

# Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS  
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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Action Item

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Subject: **TRAFFIC CONGESTION RELIEF PROGRAM / PROJECT AMENDMENT**  
**RESOLUTION TAA-11-08, AMENDING RESOLUTION TAA-10-11**

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve this Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP) amendment for the Commuter Rail Extension to Monterey County project.

## **ISSUE:**

The Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) is requesting to amend TCRP Project 14 – Commuter Rail Extension to Monterey County project (PPNO 1155) to update the project schedule.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The Commuter Rail Extension to Monterey County project will provide extended rail service from the existing Caltrain terminus in Gilroy to Monterey County, including stations in Salinas, Castroville and Pajaro/Watsonville. It will relieve congestion and provide transportation alternatives for commuters traveling from Monterey County and southern Santa Cruz County to the San Francisco Bay Area.

In September 2006, the Commission allocated \$4,258,000 for Plans, Specifications and Estimate (Design) and \$14,742,000 for Right of Way under Resolution TFP-06-20. The Design completion date was extended to June 30, 2011 under Resolution TAA-09-22 in May 2010. The Design completion date was again extended, to June 30, 2012, and the Right of Way completion date was extended to June 30, 2014 under Resolution TAA-10-11 in May 2011.

The project has been further delayed by the environmental document approval process. TAMC is revising the environmental document based on the latest Federal Transit Administration comments and expects to have a public review draft ready by June 2012.

As a result of the environmental document delays, TAMC requests a Design completion extension through December 31, 2013 and a Right of Way extension through October 31, 2014.

The proposed schedule changes are summarized in the following table:

<b>Milestone</b>	<b>Existing</b>	<b>Proposed</b>
End Design	6/30/12	12/31/13
End Right of Way	6/30/14	10/31/14

**RESOLUTION TAA-11-08:**

Resolved, with all conditions stipulated still in effect, the California Transportation Commission hereby revises TCRP Project 14 to reflect the changes described above; and

Be it further resolved that the project(s), as component phases or in their entirety, appear under Government Code Section 14556.40(a) and are entitled to participate in this allocation.

Reimbursement of eligible costs is subject to the policies, restrictions and assurances as set forth in the Commission's policy for allocating, monitoring, and auditing TCRP projects, and is governed by the terms and conditions of the Fund Transfer Agreement, Program Supplement or Cooperative Agreement, and subsequent amendments to the same if required, as executed between the Implementing Agency and the Department.