

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: May 21, 2014

Reference No.: 4.8
Action

From: ANDRE BOUTROS
Executive Director

Subject: **TRADE CORRIDORS IMPROVEMENT FUND PROGRAM AMENDMENT
RESOLUTION TCIF-P-1314-15**

ISSUE:

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) amend the Trade Corridors Improvement Fund (TCIF) Program by adding the *Fairfield/Vacaville Intermodal Station Project* to the TCIF Program as TCIF Project 103 at a cost of \$11 million in TCIF funds in the Northern California Corridor element of the TCIF Program?

RECOMMENDATION:

Commission staff recommends that the Commission approve the proposed TCIF Program Amendment to add into the TCIF Program Project 103, the *Fairfield/Vacaville Intermodal Station Project*.

BACKGROUND:

The Northern California Trade Corridor Coalition (NCTCC) and the City of Fairfield propose to amend the TCIF Program by including the *Fairfield/Vacaville Intermodal Station Project* as Project 103 in the Northern California Corridor element of the TCIF Program and program \$11 million of TCIF funds to the project.

The proposed \$11 million in TCIF funds will: remove a two-lane at grade crossing and construct a six-lane overpass over the Union Pacific Railroad tracks at Peabody Road; make improvements to the mainline, siding, and spur tracks; and make upgrades to the signal control system. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$71.8 million.

The NCTCC supports the proposed amendment to the TCIF Program (see attached letter).



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Dear Mr. Boutros:

The Northern California Trade Corridors Coalition (Coalition) is in support of the City of Fairfield's Trade Corridor Improvement Fund (TCIF) baseline agreement for the Fairfield/Vacaville Intermodal Station project in Solano County.

Fairfield/Vacaville Intermodal Station ("Project"):

The City of Fairfield requests programming a new TCIF project using \$11 million in TCIF-Bond funds. The Project elements proposed for TCIF funding will improve safety and traffic congestion near the proposed Fairfield/Vacaville Intermodal Station by constructing grade separations and improving the Union Pacific Railroad mainline track between the Bay Area and Sacramento. The total construction cost for the entire Intermodal Station project is about \$70 million, and the Project will be Ready to List (RTL) in June 2014. The City expects to advertise the project after RTL, with project award in Fall 2014.

The Coalition met on March 14, 2014 and supports the proposed baseline agreement to program the new Intermodal Station project with \$11 million in TCIF-Bond funds. This amount will come from the Coalition's unprogrammed balance of TCIF-Bond funds. We recommend that the CTC consider the programming of the Project at its May 2014 meeting, with allocation to be considered by the June 2014 CTC meeting.

Should you have any questions or comments, please contact Kenneth Kao of my staff at (510) 817-5768 or kkao@mtc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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