

# Memorandum

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

**CTC Meeting:** June 27-28, 2012

**Reference No.:** 2.1c.(5d)  
Action Item

**From:** NORMA ORTEGA  
Chief Financial Officer

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**Subject:** **TRADE CORRIDORS IMPROVEMENT FUND-PROJECT BASELINE AMENDMENT  
RESOLUTION TCIF-P-1112-47, AMENDING RESOLUTION TCIF-P-0809-04B**

## **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 47, Streeter Avenue Grade Separation (PPNO 1123). The Southern California Consensus Group concurs with this amendment and the requested changes.

## **ISSUE:**

The City of Riverside (City) proposes to amend the TCIF Project Baseline Agreement for Project 47, Streeter Avenue Grade Separation (Project), to update the delivery schedule, cost, and funding plan.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The Project was adopted into the TCIF Program by the Commission on April 10, 2008. A Project Baseline Agreement executed between the Department, the Commission, and the City was approved on October 29, 2008, under Resolution TCIF-P-0809-04B.

The Project will construct a four-lane grade separation at the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) Los Angeles Subdivision (LA SUB) Mainline at Streeter Avenue in the city. The Project will eliminate impacts from the existing at-grade crossing including emergency vehicle response delays, greenhouse gases generated by traffic delayed by trains and adverse neighborhood impacts including delays, noise pollution, and safety impacts. The project will improve the reliability of the UPRR system by eliminating the potential for vehicle or pedestrian versus train accidents and to allow for expansion of the rail corridor without additional public safety or neighborhood impacts.

The schedule updates are as follows: the completion of environmental took one month longer than estimated; design was delayed eight months pending completion of right of way (ROW) and extended an additional month to include production of the final plans and specifications for bidding purposes. Completion of ROW was delayed by seven months due to the environmental delay and unexpected complications with the acquisition of parcels with upside down mortgages. The City anticipates possession of all ROW parcels by May 27, 2012 and certification for the project by

June 1, 2012. Subsequently, construction has been delayed a total of 11 months. The City is on schedule to advertise the project in early August 2012 with contract award in October 2012 and start construction in November 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	02/01/2008	02/01/2008	No Change
End Environmental Phase	01/01/2010	02/08/2010	1 Month
Begin Design Phase	01/01/2010	02/08/2010	1 Month
End Design Phase	10/01/2011	07/01/2012	9 Months
Begin Right of Way Phase	01/01/2010	02/08/2010	1 Month
End Right of Way Phase	10/01/2011	06/01/2012	8 Months
Begin Construction Phase	01/01/2012	11/30/2012	11 Months
End Construction Phase	07/01/2013	05/30/2014	11 Months
Begin Closeout	07/01/2013	05/30/2014	11 Months
End Closeout	10/01/2013	11/30/2014	14 Months

The City also requests an update to the project funding plan. The estimated ROW cost has decreased by \$6.8 million, due to a drop in real estate prices. Construction costs have increased \$6 million, to account for higher than anticipated costs for railroad shoofly work, design complexities needed for two structures (one roadway and one railroad), and a storm water pump station. The overall total project cost has decreased from \$36.8 million to \$36 million, 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 Bond - Trade Corridor Improvement Funds (TCIF)</b>									
Current Approved	15,500			15,500					15,500
Change	0			0					0
Proposed	15,500			15,500					15,500
<b>Local Funds – City of Riverside</b>									
Current Approved	6,800	2,300	4,000	500		500	500	5,800	0
Change	1,888	888	-4,000	5,000		0	0	-3,612	5,500
Proposed	<b>8,688</b>	<b>3,188</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,500</b>		500	500	<b>2,188</b>	<b>5,500</b>
<b>Surface Transportation Program-Local (STPL)</b>									
Current Approved	7,500	3,500		4,000				3,500	4,000
Change	-2,188	1,812		-4,000				1,812	-4,000
Proposed	<b>5,312</b>	<b>5,312</b>		<b>0</b>				<b>5,312</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Local Funds – City of Riverside</b>									
Current Approved	5,000	5,000						5,000	
Change	-5,000	-5,000						-5,000	
Proposed	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>						<b>0</b>	
<b>Local Funds – Riverside County Transportation Commission</b>									
Current Approved	500			500					500
Change	-500			-500					-500
Proposed	<b>0</b>			<b>0</b>					<b>0</b>
<b>Local Funds – TDA Grant - Riverside County Transportation Commission</b>									
Current Approved	1,500	1,500				1,000	500		
Change	0	0				0	0		
Proposed	1,500	1,500				1,000	500		
<b>State PUC Funds</b>									
Current Approved	0			0					0
Change	5,000			5,000					5,000
Proposed	<b>5,000</b>			<b>5,000</b>					<b>5,000</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>									
Current Approved	36,800	12,300	4,000	20,500		1,500	1,000	14,300	20,000
Change	-800	-2,300	-4,000	5,500		0	0	-6,800	6,000
Proposed	<b>36,000</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>26,000</b>		1,500	1,000	<b>7,500</b>	<b>26,000</b>

**RESOLUTION TCIF-P-1112-47**

Be it Resolved, that the California Transportation Commission does hereby amend the Trade Corridors Improvement Fund Baseline Agreement for Project 47, Streeter Avenue Grade Separation Project (PPNO 1123), in accordance with the changes described and illustrated above.

Attachment



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May 15, 2012

Ms. Bimla G. Rhinehart  
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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 Riverside County Transportation Commission and the city of Riverside are requesting approval of an amendment of their Baseline Agreement for TCIF project #47, Streeter Avenue Grade Separation. The amendment requested impacts the funding plan and delays in the Environmental, Right of Way, PS&E, and Construction phases of the schedule. It does not modify the TCIF funds for the project.

Please see the attached letter from the Riverside County Transportation Commission 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  
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