

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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Action Item

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Subject: **TRADE CORRIDORS IMPROVEMENT FUND-PROJECT BASELINE AMENDMENT
RESOLUTION TCIF-P-1112-18, AMENDING RESOLUTION TCIF-P-1112-07**

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 75, Southline Rail Improvements – Mainline Improvements (PPNO 1012) in San Diego County. The San Diego Border Region Consensus Group concurs with this amendment and the requested changes.

ISSUE:

The San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) proposes to amend the TCIF Project Baseline Agreement for Project 75, Southline Rail Improvements – Mainline Improvements (Southline) to update the schedule for Phase III, move a portion of Phase IV work to Phase III, and update the cost for both phases.

BACKGROUND:

The Southline project, located in the cities of San Diego, National City and Chula Vista, will increase freight capacity (goods movement) on the South Line. Demand for goods movement by rail, especially from northern Baja California, will soon surpass the existing capacity of the South Line. Regional consumption of bulk commodities, along with demand for these same commodities in northern Baja California, Mexico, has been and is expected to continue to increase. Increasing freight service will accommodate this capacity demand and prevent the diversion of much of this traffic to trucks, which would tax the already congested border crossings, regional freeways, and arterials.

The project was adopted in the TCIF Program by the Commission on April 10, 2008. A Baseline Agreement was executed between SANDAG, the Department, and the Commission, and approved on October 29, 2008, under Resolution TCIF-P-0809-04B. An amendment to the Baseline Agreement was approved on April 7, 2010, under Resolution TCIF-P-0910-08, to split the project into three phases and update the delivery schedule. Environmental approval for future consideration of funding was approved by the Commission on April 8, 2010 under Resolution E-10-30, and allocations were approved for Phases I and II on January 10, 2011, under Resolution TCIF-A-1011-02. A second amendment to the Baseline Agreement was approved on September 15, 2011, under Resolution TCIF-P-1112-07 to split Phase III, into Phases III and IV.

Refined Scope for Phase III and Phase IV

This proposed amendment will move a portion of the Phase IV work ahead into Phase III which will allow for more efficient construction efforts and lessen the impacts to the operators and community. The overall scope and benefits of the project remain as committed to by SANDAG in the original Baseline Agreement.

The following elements, which had been programmed for Phase IV, will now be included in Phase III:

- A portion of the siding track, approximately 1,750 feet, from the new turnout to just south of Anita Street.
- Improvements to an industry spur track including reconstruction of an existing turnout and approximately 150 feet of track.
- Replacement of the existing siding grade crossing at Anita Street. The grade crossing will now be completely reconstructed in Phase III, rather than in two parts across two phases.

Revised Schedule for Phase III

The proposed amendment will revise the Phase III “End Design Date” and the “End Closeout Date” to allow for the addition of the added scope elements from Phase IV. There are no changes to the Phase IV schedule.

Phase III – Palomar Siding and Mainline Track Improvements

Project Milestone	Current Approved	Proposed	Change
Begin Environmental Phase	Jul. 2008	Jul. 2008	No Change
End Environmental Phase	Apr. 2010	Apr. 2010	No Change
Begin Design Phase	Aug. 2009	Aug. 2009	No Change
End Design Phase	Nov. 2011	Mar. 2012	4 Months
Begin Right of Way Phase	N/A	N/A	N/A
End Right of Way Phase	N/A	N/A	N/A
Begin Construction Phase	Aug. 2012	Aug. 2012	No Change
End Construction Phase	Mar. 2014	Mar. 2014	No Change
Begin Closeout Phase	Mar. 2014	Mar. 2014	No Change
End Closeout Phase	Oct. 2014	Mar. 2015	5 Months

Revised Cost for Phase III and Phase IV

The overall TCIF funding remains as originally programmed at \$98,060,000. Additionally, there are no changes to the overall project cost at \$107,030,000. The revised funding breakdown for Phase III and Phase IV is due to the shift of scope elements and is shown in the following tables:

(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS) Phase III										
FUND SOURCE	TOTAL	Totals by Fiscal Year					Totals by Project Phase			
		Prior	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	PA&ED	PS&E	R/W	CONST
State Funds (TCIF)										
Current Approved	4,000			4,000						4,000
Change	1,400			1,400						1,400
Proposed	5,400			5,400						5,400
TOTAL										
Current Approved	4,000			4,000						4,000
Change	1,400			1,400						1,400
Proposed	5,400			5,400						5,400

(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS) Phase IV										
FUND SOURCE	TOTAL	Totals by Fiscal Year					Totals by Project Phase			
		Prior	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	PA&ED	PS&E	R/W	CONST
State Funds (TCIF)										
Current Approved	68,060					68,060				68,060
Change	(1,400)					(1,400)				(1,400)
Proposed	66,660					66,660				66,660
Local Funds (Port Funds)										
Current Approved	8,970*	8,970					220	8,750		
Change	0	0					0	0		
Proposed	8,970*	8,970					220	8,750		
TOTAL										
Current Approved	77,030	8,970				68,060	220	8,750		
Change	(1,400)	0				(1,400)	0	0		
Proposed	75,630	8,970				66,660	220	8,750		

*\$8,970 in PAED and PSE costs covers all four phases.

RESOLUTION TCIF-P-1112-18

Be it Resolved, that the California Transportation Commission does hereby amend the Trade Corridors Improvement Fund Baseline Agreement for Project 75, Southline Rail Improvements – Mainline Improvements (PPNO 1012), in accordance with the changes as described and illustrated.

Attachment



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December 21, 2011

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Dear Ms. Clauson:

SUBJECT: South Line/Mainline Baseline Agreement Amendment and \$5.4M Allocation Request

Please accept this letter of support for the attached documents outlining Baseline Agreement adjustments and a \$5.4M budget allocation for the South Line/Mainline Rail (South Line) Project at the February 2012 California Transportation Commission (CTC) meeting.

In September 2011, the CTC approved a Baseline Agreement Amendment for the Trade Corridors Improvement Fund (TCIF) Program South Line Project, which allowed the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) to divide the Project into 4 phases. The attached materials outline how Phases 1 and 2 of the Project are currently in construction and have received an allocation of TCIF Program funds. This proposed amendment to the 2011 Amended Baseline Agreement would move a portion of the Phase 4 scope ahead into Phase 3 scope and update the 'End Design Phase (RTL)' date for Phase 3. The proposed changes included in this Amendment will allow for more efficient construction efforts and lessen the impacts to the operators and community. The \$5.4M allocation request will support this work, which we are advancing into Phase 3 of the overall Project.

The overall South Line project scope remains within the parameters of the original CTC-approved project and, as such, will deliver the benefits (outcomes) committed to by SANDAG as part of the original Baseline Agreement; the overall TCIF amount would remain \$98.06M; and the total project cost of \$107.3M also remains the same.

Approval of this request will ensure that the construction schedules for this Project can move forward. Thank you for your attention to this request and our TCIF team is available to address any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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Attachments

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