

# Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS  
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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Action Item

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Subject: **HIGHWAY-RAILROAD CROSSING SAFETY ACCOUNT PROJECT BASELINE  
AMENDMENT  
RESOLUTION GS1B-P-1112-08, AMENDING RESOLUTION GS1B-P-0809-03B,  
RESOLUTION GS1B-P-1011-01 AND RESOLUTION GS1B-P-1011-08B**

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

The California Department of Transportation recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve a baseline agreement amendment for the Proposition 1B Highway-Railroad Crossing Safety Account (HRCSA) Broadway Brazil Grade Crossing Improvement project to update project cost, funding, scope and schedule.

## **ISSUE:**

At its meeting in November 2010, the Commission programmed \$4,005,000 in the 2010 HRCSA program for the Broadway Brazil Grade Crossing Improvement project. The Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA) is requesting an amendment to the original baseline agreement, which was approved by the Commission at its March 2011 meeting. There are changes in project funding, scope and schedule for the project. The project is located in Los Angeles County on the Pacific Surfliner Corridor.

The approved project was to construct rail-highway grade crossing improvements for the Broadway-Brazil Street crossing of the Pacific Surfliner/Antelope Valley Line. The majority of the original project is located within the city of Glendale, with a small portion in the city of Los Angeles. SCRRA, however, owns the right of way to the railroad tracks throughout the entire project area. SCRRA was unable to come to an agreement with the City of Los Angeles on indemnification provisions, as required. As a result, all parts of the project located within the city of Los Angeles have been removed from the project scope, including signalization of the existing stop-controlled intersection.

The project benefits of safety and train service reliability remain unchanged. However, it is possible that the emission reductions and the capacity increases may be reduced in magnitude since the existing stop-controlled intersection within the city of Los Angeles will not be signalized.

Because the portions of the project that lie within the city of Los Angeles will not be constructed, design changes were necessary that further delayed the project. The start of construction is now scheduled for March 2012, instead of July 2011. The decreased project scope has resulted in an overall reduction in project costs of \$596,000. HRCSA project funding has been reduced proportionally by \$266,633. Revised funding for the project is shown in the following table.

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Original Amt</b>	<b>Revised Amt</b>
HRCSA	\$4,005,000	\$3,738,367
SCRRA Federal Earmark	\$729,401	\$729,401
Glendale Local Funds	\$2,104,000	\$1,831,000
Section 130	\$800,000	\$954,784
STIP	\$51,952	\$51,952
Glendale Federal Earmark	\$640,000	0
PTA	\$770,000	\$670,000
California TSGP	0	\$267,647
LACMTA	0	\$261,633
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b>\$9,100,353</b>	<b>\$8,504,784</b>

**RESOLUTION GS1B-P-1112-03B:**

Be it Resolved, that the California Transportation Commission does hereby amend the Proposition 1B Highway-Railroad Crossing Safety Account Program baseline agreement for the Broadway Brazil Grade Crossing Improvement project, in accordance with the changes described above and illustrated below.

<b>BASELINE</b> (numbers in thousands)						
<b>Dst</b>	<b>Cnty</b>	<b>Nominator</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Con Start</b>	<b>Proj Cost</b>	<b>HRCSA Aproved</b>
07	LA	SCRRA	<del>Broadway Brazil Grade Crossing Improvement</del>	July-11	9,100	4,005
07	LA	SCRRA	Broadway Brazil Grade Crossing Improvement	Mar-12	8,504	3,738