

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: August 14-15, 2019

From: SUSAN BRANSEN, Executive Director

Reference Number: 4.19, Action

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Subject: Trade Corridors Improvement Fund Program Amendment to Revise the Avenue 66 / UP Grade Separation Bypass Project in Riverside County Resolution TCIF-P-1920-02

Issue:

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) amend the Trade Corridors Improvement Fund Program to update the Trade Corridors Improvement Fund Program amount to \$10.359 million for the Avenue 66 / UP Grade Separation Bypass Project in Riverside County?

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the Commission approve the Trade Corridors Improvement Fund Program amendment to update the Trade Corridors Improvement Fund Program amount to \$10.359 million for the Avenue 66 / UP Grade Separation Bypass Project in Riverside County.

Background:

In January 2016, the Commission programmed \$5.709 million in Trade Corridors Improvement Funds to the Avenue 66 / UP Grade Separation Bypass Project. At the time, the total project cost was estimated at \$39.080 million.

With the support of the Southern California Consensus Group, Riverside County requested to increase the Trade Corridors Improvement Fund Program amount by \$4.65 million and add an additional \$6.589 million in federal and local funds.

The engineer's estimate, refined in May 2019 at the end of the redesign process, identified the need for additional funds. The primary reasons for the increase in total project costs are due to the following: findings from the geotechnical studies that concluded the road and bridge foundations needed to be enlarged; retaining walls

needed to be added; and the substantial increase in construction and construction engineering costs since the last cost estimate.

The programmed Trade Corridors Improvement Funds for this project will increase from \$5.709 million to \$10.359 million and the total estimated project cost will increase from \$39.08 million to \$55.845 million.

The funding for this amendment is made available through savings generated from other projects programmed in the Trade Corridor Improvement Fund within the Los Angeles/Inland Corridor Region.

The Avenue 66 / UP Grade Separation Bypass Project will construct a new two-lane roadway alignment and elevated structure over the Union Pacific Railroad Lines, Hammond Road, and State Route 111, south of the existing Avenue 66 alignment. The new grade separated overcrossing will improve public safety and the efficiency and reliability of uninterrupted freight movement. In addition, this project will support the expanding agribusiness in the Coachella Valley.

Attachments

- Attachment A: Southern California Consensus Group support letter



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Attachment A
August 14-15, 2019

April 30, 2019

Ms. Susan Bransen
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Dear Ms. Bransen:

The Southern California Consensus Group has discussed and is in agreement with the Trade Corridors Improvement Fund (TCIF) Program amendment requested by our partner agency. It is our understanding that the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) is requesting approval to reprogram an estimated \$4.650 million of savings from completed TCIF projects to the RCTC Avenue 66/Union Pacific Railroad Grade Separation Bypass project from State Route 111 to Dale Kiler Road.

Please see the attached letter detailing the programming request. We understand RCTC intends to submit a formal request for consideration by the CTC at its June 2019 meeting. Please direct any questions or comments regarding this issue to me at (213) 418-3010.

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

Sincerely,

Michael Cano
Deputy Executive Officer

cc: Southern California Consensus Group
Stephan Maller
Dawn Cheser

Thank you!



April 23, 2019

Mr. Michael Cano
Deputy Executive Officer
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Los Angeles, CA 90012-2952

Re: Request to Reprogram Savings from Completed Prop 1B Trade Corridor Improvement Fund (TCIF) Projects to Avenue 66/Union Pacific Railroad Grade Separation Bypass Project

Dear Mr. Cano:

The Riverside County Transportation Commission (Commission) is requesting concurrence from the Southern California Consensus Group (SCCG) to reprogram an estimated \$4.650 million of savings from completed Prop 1B Trade Corridor Improvement Fund (TCIF) projects to the Riverside County's (County) Avenue 66/Union Pacific Railroad Grade Separation Bypass (Avenue 66 GS) project from State Route 111 to Dale Kiler Road at the June 26-27, 2019, California Transportation Commission (CTC) meeting.

Pending concurrence, Riverside County will submit a request to reprogram approximately \$4.650 million of closeout savings from the following TCIF projects to Avenue 66 GS:

- [#46] Sunset Avenue Grade Separation: \$890,000
- [#50] Grade Separation at Clay Street Railroad Grade Crossing: \$139,000
- [#53] Grade Separation at Magnolia Avenue Railroad Grade Crossing: \$1,003,000
- [#54] March Inland Cargo Port Airport-1215 Van Buren Boulevard – Ground Access Improvement: \$2,384,000
- [#85] Avenue 52 Grade Separation in City of Coachella: \$234,000

The Avenue 66 GS project received approval for \$5.709 million in TCIF at the January 2016 CTC meeting and the TCIF will be used to support an estimated \$7.566 million in additional construction phase costs identified by the latest Engineer's estimate. The total project cost increased from \$41.026 million to \$52.285 million.

This request is consistent with the CTC's TCIF policy to utilize program savings and the Avenue 66 GS project is on track for allocation of construction funds at the August 2019 CTC meeting.

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The Avenue 66 GS project is located in the Community of Mecca in eastern Riverside County where a new two lane grade separation bypass south of Avenue 66 beginning 2,800 feet east of State Route 86 and connecting back to Avenue 66 at Dale Kiler Road will be constructed. This improvement will be approximately 0.9 miles in length and will include an elevated structure over the UPRR, Hammond Road, and State Highway 111. The project also includes realigned connections to State Highway 111 and Lincoln Street.

The County is committed to delivering this project and is requesting concurrence from the SCCG, at which point the California Transportation Commission can consider this amendment request at its June meeting.

Please contact Shirley Medina at (951) 787-7141 or smedina@rctc.org if you have any questions regarding this reprogramming request.

Sincerely,



Anne Mayer
Executive Director



Patricia Romo, P.E.
Director of Transportation

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April 19, 2019

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Attn: Ms. Martha Masters

Re: Request for assignment of Prop 1B Trade Corridor Improvement Fund (TCIF) project cost savings to the Avenue 66/Union Pacific Railroad Grade Separation Bypass Project.

Ms. Medina,

Riverside County has been actively pursuing completion of pre-construction requirements for the Avenue 66/Union Pacific Railroad Grade Separation Bypass Project. Based on recent cost estimates, the project's construction phase costs have increase from \$31,813,000 to \$39,379,000 million, an amount of \$7,566,000.

Riverside County requests that the Prop. 1B Trade Corridor Improvement Fund (TCIF) costs savings of \$4,650,000 from completed TCIF projects be programmed to the Avenue 66/Union Pacific Railroad Grade Separation Bypass Project and we are in need of RCTC's support and assistance in this matter. We are hopeful that the programming could be approved by the CTC at its June 2019 meeting.

Riverside County is of the understanding that CTC staff will recommend that the CTC approve an extension of the TCIF program at the May 2019 CTC meeting. Accordingly, Riverside County intends to seek allocation of construction funds at the August 2019 CTC meeting.

Thank you for your ongoing support for our projects. Please do not hesitate to contact us if there is need. Feel free to contact Roy Null, Programming Engineer, at Rnull@rivco.org.

Sincerely,

Patricia Romo
Director of Transportation