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PROGRAM AMENDMENTS
Traffic Congestion Relief Applications
Resolution: TA-02-02

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TRAFFIC CONGESTION RELIEF (TCR) PROGRAM
APPLICATION APPROVALS

RESOLUTION TA-02-02

At the February 28, 2002 California Transportation Commission (Commission) meeting, the Commission will be asked to consider the following four Traffic Congestion Relief Program applications totaling \$32,964,000. The Department of Transportation recommends these projects, or phases of a project, be approved. A fact sheet for each project is attached.

- Project #23 - \$1,000,000, Phase 1 for CalTrain Peninsula Corridor; complete grade separations at Poplar Avenue in (San Mateo), 25th Avenue (San Mateo), and Linden Avenue (South San Francisco) in San Mateo County.
Applicant Agency: San Mateo County Transportation Authority (SMCTA)
Implementing Agency: SMCTA
- Project #35.3 - \$5,064,000, Phases 2, 4 for Pacific Surfliner; triple track intercity rail line within Los Angeles County and add run-through-tracks through Los Angeles Union Station in Los Angeles County.
Applicant Agency: California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)
Implementing Agency: Southern California Regional Rail Authority
- Project #106 - \$23,000,000, Phase 4 for Campus Parkway; build new arterial in Merced County from Route 99 to Bellevue Road.
Applicant Agency: Merced County Department of Public Works
Implementing Agency: Merced County Department of Public Works
- Project #116 - \$3,900,000, Phase 3 for Route 80 Light Rail Corridor; double-track Route 80 light rail line for express service in Sacramento County.
Applicant Agency: Sacramento Regional Transit District (SacRT)
Implementing Agency: SacRT

TCR Program – Application Approval Request for Project # 23

San Mateo CalTrain Peninsula Corridor; complete grade separations at Poplar Avenue in (San Mateo), 25th Avenue (San Mateo), and Linden Avenue (South San Francisco) in San Mateo County.

(\$ X 1,000)

<i>Estimated Project Cost:</i>	\$43,364	<i>TCRP Funds covered by the application:</i>	\$1,000
<i>Total TCRP Funds Available:</i>	\$15,000	<i>Phases(s) covered in application:</i>	1
<i>Lead Agency:</i>	San Mateo County Transportation Authority (SMCTA)	<i>Implementing Agency:</i>	SMCTA

TCRP funds Allocation requested concurrently with applications: **\$1,000** for Phases(s): 1
Advance requested: **\$0**

Project Summary: This project will result in grade-separated crossings at 25th Avenue in San Mateo and Linden Avenue in South San Francisco as well as reconstructing an existing obsolete grade separation at Poplar Avenue in San Mateo. The grade separation improvements will be designed to accommodate additional tracks as part of the future build-out of the Caltrain Corridor. The project will improve safety by eliminating at-grade crossings of the railroad thereby improving movement between trains, pedestrians, and motor vehicles; improve vehicle traffic flow and reduce congestion, with associated emission reductions and fuel savings; eliminate high maintenance and costly grade crossing warning devices; and, simplify the future electrification of Caltrain’s right of way.

Summary of Action: Approval of initial application for Phase 1. The cost, schedule, and proposed funding identified below are planning estimates and are subject to change upon completion of the project report and environmental studies. TCRP project applications for later phases of work will be submitted when cost, schedule, and funding have been better refined.

Cost and Schedule (\$ X 1,000)

Phase	Scope	Start	End	Cost
1	Project Reports & Environmental Review (Includes Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act)	11/1/00	11/1/03	\$1,350
2	Prepare plans and specifications for track, bridge, roadway and utility relocation work.	1/1/03	12/1/03	\$6,230
3	Right of Way Acquisition	8/1/03	5/1/04	\$5,650
4	Construction	6/1/05	6/1/07	\$30,134
Total:				\$43,364

Total Funding Plan (\$ X 1,000)

Source	Type		Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4	Total
TCRP	State	Committed	\$1,000				\$1,000
		Proposed		\$2,000	\$2,000	\$10,000	\$14,000
SMCTA	Local	Committed	\$350	\$4,230	\$3,650	\$20,134	\$28,364
		Proposed					
Totals:		Committed	\$1,350	\$4,230	\$3,650	\$20,134	\$29,364
		Proposed		\$2,000	\$2,000	\$10,000	\$14,000
Totals:			\$1,350	\$6,230	\$5,650	\$30,134	\$43,364

Discussion/Issues:

No Issues. Recommend Approval.

TCR Program - Application Approval Request for Project # 35.3

Los Angeles Pacific Surfliner; triple track intercity rail line within Los Angeles County and add run-through-tracks through Los Angeles Union Station in Los Angeles County.

