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ALLOCATION FOR TRAFFIC CONGESTION RELIEF (TCR) PROGRAM PROJECT

RESOLUTION TFP-01-04

RECOMMENDATION

The Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve the following resolution, allocating a total of \$500,000 in advanced Traffic Congestion Relief (TCR) funds to the North Coast Railroad Authority for the following projects:

- \$400,000 for Project #32.3 – Section 14556.50 Subparagraph (c), Complete Rail Line from Willits to Arcata.
- \$100,000 for Project #32.4 – Section 14556.50 Subparagraph (d), Upgrade Rail Line to Class II or III Standards.

FINANCIAL RESOLUTION

Resolved That:

- 1.1 WHEREAS the Traffic Congestion Relief Act of 2000 (herein after referred to as “statute”), which was established by Chapters 91 (AB 2928) and 656 (SB 1662) of the Statutes of 2000, establishes the Traffic Congestion Relief (TCR) Program, providing \$5.39 billion for projects throughout the State of California to reduce traffic congestion, provide for safe and efficient movement of goods, and provide system connectivity; and
- 1.2 WHEREAS the statute establishes Government Code Section 14556.50, Sub-paragraph (c), which provides \$1,000,000 in TCR funds to the North Coast Railroad Authority (NCRA) to complete the rail line between Willits and Arcata (hereafter Project #32.3); Section 14556.50, Subparagraph (d), which provides \$5,000,000 to upgrade the rail line to Class II or III standards (hereafter Project #32.4); and Section 14556.50, Subparagraph (i), which provides \$31,000,000 for long term stabilization; and
- 1.3 WHEREAS the NCRA has requested an allocation of \$1,000,000 from Subparagraph (c), a partial allocation of \$700,000 from Subparagraph (d), and a partial allocation of \$120,000 from Subparagraph (i), for a total of \$1,820,000 in TCR funds for a comprehensive assessment under Phase 1 for each of the segments known as “North of Willits” and “South of Willits” as well as other Phase 1 – Environmental and Permits and Phase 2 – Plans, Specifications and Estimates (PS &E) activities for each segment; and

- 1.4 WHEREAS the Commission and Department staff recommend an advanced allocation of \$500,000 for NCRA to complete the comprehensive assessments that will determine the overall needs for both the “North of Willits” (\$400,000) and “South of Willits” (\$100,000) segments; and
- 1.5 WHEREAS the Commission and Department staff also recommend that future allocation requests by NCRA be subject to review and approval of a design workplan for each segment, prior to consideration by the Commission; and
- 1.6 WHEREAS the Commission has accepted the NCRA’s “*Strategic Plan for Resumption of Viable Rail Service for California’s North Coast*” thereby meeting the conditions for allocation set forth for Project #32.3 under Resolution TA-00-02, and reiterated in Resolution TAA-01-04; and
- 1.7 WHEREAS reimbursement of eligible costs is subject to the policies, restrictions and assurances as set forth in the Commission’s Guidelines for Traffic Congestion Relief Program, and is governed by the terms and conditions of a cooperative agreement, and subsequent amendments to the same if required, as executed between the NCRA and the Department.
- 2.1 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a total of \$500,000 in TCR Program funds be allocated from Chapters 91 and 92 of the Statutes of 2000, Item 2660-889-3007, Program Code 30.10.710.050, to the North Coast Railroad Authority as follows:
 - \$400,000 for Project #32.3 – Section 14556.50 Subparagraph (c), Complete Rail Line from Willits to Arcata, to complete a comprehensive assessment for the segment known as “North of Willits”,
 - \$100,000 for Project #32.4 – Section 14556.50 Subparagraph (d), Upgrade Rail Line to Class II or III Standards, to complete a comprehensive assessment for the segment known as “South of Willits”; and
- 2.2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that future allocation requests by NCRA, for funds under Subparagraph (c) – Project #32.3, Subparagraph (d) – Project #32.4, or Subparagraph (i) – Project #32.9, will be subject to review and approval, by Department and Commission staff, of a design workplan developed for each segment from the comprehensive assessment, prior to consideration by the Commission; and
- 2.3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NCRA shall provide the Commission and the Department with a progress report on April 1st and October 1st of each year on actual expenditures and status of work, until the comprehensive assessment has been completed.