

# Memorandum

To: Chairman and Commissioners

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Action

Ref: Project Approval for \$150,000 to the Department of Transportation for the Oakland Coliseum Intercity Rail Station Project

**Issue:**

Should the Commission approve the Department of Transportation's (Department's) application to use \$150,000 in Proposition 116 (PUC) 99622[c]) funds to assist with station improvements to the Oakland Coliseum Intercity Rail Station?

The project consists of right-of-way acquisition, construction, and station improvements for a new intercity passenger rail station on the Union Pacific Railroad right-of-way in Oakland, California, near the Oakland Coliseum and Oakland Coliseum BART station. The Proposition 116 funds will be used to assist with construction element of the project. State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funds will be used for both property acquisition and construction.

**Recommendation:**

Commission staff has reviewed the Proposition 116 application, as well as subsequent and recommends that the Commission approve the attached resolution, which would grant approval of the Department of Transportation's (Department's) application for \$150,000 in Proposition 116 funds to assist with station improvements at the Oakland Coliseum Intercity Rail Station. Approval of this application will fully authorize the funds under PUC Section 99622[c].

**Background:**

Proposition 116 (PUC Section 99622[c]) authorizes \$85,000,000 to Caltrans for implementation of intercity rail service from Placer County to Santa Clara County, of which not more than \$35,000,000 for rehabilitation and other rail improvements to provide intercity rail service between Auburn and Davis, including funding for right-of-way acquisition.

In January 2002, Commission staff received an application requesting \$150,000 in Proposition 116 funds (PUC Section 99622[c]) to be used to assist with station improvements at the Oakland Coliseum Intercity Rail Station. The station improvements include but not limited to a concrete slab passenger platform, station track, passenger shelters, landscaping, lighting, parking, signage, and a pedestrian ramp. The total project cost has been estimated at \$4,776,050. The funding breakdown is as follows:

\$ 369,500	Transit Capital Improvement (TCI) - prior allocation
\$ 150,000	Proposition 116
\$3,925,000	STIP (1998)
<u>\$ 331,550</u>	Local
<b>\$4,776,050</b>	<b>Total</b>

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Commission Project Application Approval  
Department of Transportation  
Proposition 116 Application for  
Station Improvements at the Oakland Coliseum Intercity Rail Station

Resolution #PA-02-

- 1.1 WHEREAS, in June 1990 the voters approved Proposition 116, the Clean Air and Transportation Improvement Act, for \$1.99 billion for rail and mass transportation purposes; and
- 1.2 WHEREAS, the California Transportation Commission is designated in Proposition 116 to oversee the five grant programs over the 20-year term of the Proposition; and
- 1.3 WHEREAS, Proposition 116 calls for the Commission to establish an application process and to develop and adopt guidelines to implement those programs; and
- 1.4 WHEREAS, Proposition 116 establishes as a purpose of the application process that it "facilitate implementation of improved cost-effective transit service to the maximum number of Californians and to prevent the funds provided for by this part from being spent on needlessly costly features"; and
- 1.5 WHEREAS, Proposition 116 requires applications to specify full and complete capital plans, financial plans, and operating plans, including schedules and funding sources; and
- 1.6 WHEREAS, the Commission has established a Hazardous Waste Identification and Clean-up Policy (#G-91-2) that requires the local agency to have performed full due diligence in identifying the hazardous waste in the right-of-way and easements and properties as well as clean-up, and that the state has been indemnified from clean-up liability of damages, both present and future; and
- 1.7 WHEREAS, in December 1990 the Commission adopted policy and application guidelines (#G-90-23) for the Proposition 116 rail program; and
- 1.8 WHEREAS, Proposition 116 (PUC Section 99622 [c])) authorizes \$85,000,000 to the Department of Transportation (Department) for implementation of intercity rail service from Placer County to Santa Clara County, of which not more than \$35,000,000 for rehabilitation and other rail improvements to provide intercity rail service between Auburn and Davis, including funding for right-of-way acquisition. intercity rail projects to be programmed for improvements to the Los Angeles-Fresno-San
- 1.9 WHEREAS, in January 2002, the Commission received and reviewed an application from the Department requesting approval of \$150,000 in Proposition 116 funds for the Oakland Coliseum Intercity Rail Station project; and

- 1.10 WHEREAS, the January 2002, Proposition 116 application from the Department, including all supplemental information, has been reviewed by Commission staff, and appears to meet all the basic requirements as specified in Proposition 116 and the Commission's policies and guidelines; and
- 2.1 BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Commission hereby approves the Proposition 116 application from the Department for station improvements at the Oakland Coliseum Intercity Rail Station for \$150,000; and
- 2.2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Proposition 116 project approval by the Commission reserves the State funding within the Program, and allows project development work to be undertaken by the applicant agency, which will be subject to state reimbursement pursuant to the Commission's "Guidelines for Allocating, Monitoring, and Auditing Funds for Local Assistance Projects" and subsequent fund transfer agreement.