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To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: March 20, 2014

Reference No.: 4.20
Action

From: ANDRE BOUTROS
Executive Director

Subject: **TRADE CORRIDORS IMPROVEMENT FUND - PROGRAM AMENDMENT RESOLUTION TCIF-P-1314-13**

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

Northern California Corridor

- Add *Natoma Overhead Widening and Ramp Metering Project* to the TCIF Program as TCIF Project 98 at a cost of $8 million in TCIF/SHOPP funds.

- Add *SR 99 Ramp Metering Project* to the TCIF Program as TCIF Project 101 at a cost of $2.4 million in TCIF/SHOPP funds.

Los Angeles/Inland Corridor

- Add *Tippecanoe Interchange Improvement Project-Phase II* to the TCIF Program as TCIF Project 100 at a cost of $10.669 million in TCIF funds.

- Add *TraPac Terminal Automation-Automated Shuttle Carrier Maintenance & Repair Facility* to the TCIF Program as TCIF Project 102 at a cost of $2.841 million in TCIF funds.

RECOMMENDATION:
Commission staff recommends that the Commission approve the proposed TCIF Program Amendment to add into the TCIF Program projects 98, 100, 101 and 102: *Natoma Overhead Widening and Ramp Metering Project*, *Tippecanoe Interchange Improvement Project-Phase II*, *SR 99 Ramp Metering Project*, and *TraPac Terminal Automation-Automated Shuttle Carrier Maintenance & Repair Facility*.

BACKGROUND:
Project 98
The Northern California Trade Corridor Coalition (NCTCC) and the Department of Transportation (Caltrans) propose to amend the TCIF program by including the Natoma Overhead Widening and Ramp Metering Project as Project 98 in the Northern California Corridor element of the TCIF Program and program $8 million of TCIF/SHOPP funds to the project.

The Natoma Overhead Widening and Ramp Metering Project will widen the US 50 Natoma Overhead structure to accommodate the standard weave distance of the eastbound loop on-ramp. The loop on-ramp will also be widened to the inside curve to match the structure's new footprint. The project is located on US 50 at Folsom Boulevard in Sacramento County. The project will improve goods movement and air quality by decreasing existing truck idle and delays caused by recurrent eastbound traffic congestion. Since additional award savings in TCIF/SHOPP funds have been realized in the Northern California Corridor Region, the NCTCC and Caltrans propose to program $8 million in TCIF/SHOPP funds to this project (see attached letters).

Project 100

The Southern California Consensus Group (SCCG) and the San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG) propose to amend the TCIF program by including the Tippecanoe Interchange Improvement Project-Phase II in the Los Angeles/Inland Corridor element of the TCIF Program and program $10.669 million of TCIF funds to the project.

The Tippecanoe Interchange Improvement Project-Phase II includes modification of the westbound I-10 ramps, widening of the Tippecanoe Avenue undercrossing, widening of Tippecanoe Avenue/Anderson Street between Lee Street and Court Street, widening of Redlands Boulevard through its intersection with Anderson Street, construction of a new local street between Laurelwood Drive and Coulston Street, sound wall construction, drainage improvements, signing, striping, and traffic signals along the westbound ramps of the I-10 Tippecanoe Avenue Interchange. The improvements will provide adequate queuing capacity and reduce the potential for queue spillover onto the freeway while improving the access to local businesses and major facilities served by the interchange.

Since SANBAG has achieved award savings from five of their projects in the TCIF program, SCCG and SANBAG proposed to place these TCIF savings on the Tippecanoe Interchange Improvement Project-Phase II (see attached letters). The total cost of the project is estimated at $59.789 million.

Project 101

The NCTCC, San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG) and Caltrans propose to amend the TCIF program by including the SR99 Ramp Metering Project as Project 101 in the Northern California Corridor element of the TCIF Program and program $2.4 million of TCIF/SHOPP funds to the project.

The SR99 Ramp Metering Project will install ramp meters at five ramp locations from Hammer Lane to Austin Road in San Joaquin County. The ramp metering will improve traffic flow and reduce congestion on SR 99 which is considered the main transportation route for agricultural products in the Central Valley. Since additional award savings in TCIF/SHOPP funds have been realized in the Northern California Corridor Region, the NCTCC, SJCOG and Caltrans propose to program $2.4 million in TCIF/SHOPP funds to this project (see attached letters).

