffic Congestion Relief Program
Future Allocation Needs by Fiscal Year and Component
(\$ x 1,000)

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TCRP #	District	County	Title	Applicant	Implementing	Type	Existing Allocations	FY 2008-09	FY 2009-10	FY 2010-11	FY 2011-12	2012-13	Beyond	PA&ED	PS&E	R/W	CON
12	4	SCL	Bart to San Jose	SCVTA	SCVTA	Mass Transit	\$ 409,528	\$ 239,039							\$ -	\$ 89,039	\$ 150,000
4	4	ALA	Samoi Grade HOV Corridor-Northbound	Department	Department	Capital Outlay	\$ 1,400	\$ 57,100	\$ 1,500						\$ 1,400	\$ 100	\$ 57,100
122	4	CC	Hercules Train Station Project	CCTA	City of Hercules	Rail	\$ 2,300	\$ 700						\$ -	\$ -	\$ 700	\$ -
123	4	ALA	I-580 Livermore Corridor studies and improvements	ACCMA/BART	BART	Plan	\$ 5,300		\$ 1,700					\$ -		\$ 1,700	
19	4	SF	Bay Area Water Transit System	BAWTA	BAWTA	Mass Transit	\$ 150		\$ 200	\$ 1,850					\$ 200		\$ 1,650
23	4	SM	Poplar, 25th, Linden Grade Separations	San Mateo County Transportation Authority	San Mateo County Transportation Authority	Mass Transit	\$ 4,000	\$ 11,000									\$ 11,000
28	4	ALA	Livermore Valley Siding	ACCMA	San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission	Mass Transit	\$ -		\$ 1,000								\$ 1,000
28	4	CC	BART Richmond Station Additional Parking	City of Richmond	City of Richmond	Mass Transit	\$ 1,180	\$ 2,820							\$ -		\$ 2,820
31	4	ALA	Route 580 eastbound HOV Lane Project	ACCMA/ Department	ACCMA/ Department	Capital Outlay	\$ 7,000	\$ 18,000									\$ 18,000
325	1	HUM	NCRA, environmental remediation projects.	North Coast Railroad Authority	North Coast Railroad Authority	Mass Transit	\$ 1,435	\$ 300	\$ 2,365						\$ 300		\$ 2,365
327	1	HUM	NCRA; local match funds	North Coast Railroad Authority	North Coast Railroad Authority	Mass Transit	\$ -				\$ 1,800						\$ 1,800
38.2	7	LA	North-South Bus Transit Project	LACMTA	LACMTA	Mass Transit	\$ 11,000	\$ 19,000		\$ 70,000				\$ 9,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 58,000
39	7	LA	Route 405; add northbound HOV over Sepulveda Pass	Department	Department	Capital Outlay	\$ 42,000	\$ 48,000							\$ -		\$ 48,000
41.2	7	LA	HOV Lanes on Rte 5 from Rte 170 to Rte 118	Department	Department	Capital Outlay	\$ 34,142	\$ 8,162									\$ 8,162
42.1	7	LA	I-5 Widening - Orange County Line to Route 605	Department	Department	Capital Outlay	\$ 8,000			\$ 119,000						\$ 119,000	
47	7	VEN	Route 101; California Street off-ramp in Ventura County.	City of San Buenaventura	City of San Buenaventura	Capital Outlay	\$ 726	\$ 274	\$ 4,000	\$ 10,000				\$ 274	\$ 1,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 10,000
49.2	7	LA	Hollywood Intermodal Transportation Center; Facility	City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation	Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Los Angeles	Mass Transit	\$ -	\$ 5,150	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -		\$ 150	\$ 5,000	\$ 2,000
50	7	LA	Rte 71 Expwy to Fwy Conversion (Rte 10 to Rte 60)	Department	Department	Capital Outlay	\$ 20,805		\$ 7,000	\$ 600	\$ 1,595				\$ 7,000	\$ 600	\$ 1,595
51	7	LA	Route 101/405, add auxiliary lane and widen ramp	LACMTA	Department	Capital Outlay	\$ 8,200						\$ 11,010				\$ 11,010
52	7	LA	Rte 405; add HOV & auxiliary lanes	LACMTA	Department	Capital Outlay	\$ -						\$ 15,352				\$ 15,352
54.3	7	LA	Alameda Corridor East, Pico Rivera	San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments	City of Pico Rivera	Local Assistance	\$ 16,200	\$ 3,500									\$ 3,500
55.2	8	SBD	Alameda Corridor East, Ontario	San Bernardino Associated Governments	City of Ontario	Local Assistance	\$ 5,000	\$ 1,500	\$ 42,054							\$ 1,500	\$ 42,054
55.3	8	SBD	Alameda Corridor East; SANBAG	San Bernardino Associated Governments	San Bernardino Associated Governments	Local Assistance	\$ 30,610	\$ 3,800									\$ 3,800

Note: Total for Existing Allocations excludes allocations to projects not included in this list

