

# Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: April 25-26, 2012

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Action

From: BIMLA G. RHINEHART  
Executive Director

Subject: **TRADE CORRIDORS IMPROVEMENT FUND – PROGRAM AMENDMENT  
RESOLUTION TCIF-P-1112-028**

## **ISSUE:**

Should the Commission approve the proposed Trade Corridors Improvement Fund (TCIF) Program Amendment to delete TCIF Project 39: *Raymond Avenue Grade Separation Project* and related funding totaling \$12.757 million from the Los Angeles/Inland Corridor element of the TCIF Program and program \$6.354 million to TCIF Project 37: *Orangethorpe Avenue Grade Separation Project*, \$3.376 million to TCIF Project 35: *State College Boulevard Grade Separation*, and \$3.027 million to TCIF Project 41: *Tustin Avenue/Rose Drive Overcrossing*; delete TCIF Project 78: *San Juan Road Interchange Project* and related funding totaling \$28.325 million from the Other Corridors element of the TCIF Program; delete TCIF Project 11: *San Francisco Bay to Stockton Ship Channel Deepening Project* and related funding totaling \$7.2 million from the Northern California Trade Corridors element of the TCIF Program and reprogram the project and related funding totaling \$7.2 million in the Other Corridors element of the TCIF Program; and delete TCIF Project 14: *Sacramento River Deep Water Channel Project* and related funding totaling \$10 million from the Northern California Trade Corridors element of the TCIF Program and reprogram the project and related funding totaling \$10 million in the Other Corridors element of the TCIF Program?

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Commission staff recommends that the Commission approve the proposed Trade Corridors Improvement Fund (TCIF) Program Amendment to delete TCIF Project 39: *Raymond Avenue Grade Separation Project* and related funding totaling \$12.757 million from the Los Angeles/Inland Corridor element of the TCIF Program and program \$6.354 million to TCIF Project 37: *Orangethorpe Avenue Grade Separation Project*, \$3.376 million to TCIF Project 35: *State College Boulevard Grade Separation*, and \$3.027 million to TCIF Project 41: *Tustin Avenue/Rose Drive Overcrossing*; delete TCIF Project 78: *San Juan Road Interchange Project* and related funding totaling \$28.325 million from the Other Corridors element of the TCIF Program; delete TCIF Project 11: *San Francisco Bay to Stockton Ship Channel Deepening Project* and related funding totaling \$7.2 million from the Northern California Trade Corridors element of the TCIF Program and reprogram the project and related funding totaling \$7.2 million in the Other Corridors element of the TCIF Program; and delete TCIF Project 14: *Sacramento River Deep Water Channel Project* and

related funding totaling \$10 million from the Northern California Trade Corridors element of the TCIF Program and reprogram the project and related funding totaling \$10 million in the Other Corridors element of the TCIF Program.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Southern California Consensus Group (SCCG) and the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) propose to amend the TCIF Program by deleting TCIF Project 39: *Raymond Avenue Grade Separation Project* and related funding totaling \$12.757 million from the Los Angeles/Inland Corridor element of the TCIF Program and program \$6.354 million to TCIF Project 37: *Orangethorpe Avenue Grade Separation Project*, \$3.376 million to TCIF Project 35: *State College Boulevard Grade Separation*, and \$3.027 million to TCIF Project 41: *Tustin Avenue/Rose Drive Overcrossing*. The proposed amendment will allow OCTA to maximize the use of available resources by funding the *Raymond Avenue Grade Separation Project* with local and formula funds. The SCCG supports the proposed amendment to the TCIF Program and requests the Commission's concurrence (see attached letter dated February 15, 2012).

TCIF Project 78: *San Juan Road Interchange Project* is currently ready to list and eligible for an allocation \$28.325 million, however, the Other Corridors element of the TCIF Program has only \$17.5 million available for allocation. In order to address this funding shortfall, the sponsoring agency, the Transportation Agency of Monterey County (TAMC), has requested alternative funding for this project.