Project 102

The SCCG and the Port of Los Angeles (POLA) propose to amend the TCIF program by including the TraPac Terminal Automation-Automated Shuttle Carrier Maintenance & Repair Facility in the Los Angeles/Inland Corridor element of the TCIF program and program $2.841 million of TCIF funds to the project.

The TraPac Terminal Automation-Automated Shuttle Carrier Maintenance & Repair Facility will provide a facility for the maintenance of automated shuttle carriers. This project is related and completes two other projects in the TCIF Program, the Alameda Corridor West Terminus Intermodal Railyard Project, Project 86 and the POLA Cargo Transportation Improvement Emission Reduction Program, Project 87. Since award savings have been realized in the Los Angeles/Inland Corridor, SCCG and POLA propose to place TCIF savings on the TraPac Terminal Automation-Automated Shuttle Carrier Maintenance & Repair Facility (see attached letters). The total cost of the project is estimated at $5.681 million.

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November 20, 2013

Mr. Andre Boutros, Executive Director
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Dear Mr. Boutros:

The Northern California Trade Corridors Coalition (Coalition) is in support of Caltrans's Trade Corridor Improvement Fund (TCIF) baseline agreement for the US-50 Natoma Overhead Widening and On-Ramp Improvements project in Sacramento County.

US-50 Natoma Overhead Widening & On-Ramp Improvements Project ("Project"): Caltrans requests programming a new TCIF project using $8 million in SHOPP funds. The Project proposes to improve traffic congestion on US-50 in Sacramento County by widening the Natoma Overhead to accommodate increased weave lengths and a future auxiliary lane, and adding ramp metering and a HOV bypass lane on the on-ramp. The total construction cost is $8 million, and the Project will be Ready to List in June 2014. Caltrans expects to advertise the project in mid-2014, with project award in December 2014.

The Coalition met on September 4, 2013 and supports the proposed baseline agreement to program the new interchange project with $8 million in TCIF-SHOPP funds. This amount will come from the Coalition's unprogrammed balance of SHOPP funds. We recommend that the CTC consider the programming of the Project at its January 2014 meeting, with allocation on the June 2014 CTC meeting agenda.

Should you have any questions or comments, please contact Kenneth Kao of my staff at (510) 817-5768 or kkao@mtc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Alix A. Bockelman
Director, Programming and Allocations

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February 27, 2014

Mr. Andre Boutros
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Dear Mr. Boutros,

The District is requesting that the Natoma Overhead Structure Widening and Ramp Metering Project, 03-4F070, be included in the Trade Corridor Improvement Funds (TCIF) program. Enclosed are the Supplemental Information Report and the Project Programming Request for the amount of $8 million.

This project will improve goods movement and air quality between Sunrise and Folsom Boulevards in Sacramento County.

Sincerely,

TOM BRANNON
District 3 Single Focal Point Program Project Management

Enclosures:
(1) Project Programming Request
(2) Supplemental Project Information

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Dear ~~Mr.~~ Andre Boutros:

The Northern California Trade Corridors Coalition (Coalition) is in support of Caltrans's Trade Corridor Improvement Fund (TCIF) baseline agreement for the SR-99 Ramp Metering project in San Joaquin County.

SR-99 Ramp Metering ("Project"):
Caltrans requests programming a new TCIF project using $2.4 million in SHOPP funds. The Project proposes to improve traffic congestion on SR-99 in San Joaquin County by installing ramp meters on SR-99 at five locations from Hammer Lane to Austin Road. Ramp meters are a proven low-cost improvement that improve traffic flow and reduce congestion on the main line highway. The total construction cost is $2.4 million, and the Project will be Ready to List (RTL) in May 2014. Caltrans expects to advertise the project after RTL, with project award in Summer 2014.

The Coalition met on November 13, 2013 and supports the proposed baseline agreement to program the new interchange project with $2.4 million in TCIF-SHOPP funds. This amount will come from the Coalition's unprogrammed balance of SHOPP funds. We recommend that the CTC consider the programming of the Project at its March 2014 meeting, with allocation to be considered at the May 2014 CTC meeting.

