

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: March 25, 2020

From: MITCH WEISS, Executive Director

Reference Number: 4.26, Action

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Subject: Proposition 1B Trade Corridors Improvement Fund Program Amendment,
Resolution TCIF-P-1920-04

Issue:

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) amend the Trade Corridors Improvement Fund Program to program \$1,940,000 to the Metro Air Parkway Northbound Auxiliary Lane Project in Sacramento County and \$18,851,000 to the Montebello Boulevard Grade Separation Project in Los Angeles County?

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the Commission approve the Trade Corridors Improvement Fund Program amendment to program \$1,940,000 to the Metro Air Parkway Northbound Auxiliary Lane Project in Sacramento County and \$18,851,000 to the Montebello Boulevard Grade Separation Project in Los Angeles County.

Background:

Funding for the amendment is made available through savings generated from other projects programmed in the Trade Corridors Improvement Fund Program. The amendment request is consistent with the Trade Corridors Improvement Fund Program Guidelines and the Trade Corridors Improvement Fund Program Close-Out Policy for the following two projects:

- With the support of the Northern California Trade Corridor Coalition, the Sacramento Area Council of Governments proposes to amend the Trade Corridors Improvement Fund Program to include the Metro Air Parkway Northbound Auxiliary Lane Project as Project 134 with \$1,940,000 in funds.

The Metro Air Parkway Northbound Auxiliary Lane Project will construct a northbound auxiliary lane on Interstate 5, between the Interstate 5 and State Route 99 Connector Ramp and the Metro Air Parkway Interchange. The project will relieve corridor freight traffic and hours of delay, improve corridor reliability, and reduce diesel particulates.

- With the support of the Southern California Consensus Group, the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments propose to amend the Trade Corridors Improvement Fund Program to include the Montebello Boulevard Grade Separation Project as Project 132 with \$18,851,000 in funds.

Due to industrywide construction cost inflation experienced by multiple public agencies in Southern California, the construction phase costs were re-estimated in 2019, with an increase of approximately \$50,000,000, for a revised total project cost of \$126,557,000.

The Montebello Boulevard Grade Separation Project will construct a roadway underpass on Montebello Boulevard between Olympic Boulevard and Roosevelt Avenue with a new railroad bridge to accommodate Union Pacific Railroad and Metrolink trains. Olympic Boulevard will span the underpass with a new roadway bridge.

The Trade Corridor Enhancement Program Baseline Agreement for this project was approved at the October 2018 Commission meeting. The project baseline agreement will be amended to include the Trade Corridors Improvement Fund, thereby eliminating the need to adopt a separate Trade Corridors Improvement Fund Program Project Baseline Agreement.

Resolution TCIF-P-1920-04

Be it Resolved, that the California Transportation Commission does hereby amend the Trade Corridors Improvement Fund Program by adding the Metro Air Parkway Northbound Auxiliary Lane Project in Sacramento County and the Montebello Boulevard Grade Separation Project in Los Angeles County.

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Northern California Trade Corridor Coalition Support Letter
- Attachment B: Southern California Consensus Group Support Letter



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Mr. Mitchell Weiss
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Mitch
Dear Mr. Weiss:

The Northern California Trade Corridors Coalition (Coalition) supports the project nominated by the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) for inclusion in the Proposition 1B Trade Corridors Improvement Fund (TCIF) program. The project is the I-5 NB Auxiliary Lane project between SR-99 and Metro Air Parkway. This letter supersedes the letter dated September 13, 2019, as the Coalition is no longer advancing the project nominated by the San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG). Information on the SACOG nominated project is provided below and the fact sheet is attached.

I-5 NB Auxiliary Lane Project Between SR-99 and Metro Air Parkway Interchange

SACOG and Caltrans request programming the I-5 NB Auxiliary Lane project between SR-99 and the new Metro Air Parkway Interchange in Northern California's TCIF program. The project will construct a northbound auxiliary lane on I-5 between the SR-99 Interchange and the new Metro Air Parkway Interchange. The auxiliary lane will improve anticipated congestion at the new Interchange supporting the Metro Air Parkway Special Planning Area. The total project cost is \$4 million, and SACOG requests \$1.94 million in TCIF to fully fund the project. SACOG expects to request allocation of the funds by June 2020.

The Coalition supports the proposed project, and requests that the sponsor, in coordination with CTC and Caltrans, request project programming at the March 2020 CTC meeting. This action would fully program all available funding in Northern California's TCIF program.

Should you have any questions regarding the Coalition's position, please contact Kenneth Kao, Coalition Coordinator, at (415) 778-6768, or via email at kkao@bayareametro.gov.

