

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

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Action Item

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Ref: **TRAFFIC CONGESTION RELIEF (TCR) PROGRAM APPLICATION AMENDMENT APPROVALS, RESOLUTION TAA-04-06, AMENDING RESOLUTION TA-01-04**

ISSUE:

Attached is a Resolution for one Traffic Congestion Relief (TCR) project application amendment that proposes to revise project scope and update project schedule. A fact sheet describing the project is attached.

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends approval.

BACKGROUND:

Though the phase(s) for the following project has been approved and allocated, work has been delayed beyond the approved schedule dates. The reasons for delay, cited in the following fact sheet, include the uncertainty of TCRF reimbursement.

Approval by the California Transportation Commission of this Resolution will allow the Department to amend existing agreements with agencies and to reimburse said agencies for eligible costs under these approved and allocated phases from the TCRF.

Attachments

TCR Program – Application Amendment Project #29

Alameda / Contra Costa	AC Transit; buy two fuel cell buses and fueling facility for demonstration project in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties.		

(\$ X 1,000)			
<i>Estimated Project Cost:</i>	\$14,199	<i>TCRP Funds covered by the application:</i>	\$8,000
<i>Total TCRP Funds Available:</i>	\$8,000	<i>Phases(s) covered in application:</i>	4
		<i>TCRP Funds Previously Approved for 29</i>	\$8,000
<i>Lead Agency:</i>	Alameda Contra Costa Transit District	<i>Implementing Agency:</i>	Same

<i>TCRP Allocation Requested Concurrently with Application:</i>	\$0	<i>for Phase(s):</i>	N/A
<i>TCRP allocations to date:</i>	\$8,000	<i>for Phase(s):</i>	4
<i>Advance requested:</i>	\$0	<i>for Phase(s):</i>	N/A
<i>LONP Requested Concurrently with Application:</i>	\$0	<i>for Phase(s):</i>	N/A

Project Summary:

Purchase six or more zero-emission fuel cell buses that will be used to demonstrate the feasibility of using this technology as the energy source for the operation of standard-size transit buses in a large urban transit environment. The project will include the supporting infrastructure (fueling and maintenance) facilities needed to implement the project. Once the buses have been received and the initial acceptance has been completed, they will be placed in revenue service and tested for a period of one year.

Amendment Summary: This amendment updates project scope and schedule. Changes proposed by this amendment are reflected in ~~strike through~~ and **bold**.

Reason for Change: Originally this project was supposed to procure 2 buses. Then it was later changed to 6 or more buses when it was thought that the price per bus could be reduced by expanding the procurement to include other agencies. However, original supplier of the fuel cell component determined that they could not meet the project requirement and timeline. Therefore, another vendor was chosen, and subsequent schedule delay. Change in vendor and inability to expand the procurement has resulted in revising the project scope to purchase three fuel cell buses.

Cost and Schedule (\$ x 1,000)

Phase	Scope	Start	End	Cost
1	Environmental – Categorically Exempt			
2	Specifications-RFP - IN HOUSE			
4	Construct fueling facility and modifications to the maintenance facility.	2/01	2/06 4/04	\$3,525
4	Purchase six hydrogen fuel-cell buses.	3/04 2/01	8/05 6/04	\$11,374
			Total:	\$14,899

Funding Plan (\$ x 1,000)

Source	Type		Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4	Total
TCRP	State	Committed				\$8,000	\$8,000
		Proposed					
DOT	Federal	Committed				\$1,000	\$1,000
		Proposed					
CEC/CARB	State	Committed				\$3,425	\$3,425
		Proposed					
DOE	Federal	Committed				\$300	\$300
		Proposed					
District	Local	Committed				\$300	\$300
		Proposed				\$874	\$874
TFCA	Local	Committed				\$1,000	\$1,000
		Proposed					
	Totals:	Committed				\$14,025	\$14,025
		Proposed				\$874	\$874
		Totals:				\$14,899	\$14,899

Prior TCRP Action:

- Original Application was approved on February 21, 2001 (Resolution TA-01-04).
- A minor amendment to update project schedule and financial plan was approved July 2002.

Status of Conditions: No conditions set for this project under Resolution TA-01-04.

Discussion/Issues: No issues. Project is categorically exempt under CEQA. Regional Transportation Plan documentation on file.

The Department of Transportation recommends that the Commission approve action on this request.

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
Approval of Traffic Congestion Relief Program
Project Application Amendment

RESOLUTION TAA-04-06
Amending Resolution TA-01-04

- 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 (TCR) Program; 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 identified those factors leading to changes in project scope, cost, and scheduled and established guidelines for agencies to submit amendments to TCR project applications in Resolution G-00-23, with further clarifications in Resolution G-01-23; and
- 1.5 WHEREAS the Department has reviewed the following proposed application amendment for one TCR project as submitted by applicant agency and found it to be in compliance with the guidelines adopted by the Commission.
- 2.1 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission does hereby approve the following TCR project application amendment as submitted, with subsequent clarifications and revisions:
 - Project #29 – AC Transit; buy two fuel cell buses and fueling facility for demonstration project in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. Amend application to revise project scope and update project schedule previously approved under Resolution TA-01-04.
Applicant Agency: Alameda Contra Costa Transit District
Implementing Agency: Alameda Contra Costa Transit District;and
- 2.2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all applicant agencies shall provide the Commission and the Department with a progress report on April 1st and October 1st of each year on actual expenditures and status of work, until the projects have been completed; and
- 2.3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this TCR 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; and
- 2.4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Resolution TA-01-04 is hereby amended.