Should you have any questions or comments, please contact Kenneth Kao of my staff at (510) 817-5768 or kkao@mtc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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March 3, 2014

Mr. Andre Boutros
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Dear Mr. Boutros,

On behalf of the San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG) I am nominating the project known as the State Route 99 Ramp Metering Project for inclusion in the Proposition 1B Trade Corridors Improvement Fund (TCIF) Bond Program. This project is located in San Joaquin County on State Route 99 between the Hammer Lane interchange in the City of Stockton and the Austin Road interchange in the City of Manteca. The project will specifically install ramp meters at five interchange locations including Hammer Lane, Cherokee Road, Waterloo Road (SR 88), Freemont Street, and Austin Road. Within the project limits there are four State Route connectors (SR 4, SR 26, SR 88, SR 120) to State Route 99 that serve as the primary goods movement corridors to the rural mountain counties, San Joaquin Valley counties, and the San Francisco Bay Area. The installation of ramp meters at the locations identified in the TCIF SHOPP application would continue to ease congestion, maintain level of service, and improve air quality along the State Route 99 Corridor that supports a high percentage of truck traffic delivering goods with state, national, and international destinations.

The TCIF application has been developed in partnership with the Northern California Trade Corridor Coalition (NCTCC) and the California Department of Transportation. The Department will serve as the implementing agency for this project. The State Route 99 Ramp Metering Project has been included and endorsed as a Tier I Project for TCIF SHOPP funding by the participating agencies in the NCTCC.

As always we stand ready to meet with you and Commission staff to further review the project and answer any questions you may have at your earliest convenience. Please feel free to contact me if you require additional information or wish to meet. Thank you again for the opportunity to submit this project for consideration as part of the Proposition 1B TCIF Program

Sincerely,

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Proposed Trade Corridors Improvement Fund (TCIF) Proposition IB Projects in the County of San Joaquin

Dear Mr. Chesley:

The California Department of Transportation's District 10 (District) Executive Management has reviewed the information contained within the application for the State Route 99 Ramp Metering Project (project) that the San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG) will be submitting for funding through the TCIF program.

The project proposes to reduce traffic congestion by installing ramp meters to close the gaps at interchanges that were not improved as part of other Proposition 1B inside widening projects. The segment of SR 99 within the project area is one of the most heavily used in the San Joaquin Valley both by total Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT) and total number of trucks. The specific benefits of the project to goods movement include improving / preserving mainline travel speed and minimizing merging conflicts at on-ramps for overall system reliability. The installation of ramp meters within the project area is expected to reduce congestion by up to 10 percent and truck-only accidents by 4 percent. Furthermore, the project will serve to complete the ability to implement ramp metering along SR 99 within San Joaquin County.

The project has been included and endorsed as a Tier I Project for Trade Corridor Improvement Fund – State Highway Operations Protection Program (TCIF – SHOPP) funding by the participating agencies in the Northern California Trade Coalition. District concurs with the scope, cost and schedule as proposed in SJCOG's TCIF – SHOPP application package that includes the Supplemental Project Report. Furthermore, the Department is prepared to work closely with SJCOG on all fronts to meet the delivery commitments of the project if programmed.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Boutros:

The Southern California Consensus Group has discussed and approved the changes requested by our partner agency. It is our understanding that the San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG) is requesting to allocate $10,669,955 to the: I-10 Tippecanoe Interchange Improvement Project Phase II.

Please see the attached letter detailing the requested changes. Please direct any questions or comments regarding this issue to me at (213) 922-3061.
We appreciate the ongoing support and guidance provided by you and your staff.

Sincerely,

Shahrzad Amiri
Deputy Executive Officer

cc: Southern California Consensus Group
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February 12, 2014

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Dear Mr. Boutros

Subject: REVISED- Trade Corridor Improvement Fund Program Nomination - I-10 Tippecanoe Interchange Improvement Project (Phase II)

The San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG) is pleased to nominate the I-10 Tippecanoe Interchange Improvement Project (Phase II) in the City of San Bernardino to receive funds from the Trade Corridor Improvement Fund (TCIF) program. SANBAG is requesting a total of $10,669,000 of TCIF be programmed to Phase II of this important project. Enclosed for your consideration is the TCIF nomination package including the Project Fact Sheet and Project Programming Request Form.

