

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: January 8, 2013

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Action Item

From: NORMA ORTEGA
Chief Financial Officer

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Subject: **TRADE CORRIDORS IMPROVEMENT FUND PROJECT BASELINE AMENDMENT
RESOLUTION TCIF-P-1213-34, AMENDING RESOLUTION TCIF-P-1112-31**

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) amend the Trade Corridors Improvement Fund (TCIF) Project Baseline Agreement for Project 35, State College Boulevard Grade Separation (PPNO TC35). The Southern California Consensus Group concurs with this amendment and the requested changes.

ISSUE:

The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) proposes to amend the TCIF Project Baseline Agreement for Project 35, State College Boulevard Grade Separation (Project) to update the delivery schedule.

BACKGROUND:

The Project is part of the Orange County Bridges Program, which will build underpasses and overpasses at local rail crossings to improve safety and reduce delays. This project will construct a grade separation on State College Boulevard at Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railway tracks from Santa Fe Avenue at the northerly terminus to approximately 700 feet south of Valencia Drive at the southerly terminus. The project will provide significant benefits to vehicle and truck traffic traveling on State College Boulevard by reducing delays and traffic congestion associated with the existing at-grade crossing.

This project was adopted in the TCIF Program by the Commission on April 10, 2008. A Project Baseline Agreement was executed between the OCTA, the Department, and the Commission, and approved by the Commission on October 29, 2008, under Resolution TCIF-P-0809-04B. A Project Baseline Agreement Amendment was approved May 11, 2011 under Resolution TCIF-P-1011-25, to update the project delivery schedule, cost, and funding plan. An additional Project Baseline Agreement Amendment was approved April 26, 2012 under Resolution TCIF-P-1112-31, to update the project delivery schedule, cost, and funding plan.

The City of Fullerton has requested that OCTA assume the lead role for the Right-of-Way (ROW) acquisition for the Project to help facilitate the necessary property acquisition. OCTA Staff has assessed the current project schedules and identified modifications that need to be made which will result in a revised acquisition plan and a delay to State College Boulevard Grade Separation.

The identified schedule revisions are the result of unanticipated appraisal complexities necessary to develop offers to property owners for complex acquisitions. Additionally, the City recently replaced the design consultant which required a longer duration for the development of the design plans than originally anticipated. The change in the design consultant has also delayed the initiation of property appraisals and offers to owners.

The table below lists the current approved and proposed project milestones.

Project Milestone	Current Approved	Proposed	Change
Begin Environmental Phase	04/01/2005	---	No Change
End Environmental Phase	04/14/2011	---	No Change
Begin Design Phase	04/01/2005	---	No Change
End Design Phase	03/01/2013	---	No Change
Begin Right of Way Phase	07/25/2011	---	No Change
End Right of Way Phase	03/01/2013	05/01/2013	2 Months
Begin Construction Phase	04/01/2013	11/01/2013	7 Months
End Construction Phase	01/01/2016	08/01/2016	7 Months
Begin Closeout Phase	01/01/2016	08/01/2016	7 Months
End Closeout Phase	01/01/2019	08/01/2019	7 Months

RESOLUTION TCIF-P-1213-33

Be it Resolved, that the California Transportation Commission does hereby amend the Trade Corridors Improvement Fund Baseline Agreement for Project 35, State College Boulevard Grade Separation Project (PPNO TC35), in accordance with the changes described and illustrated above.

Attachment



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Attachment

October 11, 2012

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Dear Ms. Rhinehart:

The Southern California Consensus Group has discussed and approved the changes requested by our partner agency, the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA). It is our understanding that OCTA is requesting approval to amend the schedule for TCIF projects #35 – State College Boulevard Grade Separation and #37 – Orangethorpe Avenue Grade Separation.

Please see the attached letter from OCTA 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

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