

# Memorandum

**To:** CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS  
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

**CTC Meeting:** May 7, 2013

**Reference No.:** 2.1c.(5d)  
Action Item

**From:** NORMA ORTEGA  
Chief Financial Officer

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**Subject:** **TRADE CORRIDORS IMPROVEMENT FUND-PROJECT BASELINE AMENDMENT  
RESOLUTION TCIF-P-1213-55, AMENDING RESOLUTION TCIF-P-1213-24**

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) amend the Proposition 1B Trade Corridors Improvement Fund (TCIF) Project Baseline Agreement for Project 51, Riverside Avenue Grade Separation (PPNO 1127). The Southern California Consensus Group concurs with this amendment and the requested changes.

## **ISSUE:**

The Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) and the City of Riverside (City) propose to amend the TCIF Project Baseline Agreement for Project 51, Riverside Avenue Grade Separation (Project), to update the cost, and funding plan.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The Project was adopted into the TCIF Program by the Commission on April 10, 2008. A Project Baseline Agreement executed between the Department, the Commission, and the City was approved on October 29, 2008, under Resolution TCIF-P-0809-04B. An amendment to the Baseline Agreement was approved on December 6, 2012, under Resolution TCIF-P-1213-24, to update the schedule, cost, and funding plan.

The Project will construct a four-lane grade separation at the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) Los Angeles Subdivision Mainline at Riverside Avenue in the city of Riverside. The project is needed to eliminate impacts from the existing at-grade crossing including emergency vehicle response delays, greenhouse gases generated by traffic delayed by trains, and adverse neighborhood impacts including delays, noise pollution and safety impacts. The Project will improve the reliability of the UPRR system by eliminating the potential for vehicle or pedestrian versus train accidents and to allow for expansion of the rail corridor without additional public safety or neighborhood impacts associated with at-grade crossing.

RCTC and the City are requesting to program \$3.6 million in TCIF funding from various project savings, thereby increasing the TCIF programmed amount from \$8.5 million to \$12.1 million. Additionally, the estimated Right of Way cost has decreased \$1.54 million, from \$8.432 million to \$6.892 million, based on updated settlement estimates and construction costs have increased \$3.753 million, from \$20.675 million to \$24.428 million based on final design estimates. The updated total project cost is now \$33.820 million as shown in the following table.

( DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS )									
FUND SOURCE	TOTAL	Totals by Fiscal Year				Totals by Project Phase			
		Prior	10/11	11/12	12/13	PA&ED	PS&E	R/W	CONST
<b>State Bond - Trade Corridor Improvement Funds (TCIF)</b>									
Current Approved	8,500				8,500				8,500
Change	3,600				3,600				3,600
Proposed	12,100				<b>12,100</b>				<b>12,100</b>
<b>RSTP – STP (Local) – Riverside County Transportation Commission</b>									
Current Approved	8,209	6,892			1,317			8,209	
Change	-1,317	0			-1,317			-1,317	
Proposed	<b>6,892</b>	6,892			<b>0</b>			<b>6,892</b>	
<b>Local Transportation Funds (LTF) – City of Riverside / UP Railroad</b>									
Current Approved	5,777	1,223			4,554	262	738	223	4,554
Change	-244	-223			-21	0	0	-223	-21
Proposed	<b>5,533</b>	<b>1,000</b>			<b>4,533</b>	262	738	<b>0</b>	<b>4,533</b>
<b>State Funds – PUC</b>									
Current Approved	5,000				5,000				5,000
Change	0				0				0
Proposed	5,000				5,000				5,000
<b>RCTC – Section 190 Match Funds</b>									
Current Approved	500				500				500
Change	-500				-500				-500
Proposed	<b>0</b>				<b>0</b>				<b>0</b>
<b>Local Funds – RCTC – TDA Grant</b>									
Current Approved	1,500	1,500				785	715		
Change	0	0				0	0		
Proposed	1,500	1,500				785	715		
<b>Federal DEMO – SAFETEA-LU</b>									
Current Approved	160				160				160
Change	0				0				0
Proposed	160				160				160
<b>STP – Section 125 Funds</b>									
Current Approved	570				570				570
Change	0				0				0
Proposed	570				570				570
<b>STP – Section 129 Funds</b>									
Current Approved	1,391				1,391				1,391
Change	0				0				0
Proposed	1,391				1,391				1,391
<b>RSTP-STP Local (STPL) – RCTC</b>									
Current Approved	0				0				0
Change	674				674				674
Proposed	674				674				674
<b>TOTAL</b>									
Current Approved	31,607	9,615			21,992	1,047	1,453	8,432	20,675
Change	2,213	-223			2,436	0	0	-1,540	3,753
<b>Proposed</b>	<b>33,820</b>	<b>9,392</b>			<b>24,428</b>	1,047	1,453	<b>6,892</b>	<b>24,428</b>

**RESOLUTION TCIF-P-1213-55**

Be it Resolved, that the California Transportation Commission does hereby amend the Proposition 1B Trade Corridors Improvement Fund Baseline Agreement for Project 51, Riverside Avenue Grade Separation (PPNO 1127), in accordance with the changes described and illustrated above.

Attachment



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Attachment

March 18, 2013

Mr. Andre Boutros  
Executive Director  
California Transportation Commission  
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Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Boutros:

The Southern California Consensus Group has discussed and approved the changes requested by our partner agency. It is our understanding that the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) is requesting to amend their Baseline Agreement. The amendment is requested due to an increase in Proposition 1B funds, increased construction costs, and a decrease in right of way costs. They are also requesting to reprogram \$3.6 Million from other RCTC project cost savings to the Riverside Avenue Grade Separation Project. The proposed modifications do not change the TCIF funds for RCTC.

Please see the attached letter 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,

  
Shahrzad Amiri  
Deputy Executive Officer

cc: Southern California Consensus Group  
Stephen Maller