

# Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: January 8, 2013

Reference No.: 4.9  
Action

From: BIMLA G. RHINEHART  
Executive Director

Subject: **TRADE CORRIDORS IMPROVEMENT FUND (TCIF)– PROGRAM AMENDMENT**  
**RESOLUTION TCIF-P-1213-40**

## **ISSUE:**

Should the Commission approve the proposed Trade Corridors Improvement Fund (TCIF) Program amendment to:

- Revise the scope of TCIF Project 63: *Palm Avenue Grade Separation Project* in San Bernardino County and adjust the TCIF funding by reducing the programmed amount to this project by \$4.830 million from the Los Angeles/Inland Corridor element of the TCIF Program?
- Increase the TCIF funds by \$1,101,552 to TCIF Project 91: *Route 101 Improvements from the Los Angeles County Line to Moorpark Road* in the Los Angeles/Inland Corridor element of the TCIF Program.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Commission staff recommends that the Commission approve the proposed TCIF Program Amendment to revise the scope of TCIF Project 63: *Palm Avenue Grade Separation Project* and reduce the funding for the project by \$4.830 million. Staff also recommends that the Commission approve the additional TCIF funds to TCIF Project 91 *Route 101 Improvements from the Los Angeles County Line to Moorpark Road* of \$1,101,552.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The Southern California Consensus Group (SCCG) and San Bernardino Associated Governments propose to amend the TCIF Program by revising the scope and funding of TCIF Project 63: *Palm Avenue Grade Separation Project*. The project was originally programmed to construct a grade separation four-lane structure. The estimated cost of the project was \$35.17 million, which included \$9.39 million in TCIF funds. The project was in the preliminary development stages when initially programmed. Upon completion of the traffic analysis, it was determined that a two-lane structure was sufficient to maintain the same level of benefits as in the originally programmed project. The

total project cost estimate has been updated to reflect the reduced scope of \$26.39 million. The proposed TCIF funds are now \$4.56 million.

The Southern California Consensus Group supports the proposed amendment to the TCIF program and requests the Commission's approval of the amendment (see attached letter dated December 19, 2012).

The Southern California Consensus Group (SCCG) and the Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC) propose to amend the TCIF Program by increasing TCIF funds to Project 91 by \$1,101,552 for a total programmed amount to this project of \$13,017,552.

The *Route 101 Improvements* Project will add a freeway lane in each direction on a 4.4 mile stretch of US 101 in the City of Thousand Oaks from the Los Angeles/Ventura County line to Moorpark Road. The project was programmed into the TCIF program at the October 24, 2012 Commission Meeting for \$11,916,000. Since then, additional award savings have been realized in the Los Angeles/Inland Corridor Region. SCCG and VCTC wish to add additional TCIF funds to this project and reduce the STIP funds while maintaining the match ratio required. The additional TCIF funds will result in STIP resources being conserved and reduce a future AB 3090 cash payment to the City of Thousand Oaks who will provide city general fund cash to advance the construction of the project. An AB 3090 cash reimbursement commitment is agenda'd for notice at this Commission meeting.

The SCCG supports the proposed amendment to the TCIF Program and requests the Commission's approval of the amendment (see attached letter dated December 18, 2012).



# Metro

October 5, 2012

Ms. Bimla G. Rhinehart  
Executive Director  
California Transportation Commission  
1120 "N" Street, Mail Stop: 52  
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 San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG) is requesting approval of an amendment of their Baseline Agreements for TCIF project #59 – Glen Helen Parkway Grade Separation Project, #61 – South Milliken Avenue Grade Separation Project, #65 – Vineyard Avenue Grade Separation Project. The amendments requested impact the project schedules and total project cost. The proposed modifications do not modify the TCIF funds for SANBAG.

TCIF project #63 – Palm Avenue Grade Separation Project's proposed modifications will reduce the total programmed for TCIF funds by \$4.83 million. The TCIF savings will go towards SANBAG's share of the TCIF over programming for the corridor.

Please see the attached letter from SANBAG 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,

Shahrzad Amiri  
Deputy Executive Officer

cc: Southern California Consensus Group  
Stephen Maller



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December 20, 2012

Ms. Bimla G. Rhinehart  
Executive Director  
California Transportation Commission  
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Dear Ms. Rhinehart:

The Southern California Consensus Group has discussed and is in agreement with the request from our partner agency. It is our understanding that the Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC) is applying \$1,201,837 of the Colton Crossing project cost savings to their Route 101 Improvements project. This amendment will increase this project's TCIF program amount to \$13,117,837.

Please see the attached letter from VCTC 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,

Shahrzad Amiri  
Deputy Executive Officer

cc: Southern California Consensus Group  
Stephen Maller



## Ventura County Transportation Commission

December 20, 2012

Ms. Bimla Rhinehart  
Executive Director  
California Transportation Commission  
1120 N Street, MS-52  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Attention: Stephen Maller

### **RE: REQUEST FOR TCIF PROJECT #91 ROUTE 101 WIDENING AMENDMENT**

Dear Ms. Rhinehart

I am writing to provide VCTC's concurrence with the request of the Southern California Consensus Group to increase by \$1,201,837 the TCIF share funds for the Route 101 project in Thousand Oaks. This amendment will increase this project's TCIF program amount to \$13,118,837.

This request makes no change to the total funding for the project. The required match 50/50 for the \$1,201,837 in new TCIF funds will be provided by a \$500,000 federal earmark for the project, which had previously been programmed for the project but had not included in the 50/50 match calculation, and from \$702,000 in Regional STP funds provided by VCTC. The additional \$1,201,837 in TCIF and \$702,000 in Regional STP will facilitate a \$1,903,837 reduction in the STIP funding requirement for the project. As a result, STIP resources will be conserved, the state's pending AB 3090 cash reimbursement commitment to the project can be reduced, and the amount of City of Thousand Oaks general funds advanced for the project can also be lessened.

Thank you for your consideration of this requested TCIF program amendment. Do not hesitate to call Peter De Haan of my staff, at (805) 642-1591, extension 106, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D. M. Kettle", is written over a faint, circular official stamp.

Darren M. Kettle  
Executive Director