

# Memorandum

**To:** CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS  
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

**CTC Meeting:** January 8, 2013

**Reference No.:** 2.1c.(5c)  
Action Item

**From:** NORMA ORTEGA  
Chief Financial Officer

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**Subject:** **TRADE CORRIDORS IMPROVEMENT FUND-PROJECT BASELINE AMENDMENT  
RESOLUTION TCIF-P-1213-35, AMENDING RESOLUTION TCIF-P-1112-33**

## **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 37, Orangethorpe Avenue Grade Separation Project (PPNO TC37). The Southern California Consensus Group concurs with this amendment and the requested changes.

## **ISSUE:**

The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) proposes to amend the TCIF Project Baseline Agreement for Project 37, Orangethorpe Avenue Grade Separation (Project) to update the project delivery schedule.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The Project is part of the Orange County's Bridges Program (OCBP) which will build underpasses and overpasses at local rail crossings to improve safety and reduce delays. The Project will construct a bridge to allow vehicles to pass over the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railway tracks to separate rail and roadway traffic. The railroad mainline tracks will remain at-grade. Two additional structures will be constructed at Miller Street and Chapman Avenue to connect to Orangethorpe Avenue. The completed project will allow cars to cross over the railroad tracks, improving safety and reducing delays.

This project was adopted in the TCIF Program by the Commission on April 10, 2008. A Project Baseline Agreement was executed by OCTA, the Department, and the Commission, and approved by the Commission on October 29, 2008, under Resolution TCIF-P-0809-04B. A Baseline Agreement Amendment was approved on May 11, 2011, under Resolution TCIF-P-1011-26, to revise the scope, schedule and cost. An additional Project Baseline Agreement Amendment was approved April 26, 2012 under Resolution TCIF-P-1112-33, to update the project delivery schedule, cost, and funding plan.

The Begin Construction date has been delayed because more time was required to obligate federal funding than originally anticipated due to the Right of Way (ROW) certification needing additional review by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The End Construction has been delayed due to additional construction staging activities to accommodate time-of-year work restrictions in two Orange County Flood Control (OCFCD) Channels and within the BNSF Railroad ROW.

The table below lists the current approved and proposed project milestones:

<b>Project Milestone</b>	<b>Current Approved</b>	<b>Proposed</b>	<b>Change</b>
Begin Environmental Phase	01/01/2001	---	No Change
End Environmental Phase	09/23/2009	---	No Change
Begin Design Phase	02/06/2009	---	No Change
End Design Phase	10/31/2011	---	No Change
Begin Right of Way Phase	10/01/2010	---	No Change
End Right of Way Phase	04/01/2012	---	No Change
Begin Construction Phase	07/01/2012	03/01/2013	8 Months
End Construction Phase	04/01/2015	07/01/2016	1 Year + 3 Months
Begin Closeout Phase	04/01/2015	07/01/2016	1 Year + 3 Months
End Closeout Phase	04/01/2018	07/01/2019	1 Year + 3 Months

**RESOLUTION TCIF-P-1213-35**

Be it Resolved, that the California Transportation Commission does hereby amend the Trade Corridors Improvement Fund Baseline Agreements for Project 37, Orangethorpe Avenue Grade Separation (PPNO TC37), in accordance with the changes described and illustrated above.

Attachment



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October 11, 2012

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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 the schedule for TCIF projects #35 – State College Boulevard Grade Separation and #37 – Orangethorpe Avenue Grade Separation.

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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Deputy Executive Officer

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