

# Memorandum

**To:** CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS  
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

**CTC Meeting:** May 23, 2012

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Action Item

**From:** NORMA ORTEGA  
Chief Financial Officer

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**Subject:** **TRADE CORRIDORS IMPROVEMENT FUND-PROJECT BASELINE AMENDMENT  
RESOLUTION TCIF-P-1112-42, AMENDING RESOLUTIONS TCIF-P-1011-14 AND  
TCIF-P-0809-01B**

## **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 17, Alameda Corridor East (ACE): Gateway - Valley View Grade Separation Project (PPNO TC17). The Southern California Consensus Group concurs with this amendment and the requested changes.

## **ISSUE:**

The City of Santa Fe Springs (City) proposes to amend the TCIF Project Baseline Agreement for Project 17, ACE: Gateway - Valley View Grade Separation (Valley View) project, to update the funding plan and project delivery schedule.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The project is programmed with \$25,570,000 of TCIF funds, under the TCIF Program of Projects, adopted by the Commission on April 10, 2008. A Project Baseline Agreement executed by the Department, the Commission, and the City was approved on August 28, 2008, under Resolution TCIF-P-0809-01B. A Project Baseline Agreement Amendment was approved January 20, 2011, under Resolution TCIF-P-1011-14, to revise the project schedule and funding plan.

The purpose of the project is to increase the efficiency of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railroad main East-West corridor to accommodate the existing number of trains utilizing this corridor, future increases in the speed and volume of freight service, and planned passenger rail service. The Valley View project contributes to these objectives by removing an existing at-grade crossing where accidents have created a high level of safety concern.

The Valley View project is a crucial component of a regional strategy to allow unimpeded flow of international trade while maximizing safety and efficiency for all transportation modes. Valley View Avenue is a major regional arterial carrying 35,000 vehicles per day and traffic flow will be improved by this grade separation. Additionally, the project is expected to reduce air pollution associated with idling vehicles and will eliminate the noise of train whistles now being sounded at this location.

The schedule for construction has been delayed because more time was required to obligate federal funding than originally anticipated. State and federal transportation programs have been amended to accurately reflect the current project schedule and programming. The City's Request for Authorization to Proceed with Construction (E-76) was approved by the Federal Highway Administration on March 16, 2012. The project was advertised on March 29, 2012, and the City is committed to awarding a construction contract by May 31, 2012.

The following table provides a list of the project's milestones with current approved and proposed delivery schedule:

<b>Project Milestone</b>	<b>Current Approved</b>	<b>Proposed</b>	<b>Change</b>
Begin Environmental Phase			
End Environmental Phase	09/12/2005		Approved Res. E-05-16
Begin Design Phase	09/01/2005		No Change
End Design Phase	12/31/2010		No Change – Completed
Begin Right of Way Phase	07/01/2006		No Change
End Right of Way Phase	12/31/2010		No Change – Completed
Begin Construction Phase	05/01/2011	05/31/2012	1 Year
End Construction Phase	08/01/2013	08/31/2014	1 Year
Begin Closeout	08/01/2013	09/01/2014	1 Year
End Closeout	10/01/2013	11/30/2014	1 Year

The City also requests an update to the project funding plan. Additional Right of Way funds are needed to cover higher than anticipated acquisition costs stemming from eminent domain proceedings. Design costs increased due to completing a Constructability Review and revising the plans to reflect changes in the bridge structure as requested by BNSF. Construction costs have been adjusted to reflect current market conditions for steel and concrete, resulting in a decrease in the estimated construction cost. Although the overall project cost has not changed, the costs for design, right of way acquisition and construction needed adjustment to reflect the current status, as shown in the following table.

( DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS )									
FUND SOURCE	TOTAL	Totals by Fiscal Year				Totals by Project Phase			
		Prior	10/11	11/12	12/13	PA&ED	PS&E	R/W	CONST
<b>State Funds (TCIF)</b>									
Current Approved	25,570		25,570						25,570
Change	0		0						0
Proposed	25,570		25,570						25,570
<b>TCRP (Committed) – Traffic Congestion Relief Fund (TCRF)</b>									
Current Approved	23,698	5,954	17,744				3,600	2,354	17,744
Change	0	0	0				0	0	0
Proposed	23,698	5,954	17,744				3,600	2,354	17,744
<b>Other State – State PUC (STA-PUC)</b>									
Current Approved	5,000		2,500	2,500			0	0	5,000
Change	0		-2,500	2,500			400	3,581	-3,981
Proposed	5,000		0	5,000			400	3,581	1,019
<b>Demo – TEA21 (DEMO-T21)</b>									
Current Approved	2,000	2,000						2,000	
Change	0	0						0	
Proposed	2,000	2,000						2,000	
<b>Demo – State TEA21 (DEMO-S21)</b>									
Current Approved	800			800					800
Change	0			0					0
Proposed	800			800					800
<b>Demo – High Priority Projects Program (DEMO-ST)</b>									
Current Approved	720			720					720
Change	0			0					0
Proposed	720			720					720
<b>Local Rail – STP Railroad Local ( STPR-L)</b>									
Current Approved	2,900			2,900				846	2,054
Change	0			0				0	0
Proposed	2,900			2,900				846	2,054
<b>CMAQ – Congestion Mitigation</b>									
Current Approved	14,489		14,489					6,500	7,989
Change	0		0					0	0
Proposed	14,489		14,489					6,500	7,989
<b>TOTAL</b>									
Current Approved	75,177	7,954	60,303	6,920			3,600	11,700	59,877
Change	0	0	-2,500	2,500			400	3,581	-3,981
Proposed	75,177	7,954	57,803	9,420			4,000	15,281	55,896

**RESOLUTION TCIF-P-1112-42**

Be it Resolved, that the California Transportation Commission does hereby amend the Trade Corridors Improvement Fund Baseline Agreement for Project 17, ACE: Gateway - Valley View Grade Separation project (PPNO TC17), in accordance with the changes described and illustrated above.

Attachment

May 23, 2012

Attachment

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February 1, 2012

Ms. Bimla G. Rhinehart  
Executive Director  
California Transportation Commission  
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Sacramento, CA 94273-0001

Dear Ms. Rhinehart:

The Southern California Consensus Group has discussed and approved the changes requested by our partner agency. It is our understanding that the City of Santa Fe Springs is requesting approval of an amendment of their Baseline Agreement for TCIF project #17, ACE: Gateway – Valley View Avenue Grade Separation Project. The amendment requested impacts the project schedule and Right-of-way cost, and does not modify the TCIF funds for the project.

Please see the attached letter from the City of Santa Fe Springs detailing the requested changes. Please direct any questions or comments regarding this issue to me at (213) 922-3061.

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

Sincerely,

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Deputy Executive Director

cc: Southern California Consensus Group  
Maura Twomey