

## M e m o r a n d u m

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: January 20-21, 2016

Reference No.: 4.12  
Action

From: WILL KEMPTON  
Executive Director

Subject: **TRADE CORRIDORS IMPROVEMENT FUND (TCIF) PROGRAM AMENDMENT  
RESOLUTION TCIF-P-1516-05**

**ISSUE:**

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) amend the TCIF Program to add the *Avenue 66/Union Pacific Grade Separation Bypass Project* in Riverside County, *San Elijo Lagoon Double Track Project* in San Diego County and *Navy Drive Widening Project* in San Joaquin County as TCIF Projects 117, 118 and 119, at a cost of \$5.709 million, \$4.343 million and \$2 million respectively in TCIF funds?

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Commission staff recommends the Commission approve the proposed TCIF Program Amendment to add into the TCIF Program projects 117, 118 and 119: the *Avenue 66/Union Pacific Grade Separation Bypass Project*, the *San Elijo Lagoon Double Track Project* and the *Navy Drive Widening Project*.

**BACKGROUND:****Project 117**

The Southern California Consensus Group, the Riverside County Transportation Commission and the County of Riverside propose to amend the TCIF Program by including the *Avenue 66/Union Pacific Grade Separation Bypass Project* as Project 117 in the Los Angeles/Inland Empire Corridor element of the TCIF Program and program \$5.709 million of TCIF funds to the project.

The proposed project will construct a two-lane bypass that will connect Avenue 66 west of Lincoln Street to Avenue 66 at Home Avenue and an elevated structure over the Union Pacific Railroad line, Hammond Road and State Route (SR) 111. The proposed project will allow for a more efficient and reliable movement of goods through Riverside County by minimizing conflicts between the railroad tracks and the vehicular traffic. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$39.08 million. Construction is expected to begin in December 2016.

**Project 118**

The San Diego Association of Governments proposes to amend the TCIF program by including the *San Elijo Lagoon Double Track Project* as Project 118 in the San Diego Border Region of the TCIF Program and program \$4.343 million of TCIF funds to the project.

The proposed project will add a second 1.5 mile segment of main track between Control Point (CP) Cardiff and CP Craven, a new bridge across the San Elijo Lagoon, grade crossing modification at Chesterfield Drive, and construction of associated site improvements such as drainage culverts, embankments and signal modifications. The proposed project will eliminate the existing single track bottleneck and link two double track segments together to create a continuous 4.2 mile long segment of double track from CP Swami to CP Valley and increase rail capacity and reliability while maintaining safety and providing for future corridor service demands. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$73.9 million. Construction is expected to begin in September 2016.

**Project 119**

The Northern California Trade Corridor Coalition and the Port of Stockton (Port) propose to amend the TCIF program by including the *Navy Drive Widening Project* as Project 119 in the Northern California Corridor element of the TCIF Program and program \$2 million of TCIF funds to the project.

The proposed project will widen the existing two lane Navy Drive to four lanes with a center divider from the SR 4 Western Extension connection to just west of Washington Street. The proposed project will also reconfigure and signalize the Navy Drive/Washington Street intersection to make Navy Drive the primary route to the Port. This project is a link between the Port's West Complex and the existing TCIF funded SR 4 Crosstown Freeway Extension Project, which is currently under construction. Additionally, the proposed project would extend the benefits of the existing Highway Railroad Crossing Safety Account funded Navy Drive Grade Separation Project under the Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$6.813 million. Construction is expected to begin in June 2016.

**RESOLUTION TCIF-P-1516-05**

Be it Resolved, that the California Transportation Commission does hereby amend the TCIF program by adding the *Avenue 66/Union Pacific Grade Separation Bypass Project*, *San Elijo Lagoon Double Track Project* and *Navy Drive Widening Project* as TCIF Project 117, TCIF Project 118, and TCIF Project 119.

## Attachments

- Letters of Support



**Metro**

October 8, 2015

Mr. Wil Kempton  
Executive Director  
California Transportation Commission  
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Dear Mr. Kempton:

The Southern California Consensus Group has discussed and is in agreement with the TCIF programming requested by our partner agency. It is our understanding that the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) is requesting to seek funding of \$5,708,444 in Trade Corridor Improvement Funds (TCIF) for the construction of the Avenue 66 At-Grade Railroad Separation Project. The Avenue 66 At-Grade Railroad Separation Project was on the original project list to receive TCIF funds but was subsequently deleted in 2011 due to funding constraints. The project is now fully funded and ready to move forward.

Please see the attached letter detailing the programming request. We understand RCTC intends to submit a formal application to the CTC for action in December 2015. Please direct any questions or comments regarding this issue to me at (213) 922-2887.

We appreciate the ongoing support and guidance provided by you and your staff.