The Northern California Trade Corridors Coalition (NCTCC) proposes to amend the TCIF Program by delete TCIF Project 11: *San Francisco Bay to Stockton Ship Channel Deepening Project* and related funding totaling \$7.2 million from the Northern California Trade Corridors element of the TCIF Program and reprogram the project and related funding totaling \$7.2 million in the Other Corridors element of the TCIF Program; and delete TCIF Project 14: *Sacramento River Deep Water Channel Project* and related funding totaling \$10 million from the Northern California Trade Corridors element of the TCIF Program and reprogram the project and related funding totaling \$10 million in the Other Corridors element of the TCIF Program. The NCCTC requests the Commission's concurrence (see attached letter dated March 22, 2012).



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February 15, 2012

Ms. Bimla G. Rhinehart  
Executive Director  
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Dear Ms. Rhinehart:

The Southern California Consensus Group has discussed and approved the changes requested by our partner agency, the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA). It is our understanding that OCTA is requesting approval to amend six TCIF grade separation projects:

- Raymond Avenue
- State College Boulevard
- Placentia Avenue
- Orangethorpe Avenue
- Tustin Avenue/Rose Drive
- Lakeview Avenue

Please see the attached letter from OCTA 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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cc: Southern California Consensus Group  
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*Dave Cortese*  
Santa Clara County

The Northern California Trade Corridors Coalition (Coalition) met on March 1, 2012 and agreed to an overall plan to reduce overprogramming and facilitate the delivery of the Coalition's important trade corridor projects. Currently, the Coalition's 13 projects totals about \$680 million in Proposition 1B Trade Corridors Investment Fund (TCIF) monies, representing an over-programming amount of about \$40 million.

*Bill Dodd*  
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The Coalition requests the California Transportation Commission take action on a strategy to reduce the over-programming while addressing project delivery challenges and priorities. In summary, the strategy proposes the following:

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Contra Costa County

*Mark Green*  
Association of Bay Area Governments

*Scott Haggerty*  
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*Anne W. Halsted*  
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- Re-program \$110 million TCIF from the Port of Oakland's 7th Street Grade Separation project to the Port of Oakland's Outer Harbor Intermodal Terminal (OHIT);
- Reduce the amount of TCIF funds for the Port of Stockton's Ship Channel Deepening Project from \$17.5 million to \$7.2 million;
- Re-program the \$10 million TCIF funded Port of West Sacramento's Deep Water Channel Project and the \$7.2 million TCIF funded Port of Stockton's Ship Channel Deepening Project from the Northern California Coalition's program to the Other Corridor element of the TCIF program; and
- Program the Solano I-80/680/12 Interchange Connector Project in the Northern California Coalition's program for \$24 million.

Both the Port of Oakland and the Port of Stockton will submit project baseline amendments in coming months to reflect the proposed funding changes. The Port of Oakland's 7th Street project has a funding gap expected to be filled with future funding, and the Coalition recommends the Commission transfer the \$110 million TCIF funds to the OHIT project for increased scope. The Port of Stockton's project faces delays due to unavailability of federal funding, so the Coalition recommends the Commission reduce the TCIF funds on the project from \$17.5 million to \$7.2 million to reflect a smaller, deliverable segment.

While the Coalition will still have an over-programming amount of \$36 million, realized and expected award savings will eliminate the over-programming within the next year.

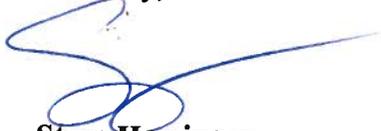
The Coalition also supports the Capitol Corridor Joint Power Authority's Donner Pass Phase 2 project as the highest priority Tier 2 project, should additional TCIF funds become available after meeting existing project commitments. If any Tier 1 project does not have a fully executed and current baseline agreement in place by September 2012 for their TCIF allocation, the Coalition will support the Commission considering the Donner Pass project for allocation using the delinquent project's TCIF funding at that time if the Donner project has in place a signed MOU and baseline agreement.

In the coming months, the Coalition may also recommend the Commission consider additional project delivery deadlines for Tier 1 projects to ensure the timely delivery of the program. As part of this effort, additional Tier 2 projects may be identified for Commission funding consideration if projects on the Tier 1 list are unable to meet the project delivery deadlines established.

The Coalition thanks the Commission and your staff for your continued support of the Coalition's trade program, and look forward to working with you to deliver the remaining TCIF projects.

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

Sincerely,



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Executive Director,  
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**Andrew Chesley**  
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