(\$ X 1,000)

<i>Estimated Project Cost:</i>	\$5,064	<i>TCRP Funds covered by the application:</i>	\$5,064
<i>Total TCRP Funds Available:</i>	\$100,000	<i>Phases(s) covered in application:</i>	All
<i>Lead Agency:</i>	Caltrans	<i>Implementing Agency:</i>	Southern California Regional Rail Authority

TCRP Allocation requested concurrently with application: **\$264** *for Phases(s):* 2
Advance requested: N/A

Project Summary: The overall Triple Track and Run-Through-Track project is to improve passenger train operations at the Los Angeles Union Station. This sub-project adds a new lead track between the station platform tracks and the routes that extend to the east, north, and south at the Los Angeles Union Station (LAUS). The fifth lead track will provide additional capacity and permit construction staging during the Los Angeles Run-Through project. This new fifth track will be situated to the west of the existing four tracks, and reconfigures the tracks to add capacity northward out of the LAUS for Metrolink Ventura County and Antelope Valley lines, and northbound Pacific Surfliner trains. The overall Triple Track and Run-Through-Track project has been split into three Sub-Projects for implementation:

- Sub-Project #35.1) Run-through-tracks from Union Station to mainline track along Los Angeles River.
- Sub-Project #35.2) Triple Track BNSF line.
- Sub-Project #35.3) Fifth lead track at Los Angeles Union Station.

Summary of Action: This application is for Sub-Project #35.3.

Cost and Schedule (\$ X 1,000)

Phase	Scope	Start	End	Cost
1	Environmental – Statutorily Exempt		Complete	\$0
2	Track and Signal Design - PS & E	2/1/02	10/1/02	\$264
3	Right of Way Acquisition – N/A			\$0
4	Construction	12/1/02	12/1/03	\$4,800
Total:				\$5,064

Funding Plan (\$ X 1,000)

Source	Type	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4	Total
TCRP	State	Committed	\$264		\$4,800	\$5,064
		Proposed				
Totals:		Committed	\$264		\$4,800	\$5,064
		Proposed				
		Totals:	\$264		\$4,800	\$5,064

Previous TCRP Action: This is the first application for Sub-project #35.3. An application for Sub-project #35.1 was approved on March 28, 2001 (TA-01-06) for Phase 1 and Phase 2. An application for Sub-Project #35.2 has not yet been submitted.

Status of Conditions: No conditions recommended under this action.

Discussion/Issues: No issues. Recommend approval. Project is Statutorily Exempt under CEQA.

TCR Program – Application Approval Request for Project # 106

Merced Campus Parkway; build new arterial in Merced County from Route 99 to Bellevue Road.

(\$ X 1,000)

<i>Estimated Project Cost:</i>	\$41,700	<i>TCRP Funds covered by the application:</i>	\$23,000
<i>Total TCRP Funds Available:</i>	\$23,000	<i>Phases(s) covered in application:</i>	All
<i>Lead Agency:</i>	Merced County Department of Public Works	<i>Implementing Agency:</i>	Same

TCRP Allocation requested concurrently with application: **\$0** *for Phases(s):* N/A
Advance requested: N/A

Project Summary: The Campus Parkway project will construct a new four-lane, limited access expressway on the east side of the City of Merced. The southern limit of the project is the Mission Avenue Interchange. The northern project limit has changed from Bellevue Road to Yosemite Avenue (total length of project changed from 6.5 miles to 4.5 miles). Traffic analysis revealed that the portion of Campus Parkway between Yosemite Avenue and Bellevue Road is not necessary to support the growth anticipated to occur in the City of Merced.

The Campus Parkway project will be constructed in two phases. The initial project, Phase One (the TCRP Project), will construct a two-lane facility and acquire all right-of-way necessary for the four-lane project. An overpass will be constructed over the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railway and the adjacent State Route 140. Phase Two of the project will construct two additional lanes, including matching structures parallel to the structures developed in Phase One. The schedule and cost/funding identified below is for Phase One only.

Summary of Action: Approval of initial application.

Cost and Schedule (\$ X 1,000)

Phase	Scope	Start	End	Cost
1	Prepare environmental documents	9/11/98	9/1/03	\$2,500
2	Prepare project plans, specifications and construction documents	9/1/03	9/1/05	\$3,000
3	Acquire right of way	9/1/03	9/1/05	\$8,200
4	Construct project	9/1/05	9/1/07	\$28,000
Total:				\$41,700

Funding Plan (\$ X 1,000)

Source	Type		Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4	Total
TCRP	State	Committed		\$400	\$240	\$22,360	\$23,000
		Proposed					
STIP-RIP	State	Committed	\$500	\$200	\$1,400		\$2,100
		Proposed				\$4,400	\$4,400
City of Merced	Local	Committed					
		Proposed				\$1,200	\$1,200
TEA-21	Federal	Committed	\$2,000				\$2,000
		Proposed		\$2,400	\$6,560	\$40	\$9,000
Totals:		Committed	\$2,500	\$600	\$1,640	\$22,360	\$27,100
		Proposed		\$2,400	\$6,560	\$5,640	\$14,600
		Totals:	\$2,500	\$3,000	\$8,200	\$28,000	\$41,700

TCR Program – Application Approval Request for Project # 106

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Status of Conditions:

Recommended Resolution Language: “Prior to an allocation of funds for design, right of way or construction, the County shall provide a plan that demonstrates full funding of the phase.”

