

# Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS  
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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Action Item

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Subject: **TRADE CORRIDORS IMPROVEMENT FUND-PROJECT BASELINE AMENDMENT  
RESOLUTION TCIF-P-1617-03, AMENDING RESOLUTION TCIF-P-1516-08B**

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) amend the Trade Corridors Improvement Fund (TCIF) Project Baseline Agreement for Project 117 - Avenue 66/Union Pacific Railroad Grade Separation Bypass project (PPNO 1189) in Riverside County. The Southern California Consensus Group concurs with this amendment and the requested changes.

## **ISSUE:**

The Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) and the County of Riverside (County) propose to amend the TCIF Project Baseline Agreement for Project 117 - Avenue 66/Union Pacific Railroad Grade Separation Bypass project (PPNO 1189), to update the delivery schedule and funding plan.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The Project was added into the TCIF Program by the Commission on January 21, 2016, in the amount of \$5.709 million. A Project Baseline Agreement executed between the Department, the Commission, and the County was approved on March 16, 2016, under Resolution TCIF-P-1516-08B.

The proposed project will remove an at-grade railroad crossing and construct a two-lane on elevated structure over the Union Pacific Railroad line, Hammond Road and State Route 111 from west of Lincoln Street to west of Johnson Street. 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.

Construction was expected to begin in December 2016. However, it has been determined the County is unable to obtain the necessary environmental permits to construct the project under the current alignment and must redesign the project to avoid critical habitat needed for the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan.

The following table provides a list of the Project's milestones with current approved and proposed delivery schedule:

<b>Project Milestone</b>	<b>Current Approved</b>	<b>Proposed</b>	<b>Change</b>
Begin Environmental Phase	07/26/12	07/26/12	No Change
End Environmental Phase	01/31/16	07/29/17	18 Months
Begin Design Phase	05/25/16	12/30/16	7 Months
End Design Phase	01/31/16	12/29/17	23 Months
Begin Right of Way Phase	04/15/15	07/30/17	27 Months
End Right of Way Phase	03/15/16	07/29/18	28 Months
Begin Construction Phase	12/8/16	07/30/19	31 Months
End Construction Phase	12/31/19	07/29/21	19 Months
Begin Closeout	01/01/20	07/30/21	19 Months
End Closeout	05/30/20	01/28/22	20 Months

It is anticipated that the change will result in an overall decrease in construction and right-of-way costs resulting from a smaller project footprint. However, there will be an increase in design and environmental costs due to the redesign work. The overall cost is not expected to increase, as shown in the following table.

<b>( DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS )</b>											
<b>FUND SOURCE</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>Totals by Fiscal Year</b>						<b>Totals by Project Phase</b>			
		<b>Prior</b>	<b>14/15</b>	<b>15/16</b>	<b>16/17</b>	<b>17/18</b>	<b>18/19</b>	<b>PA&amp;ED</b>	<b>PS&amp;E</b>	<b>R/W</b>	<b>CONST</b>
<b>State Bond - Trade Corridor Improvement Funds (TCIF)</b>											
Current Approved	5,709			5,709			0				5,709
Change	0			-5,709			5,709				0
Proposed	5,709			0			5,709				5,709
<b>Demo - Demonstration-State TEA21 (DEMOS21)</b>											
Current Approved	950			950			0				950
Change	0			-950			950				0
Proposed	950			0			950				950
<b>Local Funds – Local Transportation Funds (LTF)</b>											
Current Approved	17,071	3,380	3,000	10,691	0	0	0	2,030	1,350	3,000	10,691
Change	0	0	-3,000	-10,191	1,000	2,500	9,691	500	1,000	-500	-1,000
Proposed	17,071	3,380	0	500	1,000	2,500	9,691	2,530	2,350	2,500	9,691
<b>RSTP-STP Local(STPL)</b>											
Current Approved	15,350			15,350			0				15,350
Change	0			-15,350			15,350				0
Proposed	15,350			0	0		15,350				15,350
<b>Total</b>											
Current Approved	39,080	3,380	3,000	32,700	0	0	0	2,030	1,350	3,000	32,700
Change	0	0	-3,000	-32,200	1,000	2,500	31,700	500	1,000	-500	-1,000
Proposed	39,080	3,380	0	500	1,000	2,500	31,700	2,530	2,350	2,500	31,700

**RESOLUTION TCIF-P-1617-03**

Be it Resolved, that the California Transportation Commission does hereby amend the Trade Corridors Improvement Fund Baseline Agreement for Project 117, Avenue 66/Union Pacific Railroad Grade Separation Bypass project (PPNO 1189), in accordance with the changes described and illustrated above.