Sincerely,

Wil Ridder  
Executive Officer

cc: Southern California Consensus Group  
Stephen Maller



Riverside County Transportation Commission

October 8, 2015

Will Kempton  
Executive Director  
California Transportation Commission  
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Subject: Avenue 66 Railroad Grade Separation – Project Nomination under the Proposition 1B Trade Corridor Improvement Fund Program

Dear Mr. Kempton:

The Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC), in partnership with the Southern California Consensus Group, the county of Riverside, and the Coachella Valley Association of Governments, is requesting approval from the California Transportation Commission (CTC) for Avenue 66 to be designated as a Trade Corridor Improvement Fund (TCIF) project. An additional request is for the remaining TCIF funds – in the amount of \$5,708,444 – be programmed on Avenue 66; this amount represents RCTC's proportional share under the Los Angeles/Inland Empire Corridor funding formula.

Avenue 66 was an original TCIF project adopted by the CTC in April 2008; however, due to local funding constraints, it was deleted in March 2011 and replaced with Avenue 52.

Enclosed for your consideration, please find the project application for Avenue 66 including the Project Programming Request form.

We appreciate your review and consideration of the proposed project for TCIF consideration. Please contact Tanya Love, Goods Movement Manager, at (951) 787-7141 or [tlove@rctc.org](mailto:tlove@rctc.org) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Anne Mayer", is written over a faint, illegible background.

Anne Mayer  
Executive Director

Enclosures: Proposition 1B TCIF Application for Avenue 66  
Project Programming Request Form



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Dear Ms. Alkebulan:

**SUBJECT: Request for \$4,343,273 in Trade Corridor Improvement Fund Funding for the San Elijo Lagoon Double Track Project**

Please accept this letter requesting the funding of the new Los Angeles-San Diego-San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) Rail Corridor – San Elijo Lagoon Double Track (SELDT) Project (Project). This Project will be funded by cost savings from two projects as outlined below.

The San Diego Association of Governments and Caltrans have identified costs savings of \$4,343,273 from two Trade Corridors Improvement Fund (TCIF) projects in the San Diego Border Region. Requests for de-allocation of the savings have been submitted for the January 2016 California Transportation Commission (CTC) meeting.

- \$421,743 from Phase 2 on the TCIF Southline Mainline (Project 75)
- \$3,921,800 from State Route 905 (Project 67)

These cost saving de-allocations collectively free up \$4,343,273 in TCIF funds to be applied to the SELDT. The SELDT will include another 4.2 mile-long section of double track on the region's vital LOSSAN freight and passenger rail corridor. This long double track section will facilitate the ability of freight trains to make passes without the need for stopping, thereby improving schedule reliability by reducing delays. Details of the SELDT project are attached in the Project Narrative, newly proposed Baseline Agreement, Project Study Report, Project Benefits, and Project Program Request.

Consideration of these related requests will ensure that the TCIF savings can be programmed to another eligible project in the San Diego Border Region in order to further regional efforts to improve goods movement. The TCIF team in San Diego thanks you for your ongoing support and your consideration of this request. Our TCIF team is available to address any questions you may have.

I can be reached at (619) 699-1982 or via email at [christina.casgar@sandag.org](mailto:christina.casgar@sandag.org).

Sincerely,



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Attachments:

1. SELDT Project Program Request
2. SELDT Project Study Report
3. SELDT Project Narrative
4. SELDT Baseline Agreement
5. SELDT Outputs and Outcomes
6. De-allocation request letter pertaining to TCIF Project 75
7. Contract award letter pertaining to TCIF Project 67

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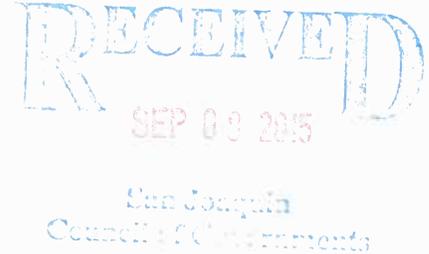
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Dear Mr. Kempton:

The Northern California Trade Corridors Coalition (Coalition) is in support of the Port of Stockton's Navy Drive Widening project in San Joaquin County.

**Port of Stockton Navy Drive Widening Project ("Project")**

The Port of Stockton requests programming the Navy Drive Widening project as a logical enhancement project to the (TCIF Funded) SR-4 Crosstown Freeway project now under construction. The project would widen the existing two-lane Navy Drive to four lanes. Navy Drive is a direct access road to Port's West Complex, and its widening will allow Navy Drive to handle the increased truck traffic from the SR-4 Crosstown Freeway Extension, as well as eliminate the existing bottleneck and congestion on Navy Drive. The Project will be ready to list in January 2016. Upon completion of the Project, Navy Drive will serve as the main entrance into the Port from SR-4.

The Coalition met via teleconference on August 7, 2015, and determined that the Port has provided satisfactory evidence of matching funds for the proposed \$2 million in Proposition 1B Trade Corridors Improvement Fund (TCIF) bond monies. The proposed TCIF contribution would account for 38% of the construction cost, exceeding the minimum requirement of 50%. The Coalition recommends that the Port work with the CTC to develop a baseline agreement for consideration at the December 2015 or January 2016 CTC meeting.

Should you have any questions regarding the Coalition's position, please contact Kenneth Kao, Coalition Coordinator, at (510) 817-5768, or via email at [kkao@mtc.ca.gov](mailto:kkao@mtc.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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