

Memorandum

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Ref: **PENDING TRAFFIC CONGESTION RELIEF (TCR) PROGRAM APPLICATION AMENDMENTS**

BACKGROUND:

The adopted Fiscal Year (FY) 2003-04 budget provided \$189,000,000 in new revenue to be added with existing funds for Traffic Congestion Relief (TCR) Program projects. As reported at the special meeting of the California Transportation Commission (Commission) on November 24, 2003, the cash-flow forecast based on the October 2003 TCR Progress Report indicates that implementing agency expenditures would leave a balance of \$74,000,000 at the end of FY 2003-04. Due to the uncertainty of TCR funding for FY 2004-05, the California Department of Transportation (Department) recommended that the Commission refrain from making new allocations of TCR funds.

However, on January 10, 2004, the Administration released its budget proposals for FY 2004-05. The proposals include the transfer of \$189,000,000 from the TCR Fund to the General Fund, the elimination of TCR project definitions from statutes, and the rescission of all allocations and approvals for AB 1335 TCRP Letter of No Prejudice.

To date, the Legislature has not taken action to approve these proposals. However, the deficit in the State's General Fund continues to impact the TCR Program. The following list identifies 12 project application amendment requests deferred by the Commission until such time future funding for the TCR Program can be assessed:

- Project #1.1 – BART to San Jose – Extension from Fremont to Warm Springs. Amend application to update project schedule, funding plan, and re-scope Phase 1 – Environmental and Permits.
Applicant Agency: Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA)
- Project #1.2 – BART to San Jose – Extension from Warm Springs to downtown San Jose. Amend application to update project schedule and funding plan.
Applicant Agency: VTA

- Project #36 – Los Angeles Eastside Transit Extension; build new light rail line in East Los Angeles, from Union Station to Atlantic via 1st Street to Lorena in Los Angeles County. Amend application to update project schedule and funding plan.
Applicant Agency: Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA)
- Project #37.2 – Los Angeles Mid-City Transit Improvements; build Bus Rapid Transit system or Light Rail Transit in Mid-City/Westside/Exposition Corridors in Los Angeles County. Amend application to update project schedule and funding plan.
Applicant Agency: LACMTA
- Project #44 – Route 47 (Terminal Island Freeway); construct interchange at Ocean Boulevard Overpass in the City of Long Beach in Los Angeles County. Amend application to update the project schedule.
Applicant Agency: Port of Long Beach
- Project #55.1 – Alameda Corridor East; build grade separations on Burlington Northern-Santa Fe and Union Pacific Railroad lines, Los Angeles County line to Colton, with rail-to-rail separation at Colton in San Bernardino County. Amend application to update project funding plan.
Applicant Agency: San Bernardino Associated Government
- Project #87.1 – Route 94/125; build two new freeway connector ramps at Route 94/125 in Lemon Grove in San Diego County. Amend application to transfer (\$490,000) of savings in programmed TCR funds to TCRP Sub-project #87.2, and update overall funding plan.
Applicant Agency: California Department of Transportation (Department)
- Project #87.2 – Route 94/125; build two new freeway connector ramps at Route 94/125 in Lemon Grove in San Diego County. Amend application to receive transfer of \$490,000 in TCR funds from TCRP Sub-project #87.1, update funding plan and project schedule.
Applicant Agency: Department
- Project #94 – Route 43; widen to four-lane expressway from Kings County line to Route 99 in Selma in Fresno County. Suspend project and deprogram (\$2,078,000) from original application approval of \$2,600,000 for to be distributed to other projects.
Applicant Agency: Department
- Project #97.1 – Operational improvements on Shaw Avenue – City of Clovis. Amend application to revise project scope, update schedule and funding plan, and transfer partial project scope and (\$250,000) in programmed funding to TCRP Sub-project – #97.2.
Applicant Agency: California State University, Fresno

- Project #97.2 – Operational improvements on Shaw Avenue – City of Fresno. Amend application to revise project scope, update schedule and funding plan, and receive transfer of partial project scope and \$250,000 in programmed funding from TCRP Sub-project – #97.1.
Applicant Agency: California State University, Fresno
- Project #139.2 – Balboa Park BART Station; phase I expansion – MUNI Project Improvements. Amend application to update project schedule.
Applicant Agency: San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District