Sincerely,

Alix A. Bockelman
Deputy Executive Director, Policy

February 5, 2020

Attachments

cc: Diane Nguyen, San Joaquin Council of Governments
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Subject: Proposition 1B Trade Corridors Improvement Fund Project Nomination
NB I-5 Auxiliary Lanes: SR 99 to Metro Air Parkway/I-5 Interchange

Dear Mr. Weiss:

The County of Sacramento Department of Transportation (SacDOT) respectfully requests the California Transportation Commission (CTC) consider at the March 25-26, 2020 meeting, the nomination of the subject project for \$1,940,000 in Proposition 1B Trade Corridors Improvement Funds (TCIF). SacDOT will implement the Northbound I-5 Auxiliary Lane Project (Project) which includes a northbound auxiliary lane on Interstate 5 between the Interstate I-5/SR 99 Ramp Connector and the Metro Air Parkway Interchange (approximately one mile).

The Project will improve goods movement and air quality by decreasing existing and forecasted vehicle idle and delay caused by recurrent congestion on I-5 in Sacramento County. The Project is located on the Surface Transportation Assistance Act (STAA) National Network and is identified as an important goods movement network within Sacramento Area Council of Governments' (SACOG) Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Community Strategy and Rural Urban Connection Strategy. I-5 and SR 99 provide intraregional freight network connectivity within the greater Sacramento Metropolitan area, as well as interregional freight network connectivity between greater Sacramento and the San Francisco Bay Area Regions.

The I-5/SR 99 Interchange is located on the northern edge of Sacramento between the agricultural and food processing industries in Northern California Counties, and the Sacramento International Airport (SMF) and the Port of West Sacramento. SMF is among the top ten air cargo-carrying airports in the state. In 2012, SMF had an estimated 4,718 annual freighter operations and handled over 68,500 metric tons of cargo. Federal Express (FedEx) is already in operation at SMF and Amazon Distribution Center is also up and running within the Metro Air Park Industrial

Development adjacent to SMF. These two businesses with major truck operations located between SMF and the project are expected to increase the forecasted truck traffic volumes on I-5. Interregional traffic travelling north to the Metro Air Parkway Interchange and the airport must merge through heavy local traffic exiting from SR 99 just north of the I-5/SR 99 Interchange. Without the I-5 northbound auxiliary lane, vehicles entering or exiting the freeway have less than optimal transition/weaving distances to accelerate or decelerate to match the speed of other traffic. Vehicles slowing to prepare to exit or trying to merge at less than the free flow speed of other traffic, create disturbances or turbulence that disrupts the flow of traffic in all lanes and increase congestion in a corridor that is critical for both local and regional economic vitality. Northbound queues in the evening extend back on I-5 over two miles to Arena Boulevard. Construction of the Project will improve goods movement and air quality by reducing queuing and congestion on this segment of Interstate 5.

The programming request form and application information for the Project are attached.

Thank you for your consideration of SacDOT's request. If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me at (916) 874-5354 or whitest@saccounty.net.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure or Attachments: Application Information & Programming Request

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ATTACHMENT B
Reference No: 4.26
March 25-26, 2020

December 2, 2019

Ms. Susan Bransen
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Susan
Dear Ms. Bransen:

The Southern California Consensus Group concurs with the request from the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) to include the Alameda Corridor-East Montebello Boulevard Grade Separation Project in the Los Angeles/Inland Empire Corridor element of the Trade Corridors Improvement Fund (TCIF).

Please see the attached letter detailing the programming request. It is our understanding that the SGVCOG will seek approval from the California Transportation Commission (CTC) at the January 2020 meeting to program \$18,851,000 in TCIF savings to the Montebello Boulevard project.

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!
[Signature]



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**Re: Southern California Consensus Group support for including the
Montebello Boulevard Grade Separation Project in the TCIF program**

Dear Michael:

The San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) hereby requests Southern California Consensus Group (SCCG) support for its proposal to include the Alameda Corridor-East Montebello Boulevard Grade Separation Project in the Los Angeles/Inland Empire Corridor element of the Trade Corridors Improvement Fund (TCIF) Program. With SCCG concurrence, SGVCOG will seek approval from the California Transportation Commission (CTC) at the January 2020 meeting to program \$18,851,000 in TCIF savings to the Montebello Boulevard project.

The TCIF to be programmed represent construction phase savings from the Alameda Corridor-East San Gabriel Valley (\$15,160,000) and Puente Avenue (\$3,691,000) projects to be deallocated at the CTC's January 2020 meeting. The proposed project will eliminate the existing at-grade crossing of Montebello Boulevard at the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) mainline in the City of Montebello through construction of a new railroad bridge and a roadway underpass. The proposed project will enhance safety at the most hazardous crossing of the UPRR in Los Angeles County, reduce traffic congestion, relieve a freight bottleneck, reduce air pollution emissions, and reduce noise impacts.

Thank you for your assistance with this request. Questions regarding this matter may be directed to Community and Government Relations Director Paul Hubler at phubler@sgvcog.org or (626) 373-2685.

Sincerely,

Marisa Creter
Executive Director