Recommended Resolution Language: “Allocation of capital funds contingent upon review and approval for future funding of the final EIR/EIS by the CTC.”

Discussion/Issues: Recommend approval. Regional Transportation Plan documentation on file. Project is not fully funded. Funding in the amount of \$14,600,000 remains to be identified. Potential funding sources include STIP, Local, and Federal funds.

TCR Program – Application Approval Request for Project # 116

Sacramento Route 80 Light Rail Corridor; double-track Route 80 light rail line for express service in Sacramento County.

(\$ X 1,000)

<i>Estimated Project Cost:</i>	\$36,100	<i>TCRP Funds covered by the application:</i>	\$3,900
<i>Total TCRP Funds Available:</i>	\$25,000	<i>Phases(s) covered in application:</i>	3
<i>Lead Agency:</i>	Sacramento Regional Transit District (SacRT)	<i>Implementing Agency:</i>	SacRT

TCRP Allocation requested concurrently with application: **\$3,900** for Phases(s): 3
Advance requested: **\$0**

Project Summary: The overall project is to implement express rail service in the I-80 corridor from downtown Sacramento to the Watt/I-80 light rail station. The express rail service project will include double-tracking existing single-track sections, improving various light rail stations, and improving or relocating an existing bus transfer center.

Summary of Action: This application programs Phase 3 (Right of Way). This application also includes a minor amendment to the schedule for Phase 1 and Phase 2.

Cost and Schedule (\$ X 1,000)

Phase	Scope	Start	End	Cost
1	Prepare environmental documents	9/1/99	2/1/02 12/1/04	\$1,100
2	Prepare project plans, specifications and construction documents	2/1/02 4/1/02	6/1/03	\$4,000
3	Acquire right of way	2/1/02	6/1/03	\$3,900
4	Construct project	6/1/03	12/1/04	\$15,804
4	Procurement (light rail vehicles)	6/1/02	12/1/04	\$11,296
Total:				\$36,100

Funding Plan (\$ X 1,000)

Source	Type		Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4	Total
TCRP	State	Committed	\$0	\$4,000	\$3,900		\$7,900
		Proposed				\$17,100	\$17,100
STIP	Federal	Committed	\$1,100				\$1,100
		Proposed				\$10,000	\$10,000
Totals:		Committed	\$1,100	\$4,000	\$3,900		\$9,000
Totals:		Proposed				\$27,100	\$27,100
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Previous TCRP Action: Original application for Phase 1 and Phase 2 was approved on October 3, 2001 (TA-01-15).

Status of Conditions: No conditions set under Resolution TA-01-15. No conditions recommended under this action.

Discussion/Issues: No Issues. Recommend Approval. Right of Way Acquisition for this project is Categorically Exempt under CEQA. Notice of Exemption is on file. Regional Transportation Plan documentation is on file. Funding in the amount of \$10 million remains to be identified. Potential sources of funding include the Regional Improvement Program.

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
Approval of Traffic Congestion Relief Program
Project Applications

RESOLUTION TA-02-02

- 1.1 WHEREAS the Traffic Congestion Relief Act of 2000 (herein after referred to as “statute”), which was established by Chapters 91 (AB 2928) and 656 (SB 1662) of the Statutes of 2000, establishes the Traffic Congestion Relief Program, providing \$5.39 billion for projects throughout the State of California to reduce traffic congestion, provide for safe and efficient movement of goods, and provide system connectivity; and
- 1.2 WHEREAS in accordance with Government Code Section 14556.11 the California Transportation Commission (Commission) has adopted guidelines, in consultation with the Department of Transportation (Department) and regional agencies, to implement the Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP); and
- 1.3 WHEREAS the statute and guidelines require applicants to specify full and complete project applications, including scope, cost and schedule, financial plans and funding sources; and
- 1.4 WHEREAS the Commission, with assistance from the Department, is required by statute to review and approve applications for TCRP projects that meet the requirements in statute and guidelines; and
- 1.5 WHEREAS the Commission, with assistance from the Department, has reviewed submitted TCRP project applications, and subsequent clarifications and revisions, and determined they comply with the statute and guidelines.
- 2.1 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Commission does hereby approve the following four TCRP project applications for \$32,964,000 as submitted, with subsequent clarifications and revisions:
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2.2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this TCRP project application approval by the Commission reserves the State funding for the projects as specified by the statute, and allows the applicant agencies to incur costs in accordance with the approved project application, statute and guidelines.