

Memorandum

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To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: December 10, 2014

Reference No.: 4.7
Action

From: ANDRE BOUTROS
Executive Director

Subject: **TRADE CORRIDORS IMPROVEMENT FUND PROGRAM AMENDMENT
RESOLUTION TCIF-P-1415-03**

ISSUE:

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) amend the Trade Corridors Improvement Fund (TCIF) Program to add the *Vincent Siding Extension at CP Quartz and Second Platform at Vincent/Acton Grade Station Project* as TCIF Project 106 at a cost of \$8.2 million in TCIF funds and add the *Southbound State Route 99 Hammer Lane to Fremont Street Interchanges Ramp Metering Project* as TCIF Project 107 at a cost of \$2 million in TCIF/SHOPP funds?

RECOMMENDATION:

Commission staff recommends the Commission approve the proposed TCIF Program Amendment to add into the TCIF Program projects 106 and 107: *The Vincent Siding Extension at CP Quartz and Second Platform at Vincent/Acton Grade Station Project* and *the Southbound State Route 99 Hammer Lane to Fremont Street Interchanges Ramp Metering Project*.

BACKGROUND:

Project 106

The Southern California Consensus Group (SCCG) and the Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA) propose to amend the TCIF Program by including the Vincent Siding Extension at CP Quartz and Second Platform at Vincent/Acton Grade Station Project as Project 106 in the Los Angeles/Inland Corridor element of the TCIF Program and program \$8.2 million of TCIF funds to the project.

The proposed \$8.2 million in TCIF funds will extend the existing siding by approximately 5,000 feet and construct a second platform including an at-grade crossing located adjacent to the Vincent Siding Track. The improvements will enable trains to either meet or pass other trains. The project will increase freight throughput, operational reliability and flexibility. Since award savings in TCIF funds were realized in the Los Angeles/Inland Corridor, the SCCG and SCRRA proposed to place TCIF savings on this project (see attached letters). The total cost of the project is estimated at \$17.4 million.

Project 107

The Northern California Trade Corridor Coalition (NCTCC), San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG) and Department of Transportation propose to amend the TCIF program by including the *Southbound State Route 99 Hammer Lane to Fremont Street Interchanges Ramp Metering Project* as Project 107 in the Northern California Corridor element of the TCIF Program and program \$2 million of TCIF/SHOPP funds to the project.

The SR99 Ramp Metering Project will install ramp meters at six ramp locations from Hammer Lane to Fremont Street on Southbound SR99. This project complements existing TCIF Project (#101) on SR99 that will install ramp meters on Northbound SR99. The ramp metering will improve traffic flow and reduce congestion on SR99 which is considered the main transportation route for agricultural products in the Central Valley. Since additional award savings in TCIF/SHOPP funds were realized in the Northern California Corridor Region, the NCTCC, SJCOG and Caltrans propose to program \$2 million in TCIF/SHOPP funds to this project (see attached letters). The total cost of the project is estimated at \$8.41 million.

October 7, 2014

Mr. Andre Boutros
Executive Director
California Transportation Commission
1120 N Street, Room 2221, MS-52
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Request to Program and Approve the Baseline Agreement for the Vincent Siding and 2nd Platform Project at the December 10, 2014 CTC Meeting

Dear Andre:

I am writing to request the California Transportation Commission approve the Southern California Regional Rail Authority's (SCRRA) request to place the Vincent siding extension at CP Quartz and a second platform at the Vincent Grade/Acton Station project on its December 10, 2014 meeting agenda. This project is located on the Antelope Valley Line, the busiest shared passenger and freight route that SCRRA dispatches.

This project will allow a freight train to meet or pass another freight or commuter train instead of holding for it, thereby increasing throughput and operational reliability and flexibility. As a result of this project, eight weekday freight trains originating or terminating at the Los Angeles Trailer and Container Intermodal facility, located about 1.5 miles from Los Angeles Union Station, could be rerouted from the Colton Cutoff freight route onto the Antelope Valley Line. This shaves 75 miles off each trip, thereby reducing congestion and emissions. This an exciting project that generates significant goods movement benefits for a modest investment.

As you know from previous correspondence from the Southern California Consensus Group, the requested total is \$8.2M in Prop 1B Trade Corridors Improvement Fund funding for the construction of the project. LAMetro is providing a matching amount of \$8.2M. Again, the project is ready for programming and baseline agreement approval. Per process requirements, we are submitting a request to Caltrans for allocation of this project in the same month.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Anne Louise Rice, Assistant Director, Grants at ricea@scrra.net or 213-452-0211.

