

# Memorandum

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

**CTC Meeting:** May 7, 2013

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

**From:** NORMA ORTEGA  
Chief Financial Officer

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**Subject:** **TRADE CORRIDORS IMPROVEMENT FUND PROJECT BASELINE AMENDMENT  
RESOLUTION TCIF-P-1213-57, AMENDING RESOLUTION TCIF-P-1213-12**

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) amend the Proposition 1B Trade Corridors Improvement Fund (TCIF) project Baseline Agreement for Project 64, Lenwood Road Grade Separation Project (PPNO 1135) in San Bernardino County. The Southern California Consensus Group concurs with this amendment and the requested changes.

## **ISSUE:**

The San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG) proposes to amend the TCIF Project Baseline Agreement for Project 64, Lenwood Road Grade Separation Project, to update the delivery schedule, cost, and funding plan.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The project was adopted into the TCIF Program by the Commission on April 10, 2008. A Baseline Agreement executed by the Department, the Commission, City of Barstow and SANBAG was approved on October 29, 2008, under Resolution TCIF-P-0809-04B. An amendment to the Baseline Agreement was approved on October 24, 2012, under Resolution TCIF-P-1213-12, to update the schedule, cost, and funding plan.

The project will construct a four-lane grade separation at the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railway at Lenwood Road in the city of Barstow. The project will eliminate impacts from the existing at-grade crossing including emergency vehicle response delays, greenhouse gases generated by traffic delayed by trains and adverse neighborhood impacts including delays, noise pollution, and safety impacts. The project will improve the reliability of the BNSF system by eliminating the potential for vehicle or pedestrian versus train accidents.

The schedule delay is due to the number and complexity of parcels being condemned. The final right of way certification is anticipated by the end of April 2013. Subsequently, begin construction has been delayed 3 months. The allocation for TCIF funding is a concurrent item at the May 2013 meeting.

The following table provides a list of the project’s milestones with current approved and proposed delivery schedule:

<b>Project Milestone</b>	<b>Current Approved</b>	<b>Proposed</b>	<b>Change</b>
Begin Environmental Phase	10/01/2008	--	No Change
End Environmental Phase	07/28/2011	--	No Change
Begin Design Phase	08/19/2010	--	No Change
End Design Phase	09/01/2012	03/06/2013	6 Months
Begin Right of Way Phase	07/28/2011	--	No Change
End Right of Way Phase	04/19/2013	--	No Change
Begin Construction Phase	06/15/2013	09/13/2013	3 Months
End Construction Phase	05/30/2015	10/01/2015	4 Months
Begin Closeout	06/01/2015	11/01/2015	5 Months
End Closeout	12/01/2015	05/01/2016	5 Months

SANBAG also requests an update to the project funding plan to reflect the most current construction cost estimates. The updated total project cost is now \$31.7 million as shown in the following table.

( 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
<b>State Bond - Trade Corridor Improvement Funds (TCIF)</b>									
Current Approved	6,694		6,694						6,694
Change	0		0						0
Proposed	6,694		6,694						6,694
<b>DEMO - High Priority Projects Program (DEMO-ST)</b>									
Current Approved	1,200		1,200						1,200
Change	0		0						0
Proposed	1,200		<b>1,200</b>						1,200
<b>RSTP-STP Local Regional (STPL-R)</b>									
Current Approved	12,192	3,450	8,742					3,450	8,742
Change	97	0	97					0	97
Proposed	<b>12,289</b>	3,450	<b>8,839</b>					3,450	<b>8,839</b>
<b>Local Funds - Local Transportation Funds (LTF)</b>									
Current Approved	1,859	1,859	0				974	885	0
Change	136	0	136				0	0	136
Proposed	<b>1,995</b>	1,859	<b>136</b>				974	885	<b>136</b>
<b>SANBAG - Measure I</b>									
Current Approved	3,553	1,392	2,161				935	457	2,161
Change	0	0	0				0	0	0
Proposed	3,553	1,392	2,161				935	457	2,161
<b>Railroad - BNSF</b>									
Current Approved	1,103		1,103						1,103
Change	0		0						0
Proposed	1,103		1,103						1,103
<b>State Prop 1B - SLPP Bond Funds</b>									
Current Approved	2,161		2,161						2,161
Change	0		0						0
Proposed	2,161		2,161						2,161
<b>County of San Bernardino - Local</b>									
Current Approved	2,500	2,500					2,500		
Change	0	0					0		
Proposed	2,500	2,500					2,500		
<b>Federal Fund - STP Appropriation Earmark</b>									
Current Approved	238		238						238
Change	0		0						0
Proposed	238		238						238
<b>TOTAL</b>									
Current Approved	31,500	9,201	22,299				4,409	4,792	22,299
Change	233	0	233				0	0	233
<b>Proposed</b>	<b>31,733</b>	9,201	<b>22,532</b>				4,409	4,792	<b>22,532</b>

**RESOLUTION TCIF-P-1213-57**

Be it Resolved, that the California Transportation Commission does hereby amend the Proposition 1B Trade Corridors Improvement Fund Baseline Agreement for Project 64, Lenwood Road Grade Separation Project (PPNO 1135), in accordance with the changes described and illustrated above.

Attachment



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Attachment

January 8, 2013

Ms. Birmla G. Rhinehart  
Executive Director  
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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 San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG) is requesting approval of an amendment of their Baseline Agreement for TCIF project #64 Lenwood Road Grade Separation project. The amendment requested impacts the project schedule. The proposed modification does not modify the TCIF funds for SANBAG.

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,

  
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Deputy Executive Officer

cc: Southern California Consensus Group  
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