Phase II of the I-10 Tippecanoe Interchange Improvement project includes modification of the westbound I-10 ramps (proposed realignment of the existing off-ramp, proposed new loop on ramp from northbound Tippecanoe Avenue, and modification of the existing on ramp from southbound Tippecanoe), widening of the Tippecanoe Avenue Undercrossing (54-0598); widening of Tippecanoe Avenue/Anderson Street between Lee Street and Court Street, widening of Redlands Boulevard through its intersection with Anderson Street, construction of a new local street between Laurelwood Drive and Coulston Street, sound wall construction, drainage improvements, signing, striping, traffic signal improvements along Tippecanoe Avenue/Anderson Street and landscaping along the westbound ramps of the I-10 Tippecanoe Avenue interchange.

The improvements will provide adequate queuing capacity and reduce the potential for queue spillover onto the freeway while improving the access to local businesses, residences, and major facilities served by the interchange, including emergency vehicle access to Loma Linda University Medical Center and the Jerry Pettis Veterans Administration Hospital. The project is scheduled to be construction ready in early 2014.

In addition to the TCIF being requested, the project is funded through a combination Measure I, federal funding and developer impact fees from the City of Loma Linda, City of San Bernardino and the Inland Valley Development Agency (IVDA). Please refer to the enclosed Project Programming Request form for a detailed funding plan and project milestone schedule.

The $10.674 million of TCIF is derived from various SANBAG TCIF project construction bid savings including: Project 64 - Lenwood Road Grade Separation, Project 63 – Palm Avenue Grade Separation, Project 84 - Laurel Street Grade Separation, Project 61 - South Milliken Avenue Grade Separation and Project 83- Colton Crossing Grade Separation (see table below).

TCIF Project	TCIF Savings
Palm Ave Grade Separation	$1,275,557
Laurel St Grade Separation	$1,130,337
Lenwood Rd. Grade Separation	$579,600
South Milliken Ave. Grade Separation	$6,367,207
Colton Crossing (SANBAG Share)	$1,317,214
TOTAL TCIF SAVINGS	**$10,669,000 (rounded)**

Should you have any questions regarding this application, please feel free to contact Philip Chu, Transportation Programming Analyst, at (909) 884-8276.

Sincerely,

for

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Enclosure

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Dear ~~Mr.~~ Andre Boutros:

The Southern California Consensus Group has discussed and approved the changes requested by our partner agency. It is our understanding that the Port of Los Angeles (POLA) is requesting to allocate $2,840,500 to a new project - TraPac Terminal Automation – automated shuttle carrier maintenance & repair (M&R) facility.

Please see the attached letter from POLA detailing the requested changes. Please direct any questions or comments regarding this issue to me at (213) 922-3061. We appreciate the ongoing support and guidance provided by you and your staff.

Sincerely,

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February 27, 2014

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Dear Andre:

SUBJECT: PROPOSITION 1B TRADE CORRIDORS IMPROVEMENT FUND (TCIF) – REQUEST FOR PROGRAMMING

The City of Los Angeles Harbor Department (Port of Los Angeles) requests the programming of a new State Proposition 1B Trade Corridors Improvement Fund (TCIF) project, in the amount of $2,840,500. The Southern California (CA) Trade Corridor agencies currently have surplus TCIF funds for this new Port of Los Angeles (POLA) project. This surplus amount accounts for the following: the elimination of the entire Southern CA Corridor over-programming; the requested programming of the METROLINK Vincent Siding project (proposed new TCIF project, $6.5 million); and savings from corridor projects, including the Colton Crossing. The POLA requests the programming for the following project:

Project	Total Cost	TCIF Request
TraPac Terminal Automation - automated shuttle carrier maintenance & repair (M&R) facility	$5,681,000	$2,840,500

This project is in the final design phase, with construction advertising and construction contract award expected in June and December 2014, respectively. The environmental document/clearance for the this project was accepted by the CTC in June 2011 via the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR), Findings of Fact, and Statement of Overriding Considerations for the TraPac Container Terminal Project, which was also used for "approval for future consideration of funding" for the West Basin Railyard project (TCIF #32).

The POLA is fully committed to this project. Harbor Department funds are contained in our current FY13-14 and planned FY14-15 budgets, as well as our approved five-year capital improvement plan. The Southern California Consensus Group supports this programming request.

We greatly appreciate all the support and efforts by the CTC since the inception of the TCIF program, and your consideration of the specific request.

Sincerely,

Kerry Cartwright, P.E.
Director of Goods Movement

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