

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: April 25-26, 2012

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Action Item

From: NORMA ORTEGA
Chief Financial Officer

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Subject: **TRADE CORRIDORS IMPROVEMENT FUND-PROJECT BASELINE AMENDMENT
RESOLUTION TCIF-P-1112-36, AMENDING RESOLUTIONS TCIF-P-1112-11
AND TCIF-P-0809-04B**

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 45, Iowa Avenue Grade Separation (PPNO 1121). The Southern California Consensus Group concurs with this amendment and the requested changes.

ISSUE:

The Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) and the City of Riverside (City) propose to amend the TCIF Project Baseline Agreement for TCIF Project 45, Iowa Avenue Grade Separation (Iowa Avenue), in the City of Riverside, to update the project delivery schedule.

BACKGROUND:

The Iowa Avenue project will grade separate the mainline of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Company (BNSF) San Bernardino Subdivision at Iowa Avenue in the City of Riverside. The project will construct a four lane roadway bridge over the existing BNSF tracks. These tracks also carry the Union Pacific Railroad mainline. The completed project will eliminate impacts from the existing at-grade crossing, improve public safety and vehicle circulation, increase reliability and throughput on the railway system, and bring environmental benefits to the local area.

The Commission adopted the project into the TCIF Program on April 10, 2008. The Baseline Agreement was executed between the City, RCTC, the Department, and the Commission; and approved by the Commission on October 29, 2008, under Resolution TCIF-P-0809-04B. An amendment to the baseline agreement to update the schedule and funding plan was approved by the Commission on October 26, 2011, under Resolution TCIF-P-1112-11.

This amendment will update the project schedule. Advertisement of the project has been delayed pending receipt of the Authorization to Proceed (E-76) from Caltrans. The City is on schedule to award the construction contract on June 26, 2012. However, since the schedule is contingent upon the E-76, the City is requesting a 4 month time extension from the Commission to allow adequate time for the bidding process, to obtain the E-76, and to award the construction contract. The project currently is certified for Right of Way and Design is complete.

Project Milestone	Current Approved	Proposed	Change
Begin Environmental Phase	Aug 01, 2007	-	No Change
End Environmental Phase	Jul 01, 2008	-	No Change - COMPLETE
Begin Design Phase	Aug 01, 2008	-	No Change
End Design Phase	Sep 01, 2011	-	No Change - COMPLETE
Begin Right of Way Phase	Nov 01, 2008	-	No Change
End Right of Way Phase	Aug 01, 2011	-	No Change - COMPLETE
Begin Construction Phase	Feb 01, 2012	Jun 26, 2012	4 Months
End Construction Phase	Jun 01, 2013	Nov 01, 2013	5 Months
Begin Close Out Phase	Jul 01, 2013	Nov 01, 2013	4 Months
End Close Out Phase	Jan 01, 2014	May 01, 2014	4 Months

RESOLUTION TCIF-P-1112-36

Be it Resolved, that the California Transportation Commission does hereby amend the Trade Corridors Improvement Fund Baseline Agreement for Project 45, Iowa Avenue Grade Separation (PPNO 1121), in accordance with the changes as described and illustrated.

Attachment



Metro

March 1, 2012

Ms. Bimla G. Rhinehart
Executive Director
California Transportation Commission
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Sacramento, CA 94273-0001

Dear Ms. Rhinehart:

The Southern California Consensus Group has discussed and approved the changes requested by our partner agency. It is our understanding that the Riverside County Transportation Commission and the city of Riverside are requesting approval of an amendment of their Baseline Agreement for the Iowa Avenue grade separation project.

- For the Construction Phase, extend contract award milestone from February 29, 2012 to June 26, 2012;
- Extend the End of Construction milestone from June 30, 2013 to November 1, 2013; and
- Extend the End Closeout Phase from November 2013 to May 2014.

Please see the attached letter from RCTC 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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Deputy Executive Director

cc: Southern California Consensus Group
Maura Twomey