

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: September 26-27, 2012

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Action Item

From: NORMA ORTEGA
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Subject: **TRADE CORRIDORS IMPROVEMENT FUND-PROJECT BASELINE AMENDMENT
RESOLUTION TCIF-P-1213-05, AMENDING RESOLUTIONS TCIF-P-1112-03 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 the following two projects in Los Angeles County: Project 24, Ports Rail System – Tier 1, Pier F Support Yard project (PPNO TC24) and Project 25, Ports Rail System – Tier 1, Track Realignment at Ocean Boulevard project (PPNO TC25). The Southern California Consensus Group concurs with this amendment and the requested changes.

ISSUE:

The Port of Long Beach (Port) proposes to amend the TCIF Project Baseline Agreements for Project 24, Ports Rail System – Tier 1, Pier F Support Yard (Pier F) project (PPNO TC24) and Project 25, Ports Rail System – Tier 1, Track Realignment at Ocean Boulevard (Ocean Boulevard) project (PPNO TC25) to update the schedule, cost, and funding plan for both projects.

BACKGROUND:

The Pier F and Ocean Boulevard projects were adopted into the TCIF Program by the Commission on April 10, 2008. Project Baseline Agreements were executed among the Port, the Department, and the Commission, and approved on October 29, 2008, under Resolution TCIF-P-0809-04B. Amendments to the Baseline Agreements were approved on August 10, 2011, under Resolution TCIF-P-1112-03, to revise the schedule, cost, and funding plan. Allocations for both projects were approved on October 26, 2011, under Resolution TCIF-A-1112-03.

The Pier F project will construct two short storage tracks, with sufficient length for four rail cars each, on the existing Pier F Avenue easement, south of Pico Avenue and north of Harbor Plaza. The project involves relocating the existing utilities and roadway and will provide significant benefits by allowing for more efficient on-dock rail operations to occur at the Middle Harbor Container Terminal. The project will eliminate 70,000 truck trips per year by providing for more containers to be shipped by rail rather than by truck.

The Ocean Boulevard project will create improved lead tracks to the Metropolitan Stevedoring Company Rail Yard and the Pier F On-Dock Rail Yard. The area of proposed triple track begins north of Ocean Boulevard between Pico Avenue and Harbor Scenic Drive starting at Pier D Avenue to the north and ending at the northerly terminus of Pier F Avenue to the south. This project will also involve relocating existing utilities and roadways.

In December 2011, the Port received \$17 million in Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery III (TIGER III) funding from United States Department of Transportation for the Pier F and Ocean Boulevard projects. The receipt of these funds delayed the project scheduled as the Port worked to ensure all federal requirements were met before beginning construction. The Port advertised the projects on June 28, 2012 and anticipates construction to start in November 2012. The following tables provide each project's current approved and proposed milestones:

Pier F Support Yard Project			
Project Milestone	Current Approved	Proposed	Change
Begin Environmental Phase	10/01/05	10/01/05	No Change
End Environmental Phase	03/01/09	03/01/09	No Change
Begin Design Phase	04/01/09	04/01/09	No Change
End Design Phase	07/01/11	05/03/12	10 Months
Begin Right of Way Phase	N/A	N/A	N/A
End Right of Way Phase	N/A	N/A	N/A
Begin Construction Phase	01/01/12	11/29/12	11 Months
End Construction Phase	06/01/13	05/15/14	11 ½ Months
Begin Closeout Phase	07/01/13	05/16/14	10 ½ Months
End Closeout Phase	10/01/13	07/02/14	9 Months

Track Realignment at Ocean Boulevard			
Project Milestone	Current Approved	Proposed	Change
Begin Environmental Phase	10/01/05	10/01/05	No Change
End Environmental Phase	03/01/09	03/01/09	No Change
Begin Design Phase	04/01/09	04/01/09	No Change
End Design Phase	07/01/11	05/03/12	10 Months
Begin Right of Way Phase	N/A	N/A	N/A
End Right of Way Phase	N/A	N/A	N/A
Begin Construction Phase	01/01/12	11/29/12	11 Months
End Construction Phase	06/01/13	05/15/14	11 ½ Months
Begin Closeout Phase	07/01/13	05/16/14	10 ½ Months
End Closeout Phase	10/01/13	07/02/14	9 Months

The funding plans for each project are being updated to reflect the addition of the TIGER III funds and the total cost of each project has decreased due to a more favorable bidding environment. The following tables reflect the proposed funding plan and total cost:

Pier F Support Yard									
(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)									
FUND SOURCE	TOTAL	Totals by Fiscal Year				Totals by Project Phase			
		Prior	12/13	13/14	14/15	PA&ED	PS&E	R/W	CONST
State Funds (TCIF)									
Current Approved	8,745	8,745							8,745
Change	0	0							0
Proposed	8,745	8,745							8,745
Local Funds (Port Funds)									
Current Approved	26,705	12,215	14,490			2,980	1,990		21,735
Change	(16,265)	(7,245)	(9,020)			0	0		(16,265)
Proposed	10,440	4,970	5,470			2,980	1,990		21,735
TIGER III Funds									
Current Approved	0		0						0
Change	12,800		12,800						12,800
Proposed	12,800		12,800						12,800
TOTAL									
Current Approved	35,450	20,960	14,490			2,980	1,990		30,480
Change	(3,465)	(7,245)	3,780			0	0		(3,465)
Proposed	31,985	13,715	18,270			2,980	1,990		27,015

Track Realignment at Ocean Boulevard (DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)									
FUND SOURCE	TOTAL	Totals by Fiscal Year				Totals by Project Phase			
		Prior	12/13	13/14	14/15	PA&ED	PS&E	R/W	CONST
State Funds (TCIF)									
Current Approved	27,000	27,000							27,000
Change	0	0							0
Proposed	27,000	27,000							27,000
Local Funds (Port Funds)									
Current Approved	40,270	29,170	11,100			4,270	2,850		33,150
Change	(15,930)	(5,970)	(9,960)			0	0		(15,930)
Proposed	24,340	23,200	1,140			4,270	2,850		24,340
TIGER III									
Current Approved	0		0						0
Change	4,200		4,200						4,200
Proposed	4,200		4,200						4,200
TOTAL									
Current Approved	67,270	56,170	11,100			4,270	2,850		60,150
Change	(11,730)	(5,970)	(5,760)			0	0		(11,730)
Proposed	55,540	50,200	5,340			4,270	2,850		48,420

RESOLUTION TCIF-P-1213-05

Be it Resolved, that the California Transportation Commission does hereby amend the Trade Corridors Improvement Fund Baseline Agreements for Project 24, Ports Rail System – Tier 1, Pier F Support Yard project (PPNO TC24) and Project 25, Ports Rail System – Tier 1, Track Realignment at Ocean Boulevard project (PPNO TC25), in accordance with the changes as described and illustrated.

Attachment



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Reference No. : 2.1c.(5a)
August 26-27, 2012
Attachment

July 18, 2012

Ms. Bimla G. Rhinehart
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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 Port of Long Beach (POLB) is requesting approval of an amendment of their Baseline Agreements for TCIF project #24 Pier F Support Yard and project #25 Track Realignment at Ocean Boulevard. The amendments requested impacts the project schedules and funding sources. These changes do not modify the TCIF funds for POLB.

Please see the attached letter from POLB 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
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