

## **MEMORANDUM**

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

**CTC Meeting:** March 22-23, 2023

**From:** STEVEN KECK, Chief Financial Officer

**Reference Number:** 2.1b.(3), Information Item

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**Subject:** **STIP AMENDMENT 22S-12 (NOTICE)**  
**PPNO 4353 – LOS ANGELES COUNTY**  
**PPNO 4357 – LOS ANGELES COUNTY**

### **SUMMARY:**

The California Department of Transportation (Department) and Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LA Metro) request that the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve the requested State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) amendment at the next scheduled Commission meeting following the notice period.

The Department and LA Metro propose to amend the scope and funding plan for the two Route 138 Corridor STIP projects: Multimodal Mobility Improvements (Segment 4) (PPNO 4353), and the Widen Conventional Highway (Segment 13) (PPNO 4357) projects, in Los Angeles County.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The Multimodal Mobility Improvements (Segment 4) project (PPNO 4353), previously named The Widen Conventional Highway (Segment 4), was originally programmed in the 2018 STIP for the Plans, Specifications and Estimates (PS&E), Right of Way (R/W) and Construction (CON) phases and was carried over into the 2020 and 2022 STIPs. The original scope of work consists of widening the Route 138 conventional highway from two lanes to four lanes between postmile (PM) 53.1 to 54.3. In August 2020, a community outreach meeting was held that garnered disgruntlement from the Littlerock community because they liked the rural feel of the town, as with the number of lanes, it encourages vehicles to drive slower and stop at local businesses. The community felt with the widened lanes, vehicles may drive through faster, which raises high speed concerns and potentially economic ones as its possible customers

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would stop at local businesses. In addition, a number of parcels are needed for the project for right-of-entry permits for hazardous waste testing that is required. This is providing difficult to do as some of the property owners are either deceased or live out of state. The Department applied the foundational principles of safety, equity, climate action, and economic prosperity to reevaluate and have a multimodal approach for this project. And as a result, the Department updated the scope and presented it to the Littlerock town council and residents in October 2022, who were all in support of this alternative.

The Department and LA Metro is proposing to amend the project to provide multimodal improvements and enhance safety by eliminating the original scope of widening the highway to two lanes in each direction. The project name is changed to Multimodal Mobility Improvements (Segment 4), and the description has also been updated to match the revised scope which now includes installation of sidewalks, curb ramps, traffic calming measures, a traffic signal at 77th Street East, drainage improvements, and bike lanes. In addition, cost savings for construction, from \$20,000,000 to \$7,000,000, have been realized due to the revised scope change.

The Route 138 Widening (Segment 6) project (PPNO 4356) is within the same corridor and has been completed with cost savings of \$5,000,000 in Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funds.

The Widen Conventional Highway (Segment 13) project (PPNO 4357) is programmed in the 2022 STIP for the PS&E, R/W and CON phases. The current scope of work for this consists of widening the Route 138 conventional highway from two lanes to four lanes between PM 66.0 to 70.1, and on Route 18 between PM 3.4 to 4.5.

However, in March 2022, when the increase to the project limits of the Widen Conventional Highway (Segment 13) project (PPNO 4357) was approved, the corresponding cost increase needed for construction was not included, as the project had just begun the design phase and the revised estimated costs were unknown. The project has now completed 60 percent review, and a more accurate cost estimate is available that shows construction cost increased by \$18,000,00 to \$58,300,000.

This additional \$18,000,000 being requested for Widen Conventional Highway (Segment 13) (PPNO 4357) project will come from the Regional Improvement Program (RIP) and RSTP cost savings from the two other projects (PPNO 4356 and 4357) within the same corridor.

This amendment proposes to deprogram \$13,000,000 of RIP funds for construction in Fiscal Year 2024-25 from the Multimodal Mobility Improvements (Segment 4) project (PPNO 4353), and reprogram these funds for construction in 2023-24 for the Widen Conventional Highway (Segment 13) project (PPNO 4357), in Los Angeles County.

