

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: May 23, 2012

Reference No.: 2.5g.(9c)
Action Item

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Subject: **FINANCIAL ALLOCATION AMENDMENT FOR PROPOSITION 1B HIGHWAY-RAILROAD CROSSING SAFETY ACCOUNT PROJECT RESOLUTION GS1B-AA-1112-005, AMENDING RESOLUTON GS1B-A-0910-006**

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission) amend Resolution GS1B-A-0910-006 to deallocate a total of \$3,739,000 in Proposition 1B Highway-Railroad Crossing Safety Account (HRCSA) funds from two projects, reducing the original overall allocation of \$25,650,000 to \$21,911,000 due to project savings.

ISSUE:

At its May 2010 meeting, the Commission approved Resolution GS1B-0910-006 allocating \$25,650,000 to the County of Kern and to Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) for two locally-administered Proposition 1B HRCSA Program projects.

The Hageman Road/BNSF project was allocated \$17,650,000. The project was awarded on November 30, 2010, and based on a revised cost estimate attributed to favorable construction pricing; there is a project cost savings of \$2,375,000, thereby reducing the original HRCSA construction allocation for the project of \$17,650,000 to \$15,293,000.

The Sand Canyon Grade Separation project was also allocated \$8,000,000. This project was awarded on September 7, 2011, and based on a revised cost estimate attributed to favorable construction pricing; there is a project cost savings of \$1,382,000, thereby reducing the original HRCSA construction allocation of \$8,000,000 to \$6,618,000

The proposed changes are reflected in strikethrough and bold underline on the attached revised vote list.

RESOLUTION:

Be it Resolved, that the \$25,650,000 in Proposition 1B Highway-Railroad Crossing Safety Account (HRCSA) funds originally allocated under GS1B-A-0910-006 for the Hageman Road/BNSF and the Sand Canyon Grade Separation projects, is hereby amended by \$3,739,000 reducing the overall HRCSA amount construction allocation to \$21,911,000 in accordance with the attached revised vote boxes.

Attachment

2.5 Highway Financial Matters

Project # Allocation Amount Recipient RTPA/CTC District-County	Project Title Project Description	EA PPNO Program/Year Phase Prgm'd Amount	Budget Year Item # Fund Type Program Code	Amount by Fund Type
2.5g.(9c) Proposition 1B – Allocation Amendment - Locally Administered HRCSA Projects off the State Highway System		Resolution GS1B-AA-1112-005 Amending Resolution GS1B-A-0910-006		
1 \$17,650,000 \$15,293,000 County of Kern KCOG 06-Kern	Hageman Road/BNSF Grade Separation. In Kern County, on Hageman Road and Allen Road. Construct grade separation to re-establish a direct connection of Allen Road, eliminating circuitous routing to Hageman Road and continue to the north providing continuity to the traveling public. A railroad underpass on Hageman Road and Allen Road are both required to replace the current crossing. Replace an at-grade crossing. (CEQA-SE, July 2009) <u>Outcome/Output:</u> The project will eliminate public safety hazards; alleviate traffic congestion and degradation of air quality. <u>Amend Resolution GS1B-A-0910-006 to de-allocate \$2,357,000 HRCSA CONST to reflect project savings.</u>	H013BA HRCSA/09-10 CONST \$17,650,000 \$15,293,000	2007-08 104-6063 HRCSA 20.30.010.400	\$17,650,000 \$15,293,000
2 \$8,000,000 \$6,618,000 Orange County Transportation Authority OCTA 12-Orange	Sand Canyon Grade Separation Project. In the city of Irvine, at Sand Canyon Avenue and the Southern California Regional Rail Authority railroad tracks. Construct a grade crossing; replace existing at-grade crossing with an underpass and a double track railroad bridge. (CEQA-SE, April 2001; NEPA-CE, May 2003) <u>Outcome/Output:</u> The project would result in safety benefits due to elimination of conflicts and the significant reduction in potential for accidents between trains. The project would provide benefits to vehicle traffic by eliminating traffic congestion. <u>Amend Resolution GS1B-A-0910-006 to de-allocate \$1,382,000 HRCSA CONST to reflect project savings.</u>	H018BA HRCSA/09-10 CONST \$8,000,000 \$6,618,000	2007-08 104-6063 HRCSA 20.30.010.400	\$8,000,000 \$6,618,000