

## MEMORANDUM

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS  
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: October 9, 2019

From: STEVEN KECK, Chief Financial Officer

Reference Number: 2.1a.(4)/2.6e.(1), Action Item

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Subject: **PROJECT AMENDMENT AND ALLOCATION AMENDMENT - TRAFFIC  
CONGESTION RELIEF PROGRAM  
RESOLUTION TAA-19-01, AMENDING RESOLUTION TAA-13-04  
RESOLUTION TFP-19-01, AMENDING RESOLUTION TFP-13-06**

### **ISSUE:**

The Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) is requesting to amend Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP) Project 14 - Commuter Rail Extension to Monterey County Project (PPNO 1155) to update the project schedule and reallocate \$314,319 for Plans, Specification, and Estimate (Design) and \$2,677,936 for Right of Way in previously allocated but unspent funds.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) amend the TCRP Project 14 - Commuter Rail Extension to Monterey County project to update the project schedule and also reallocate previously allocated funds.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The Commuter Rail Extension to Monterey County Project will provide extended rail service from the existing Caltrain terminus in Gilroy to Monterey County, including stations in Salinas, Castroville and Pajaro/Watsonville. It will relieve congestion and provide transportation alternatives for commuters traveling between Monterey County and southern Santa Cruz County to the San Francisco Bay area.

In September 2006 the Commission allocated \$4,258,0000 for Design and \$14,742,0000 for Right of Way, per Resolution TFP-06-20. At its May 2010 meeting, the Commission approved Resolution TAA-09-22 that extended the completion date for Design to June 30, 2011. At the

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May 2011 meeting, the Commission revised the project schedule and reallocated previously allocated Design and Right of Way funds due to delays in completing the environmental document. The delivery schedule for the completion of Design and Right of Way was revised again under Resolution TAA-11-08 (June 2012), and Resolution TAA-13-04 (June 2014).

The reason for further delays in utilizing the full amount of allocated TCRP funds is that more time is needed to secure approval of design plans from Caltrain and Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) and to acquire six properties including property easement owned by UPRR. Caltrain is currently reviewing the 75 percent design plans and TAMC also met with UPRR to request their consideration and review of the plans. Once Caltrain and UPRR have provided their comments a design team will be hired to complete the final design. After engagement in good faith parcel acquisition negotiations, which took a long period of time, TAMC's Board of Directors convened a Resolution Necessity Hearing in March 2017. After the hearing, property sellers were reassured, and many parcels were acquired via negotiated settlements, including a jury trial that ended in TAMC's favor in Spring 2019, which left a total six properties yet to be acquired. TAMC's right of way acquisition team subsequently prepared appraisals and offer packages and initiated negotiations for five of the six remaining property acquisitions. The remaining property easement acquisition is on-hold pending operations negotiations and the design plans review.

The approval of this request to revise the delivery schedule and to re-allocate the unspent TCRP funds will allow the TAMC to continue with the Design and Right of Way phases. The revised schedule is tabulated below.

Phase	Existing Completion Date	Proposed Completion Date
Design	June 2019	June 2021
Right of Way	June 2019	June 2021

**FINANCIAL RESOLUTION:**

Resolved, with all conditions stipulated still in effect, the Commission hereby revises TCRP Project 14 to reflect the changes described above; and

Be it further resolved that the Commission hereby approves a corresponding allocation amendment transferring previously allocated funds in accordance with the attached vote box; and

Be it further resolved that the project(s), as component phases or in their entirety, appear under Government Code Section 14556.40(a) and are entitled to participate in this allocation.

Reimbursement of eligible costs is subject to the policies, restrictions and assurances as set forth in the terms and conditions of the Fund Agreement, Program Supplement or Cooperative Agreement, and subsequent amendments to the same if required, as executed between the Implementing Agency and the Department.

Attachment

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2.6 Mass Transportation Financial Matters

Project #	Allocation Amount	BREF # and Project Description	Item #	Total Allocation
Implementing Agency		Description of Allocation	Program Code	Amount
District-County				
2.6e.(1) Allocation Amendments – Traffic Congestion Relief Program Allocations			<b>Resolution TFP-19-01,</b>	
			Amending Resolution TFP-13-06	
1	\$0	<b>Project #14 – Caltrain; extension to Salinas in Monterey County.</b>		
Transportation Agency for Monterey County 05 - Monterey		<b><u>Amend TFP-13-06 to re-allocate \$314,319 for Plans, Specifications and Estimate and \$2,677,936 for Right of Way. No change to the amounts previously allocated</u></b>	Chapter 91 of The Statutes of 2000  899-3007	\$0