

MEMORANDUM

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: August 16-17, 2023

From: STEVEN KECK, Chief Financial Officer

Reference Number: 2.6k., Information Item

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Subject: **PROJECT STATUS OF THE EMERGENCY ALLOCATION FOR A STATE
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM RAIL PROJECT – SAN
CLEMENTE TRACK PROTECTION (MP 204.6) PROJECT IN ORANGE COUNTY
(PPNO TC131) PER RESOLUTION G-23-20**

SUMMARY:

Following an emergency declared by the Director of the California Department of Transportation (Department), on June 16, 2023, per Government Code Section 14533(a), the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approved an emergency allocation on June 20, 2023 from the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Interregional Program (IIP) shares, of \$3,000,000 to the Southern California Regional Rail Authority for the San Clemente Track Protection (MP 204.6) Project (PPNO TC131), in Orange County. In accordance with Resolution G-23-20, approved by the Commission on June 20, 2023, the Department will provide a status update on the project at the next Commission meeting following the emergency allocation.

BACKGROUND:

California statute prohibits the Commission from allocating funds to an unprogrammed project except in certain situations. However, under Government Code Section 14533(a), it authorizes the Commission to allocate funding in response to an emergency condition which has placed either people or property in jeopardy or which has caused or threatens to cause closure of a critical transportation facility or access to it.

This project is located on the Los Angeles-San Diego-San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) rail corridor, which carries between 3,000 and 5,000 passengers daily, and is also designated as a national defense connector line as part of the Strategic Rail Corridor Network by the Department of Defense. Passenger rail travel on the LOSSAN corridor is suspended, and freight rail is operating at a speed restriction of 10 mph in the project area, which has been deemed

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unstable due to falling debris from two landslides from an adjacent property, in the City of San Clemente.

PROJECT STATUS:

To restore and maintain passenger and freight rail service in the project area, the emergency construction of a temporary barrier wall is needed to stabilize the landslide and protect the impacted tracks from debris. A preliminary concept designed under a design-build contract will build a temporary barrier soldier pile or similar type wall, in the vicinity of mile post 204.6 to capture any potential debris or soil from the hill to protect the tracks. To date, all the piles and lagging or wooden planks between piles have been installed and completed. Ongoing efforts are in progress on temporary relocation of a signal line which had to be removed as part of the project. The temporary barrier wall will be removed by a contractor, under a separate contract, approximately in one year as the City of San Clemente explores implementing a long-term stability solution.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

On June 20, 2023, \$3,000,000 was approved from the Budget Act of 2022, Budget Act Item 2660-301-0046 for the emergency allocation of the San Clemente Track Protection (MP 204.6) Project (PPNO TC131), described on the attached vote list, and in accordance with Government Code Section 14533(a). The STIP's interregional shares will be adjusted accordingly.

Attachment

2.6 Mass Transportation Financial Matters

Project # Allocation Amount Recipient <u>RTPA/CTC</u> District-County	Project Title Location Project Description	PPNO Program/Year Phase Prgm'd Amount Project ID	Budget Year Item # Fund Type Program Code	Amount by Fund Type
2.6k.	Emergency Allocation - Locally-Administered STIP Rail Project - In Accordance with Government Code Section 14533 (a)			Resolution G-23-20
1 \$3,000,000 Southern California Regional Rail Authority <u>OCTA</u> 12-Orange	San Clemente Track Protection (MP 204.6) Project Construct a barrier wall between mile post 204.59 and 204.65 along the Los Angeles-San Diego- San Luis Obispo rail corridor to protect the track from falling debris in the City of San Clemente, in Orange County. Emergency repairs to stabilize landslide area and impacted rail tracks for 0.1 miles. CEQA - SE, 5/10/2023 Right of Way Certification: 06/19/23 The local agency is requesting non-proportional spending of IIP and local match funds during construction. At completion, project expenditures will be reconciled to ensure that IIP and match funds have been expended proportionally. Allocation Date: June 20, 2023	12-TC131 IIP/22-23 CONST \$3,000,000 0023000287 S R546GA	2022-23 301-0046 PTA 30.20.020.720	\$3,000,000