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81	8	RIV	Route 10, reconstruct Apache Trail Interchange	Riverside County Transportation Commission	Department	Capital Outlay	\$ 1,222	\$ 4,478			\$ 24,300			\$ 678	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,800	\$ 24,300
74.10	11	SD	Pacific Surfliner, Maintenance Yard	Department	Department	Rail	\$ 1,000			\$ 480							\$ 480
74.3	11	SD	Pacific Surfliner, Maintenance Yard	Department	Department	Rail	\$ -					\$ 1,530					\$ 1,530
74.7	11	SD	Encinitas Grade-Separated Pedestrian Crossing(s)	San Diego Association of Governments	City of Encinitas	Rail	\$ 1,248	\$ 2,752									\$ 2,752
77	11	SD	Route 94, add capacity	Department	Department	Capital Outlay	\$ 10,000				\$ 10,000			\$ -	\$ 6,000	\$ 4,000	
87.2	11	SD	Routes 94/125, build freeway connector ramps	Department	Department	Capital Outlay	\$ 5,911	\$ 47,268		\$ 6,538				\$ 538	\$ 6,000	\$ 47,268	
88.1	11	SD	Route 5, realign freeway	Department	Department	Capital Outlay	\$ 300	\$ 7,000		\$ 2,400					\$ 7,000	\$ 2,400	
89	8	FRE	Route 99, improve Shaw Avenue Interchange	Department	Department	Capital Outlay	\$ 830	\$ 770	\$ 3,400					\$ 770	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,400	
92	8	FRE	San Joaquin Corridor, improve track & signals	Department	Department	Rail	\$ -	\$ 10,000									\$ 10,000
94	8	FRE	Route 43, widen expressway	Department	Department	Capital Outlay	\$ 525			\$ 4,475				\$ 4,475			
97.2	8	FRE	Operational Improvements on streets near CSU, Fresno	California State University, Fresno	California State University, Fresno	Local Assistance	\$ 5,902	\$ 398									\$ 398
98	6	FRE	Peach Avenue, widen to four-lane	City of Fresno	City of Fresno	Local Assistance	\$ 850	\$ 2,300	\$ 7,050							\$ 2,300	\$ 7,050
99.2	10	SJ	Capacity Improvements	Department	Department	Rail	\$ -				\$ 10,257						\$ 10,257
99.3	10	SJ	Madera Amtrak Station Relocation	Department	Department	Rail	\$ 728	\$ 1,015									\$ 1,015
102.3	5	SB	Route 101 access, Advanced Traffic Corridor System	City of Santa Barbara	City of Santa Barbara	Local Assistance	\$ 110	\$ 922									\$ 922
106	10	MER	Campus Parkway	Merced County Department of Public Works	Merced County Department of Public Works	Local Assistance	\$ 5,526	\$ 17,474									\$ 17,474
109	10	STA	Route 132 Expressway	Department	Department	Capital Outlay	\$ 608	\$ 3,002		\$ 8,390					\$ 1,143	\$ 1,859	\$ 8,390
110	10	STA	SR-132 West Widening	Department	Department	Capital Outlay	\$ 453	\$ 1,547							\$ 1,547		
111	8	KIN	Route 198 Expressway, Rte 43 to Rte 99	Department	Department	Capital Outlay	\$ 853	\$ 13,147									\$ 13,147
112	6	KIN	Jersey Avenue, widen from 17th Avenue to 18th Avenue in Kings County	Kings County Public Works	Kings County Public Works	Local Assistance	\$ -	\$ 1,500									\$ 1,500
113	6	KER	Route 46 expressway	Department	Department	Capital Outlay	\$ 5,220	\$ 24,780									\$ 24,780
114	6	KER	Route 85, passing lanes & intersection improvement	Kern Council of Governments	Department	Capital Outlay	\$ 376	\$ 4	\$ 2,121		\$ 9,499			\$ 4	\$ 1,294	\$ 827	\$ 9,499
115	3	SAC	South Sacramento Light Rail Project-Phase 2 Ext	Sacramento Regional Transit District	Sacramento Regional Transit District	Mass Transit	\$ 7,000	\$ 83,000							\$ 3,744	\$ 15,804	\$ 43,452
116	3	SAC	Route 80 Light Rail Corridor	Sacramento Regional Transit District	Sacramento Regional Transit District	Mass Transit	\$ 12,619	\$ 12,381									\$ 12,381
128	3	SAC	Route 50/Walt Avenue interchange	County of Sacramento	County of Sacramento	Capital Outlay	\$ 720	\$ 2,940	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,840					\$ 2,940	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,840
129	8	SBD	Route 62, utility undergrounding	Town of Yucca Valley	Town of Yucca Valley	Capital Outlay	\$ 990	\$ 115	\$ 2,095							\$ 115	\$ 2,095
148	8	RIV	Construction of Palm Avenue Interchange.	Coachella Valley Association of Governments	Coachella Valley Association of Governments	Capital Outlay	\$ -	\$ 10,000									\$ 10,000
148.1	11	IMP	Widen State Route 98	Department	Department	Capital Outlay	\$ 2,500	\$ 1,000				\$ 5,400			\$ 1,000	\$ 5,400	
158.2	7	LA	Intersection of Olympic Blvd/Maleo Street/Porter Street	City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation	City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation	Local Assistance	\$ 680	\$ 595									\$ 595
TOTALS							\$ 672,947	\$ 621,180	\$ 101,528	\$ 216,881	\$ 85,841	\$ 6,930	\$ 26,362	\$ 15,737	\$ 54,718	\$ 317,312	\$ 651,065

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