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The proposed changes for these projects are shown below.

**REVISED: Multimodal Mobility Improvements (Segment 4) project (PPNO 4353)**

County	District	PPNO	EA	Element	Const. Year	PM Back	PM Ahead	Route/Corridor					
Los Angeles County	07	4353	28600	CO	2024-25	53.100	54.300	138					
Implementing Agency: (by component)		PA&ED	Caltrans			PS&E	Caltrans						
		R/W	Caltrans			CON	Caltrans						
RTPA/CTC:		Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority											
Project Title:		Multimodal Mobility Improvements (Segment 4)											
Location:		In Littlerock from 70th Street East to 0.1 mile east of 77th Street East.											
Description:		Multimodal mobility improvements includes installation of sidewalks, curb ramps, traffic calming measures, a traffic signal at 77th Street East, drainage improvements, and bike lanes											
(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)													
FUND	TOTAL	Project Totals by Fiscal Year						Project Totals by Component					
		Prior	22/23	23/24	24/25	25/26	26/27+	R/W	CON	PA&ED	PS&E	R/W Supp	CON Supp
RIP													
Existing	58,350	38,350	0	0	20,000	0	0	26,400	16,000	0	5,250	6,700	4,000
Change	(13,000)	0	0	0	(13,000)	0	0	0	(11,000)	0	0	0	(2,000)
Proposed	45,350	38,350	0	0	7,000	0	0	26,400	5,000	0	5,250	6,700	2,000
Total													
Existing	58,350	38,350	0	0	20,000	0	0	26,400	16,000	0	5,250	6,700	4,000
Change	(13,000)	0	0	0	(13,000)	0	0	0	(11,000)	0	0	0	(2,000)
Proposed	45,350	38,350	0	0	7,000	0	0	26,400	5,000	0	5,250	6,700	2,000

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**REVISED: Widen Conventional Highway (Segment 13) project (PPNO 4357)**

County	District	PPNO	EA	Element	Const. Year	PM Back	PM Ahead	Route/Corridor					
Los Angeles County	07	4357	28630	CO	2023-24	3.400	4.500	18					
Implementing Agency: (by component)		PA&ED	Caltrans			PS&E	Caltrans						
		R/W	Caltrans			CON	Caltrans						
RTPA/CTC:		Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority											
Project Title:		Widen Conventional Highway (Segment 13)											
Location:		In Los Angeles County, In Llano, State Route 138 from 0.4 miles West of 190th Street East to 0.7 mi South of 138/18 Junction and State Route 18 from 138/18 junction to 1.1 mile east of the junction.											
Description:		Widen conventional highway from 2 lanes to 4 lanes.											
(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)													
FUND	TOTAL	Project Totals by Fiscal Year						Project Totals by Component					
		Prior	22/23	23/24	24/25	25/26	26/27+	R/W	CON	PA&ED	PS&E	R/W Supp	CON Supp
RIP													
Existing	62,100	21,800	0	40,300	0	0	0	17,800	33,500	0	4,000	0	6,800
Change	13,000	0	0	13,000	0	0	0	0	12,000	0	0	0	1,000
Proposed	75,100	21,800	0	53,300	0	0	0	17,800	45,500	0	4,000	0	7,800
RSTP													
Existing	10,500	10,500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,000	6,500	0
Change	5,000	0	0	5,000	0	0	0	0	4,500	0	0	0	500
Proposed	15,500	10,500	0	5,000	0	0	0	0	4,500	0	4,000	6,500	500
Total													
Existing	72,600	32,300	0	40,300	0	0	0	17,800	33,500	0	8,000	6,500	6,800
Change	18,000	0	0	18,000	0	0	0	0	16,500	0	0	0	1,500
Proposed	90,600	32,300	0	58,300	0	0	0	17,800	50,000	0	8,000	6,500	8,300

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