Sincerely,



Michael P. DePallo
Chief Executive Officer

cc: Stephen Maller





Metro

October 9, 2014

Mr. Andre Boutros
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Dear Mr. Boutros:

The Southern California Consensus Group has discussed and is in agreement with the revised TCIF programming requested by our partner agency. It is our understanding that the Southern California Regional Rail Authority, operator of Metrolink commuter rail service is requesting to seek funding of \$8,200,000 in Trade Corridor Improvement Funds (TCIF) for a new project; the construction of the Vincent Siding Extension at CP Quartz and 2nd Platform at the Vincent Grade/Acton Station.

Please see the attached letter detailing the revised programming request. We understand they will seek programming, baseline agreement and allocation approval at the December 20, 2014 meeting. Please direct any questions or comments regarding this issue to me at (213) 922-2887.

We appreciate the ongoing support and guidance provided by you and your staff.

Sincerely,

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Deputy Executive Officer

cc: Southern California Consensus Group
Stephen Maller

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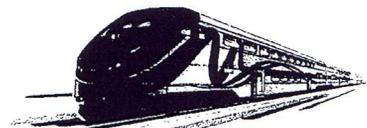
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November 11, 2014

Mr. Andre Boutros
Executive Director
California Transportation Commission
1120 N. Street, Room 2233, MS-52
Sacramento, CA 95814-5605

Dear Mr. Boutros:

On behalf of the San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOC) I am nominating the project known as the State Route 99 Hammer Lane to Fremont Interchange Ramp Metering Project for inclusion in the Proposition 1B Trade Corridors Improvement Fund (TCIF) Bond Program.

This project is located in San Joaquin County on State Route 99 between the Hammer Lane and Fremont interchanges in the City of Stockton. The project will specifically install ramp meters at six ramp locations for the Hammer Lane, Cherokee Road, Waterloo Road (SR 88) NB & SB, and Fremont Street (SR 26) interchanges. This project complements the northbound 99 TCIF Ramp Metering Project currently in the construction phase. These interchanges serve as the primary goods movement corridors to local commercial businesses and to the rural mountain counties, San Joaquin Valley counties, and San Francisco Bay Area. The installation of ramp meters at these locations will complete the interchanges and will continue to ease congestion, maintain level of service, and improve air quality along the State Route 99 Corridor that supports a high percentage of truck traffic delivering goods with state, national, and international destinations.

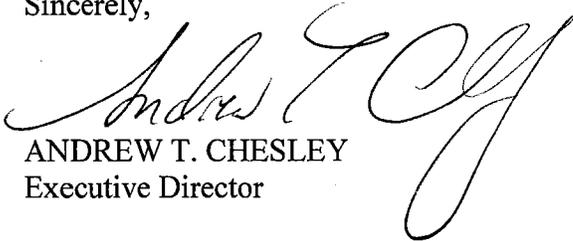
The TCIF application has been developed in partnership with the Northern California Trade Corridor Coalition and the California Department of Transportation. The Department will serve as the implementing agency for this project. The Southbound State Route 99 Ramp Metering Project has been included and endorsed as a Tier I Project for TCIF SHOPP funding by the participating agencies in the Northern California Trade Coalition.

As always we stand ready to meet with you and Commission staff to further review the project and answer any questions you may have at your earliest convenience. Please feel free to contact me if you require additional information or wish to meet.

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Andre Boutros
November 11, 2014

Thank you again for the opportunity to submit this project for consideration as part of the Proposition 1B TCIF Program.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director



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Dear Mr. Boutros:

The Northern California Trade Corridors Coalition (Coalition) is in support of the Caltrans's Trade Corridor Improvement Fund (TCIF) baseline agreement for the SR-99 Southbound Ramp Metering project in San Joaquin County.

SR-99 Southbound Ramp Metering ("Project"):

Caltrans requests programming a new TCIF project using \$2 million in SHOPP funds. The Project proposes to improve traffic congestion on SR-99 in San Joaquin County by installing ramp meters on Southbound SR-99 at four locations from Hammer Lane to Fremont Street. This project complements the existing TCIF project on SR-99 that will install ramp meters on Northbound SR-99. Ramp meters are a proven low-cost improvement that improve traffic flow and reduce congestion on the main line highway. The total construction cost is \$2.325 million, and the Project will be Ready to List (RTL) in December 2014. Caltrans expects to advertise the project after RTL, with project award in Spring 2015.

The Coalition met in May 2014 and supports the proposed baseline agreement to program the new interchange project with \$2 million in TCIF-SHOPP funds. This amount will come from the Coalition's pending de-allocations of SHOPP funds at the December 2014 CTC Meeting. We recommend that the CTC consider the programming of the Project at its December 2014 meeting, with allocation to be considered in early 2015.

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

Sincerely,

Anne Richman
Director, Programming and Allocations

cc: Northern California Coalition agencies
Stephen Maller, CTC
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