

MEMORANDUM

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: August 14-15, 2025

From: STEVEN KECK, Chief Financial Officer

Reference Number: 2.5d.(12), Action Item

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Subject: **ALLOCATION FOR PROJECT WITH COSTS THAT EXCEED THE PROGRAMMED AMOUNT BY MORE THAN 20 PERCENT**
PPNO 6959/EA 0X070 – TULARE COUNTY – STATE ROUTE 245
RESOLUTION FP-25-12

ISSUE:

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve the California Department of Transportation's (Department) allocation request for \$9,655,000 for Construction of the State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) Drainage System Restoration project on State Route (SR) 245, in Tulare County, to advertise the project?

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department recommends that the Commission approve the requested allocation for this SHOPP project.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

This project is located along SR 245 near the City of Visalia, at various locations from SR 198 to the Fresno County line, in Tulare County. The project will rehabilitate drainage systems consisting of 155 culverts.

FUNDING AND PROGRAMMING STATUS:

In May 2020, this project was programmed in the SHOPP for \$10,970,000 in Construction Capital and \$2,671,000 in Construction Support for allocation in Fiscal Year 2024-25. In October 2023, the project was amended to decrease Construction Capital to \$8,200,000 and Construction Support to \$2,371,000 due to a slight reduction in the number of culverts and a change of the repair strategy from replacement to lining. In May 2025, the project was

amended again to decrease Construction Capital to \$7,382,000 to split offsite planting work and mitigation credits into a child project (PPNO 8149/EA 0X071). In June 2025, the project received a 2-month allocation time extension for the Construction phase.

In June 2025, the Engineer's Estimate reflected the need of \$6,425,000 in Construction Capital (13.0 percent under the programmed amount) and \$3,230,000 in Construction Support (36.2 percent over the programmed amount). The Department plans to advertise the project in September 2025 and begin construction in December 2025. Construction is planned for one construction season with a duration of 220 working days.

REASON FOR COST INCREASE:

The Construction Support estimate is greater than the programmed amount due to an increase to the number of working days as a result of the refinement of the construction strategies and additional biological monitoring required by the resource agency.

The project proposes to rehabilitate 155 culverts along an approximately 33-mile segment of SR 245. The support cost increase is due to the addition of 40 working days (from 180 to 220) for construction. The revision took into account information gathered from projects with similar scope and magnitude in the area that were in construction. Since this project is located in the high-elevation, environmentally sensitive areas of the foothills and mountains, both construction and environmental staff will require additional days and resources to inspect the rehabilitation work.

Environmental monitoring during construction and additional working days as a result of the refinement to the construction workplan contributed to an increase of \$859,000.

CONSEQUENCES:

If this allocation request is not approved, the Department will not be able to advertise the contract to address the critical deficiencies of the existing drainage systems. To address all of the deficiencies, the project will have to be reprogrammed, which will result in delays and could result in higher costs due to escalation.

FINANCIAL RESOLUTION:

Resolved, that \$6,425,000 be allocated from the Budget Act of 2024, Budget Act Items 2660-302-3290 and 2660-302-0890 for Construction Capital, and \$3,230,000 for Construction Support, to provide funds to advertise this SHOPP project.

Attachment

2.5 Highway Financial Matters

Project No. Allocation Amount County Dist-Co-Rte Postmile	Location Project Description	PPNO Program/Year Phase Prgm'd Amount Project ID Adv Phase EA	Budget Year Item # Fund Type Program Code	Amount by Fund Type
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2.5d.(12) Allocation of Project with Construction Cost that Exceeds 20 Percent of the Programmed Amount Resolution FP-25-12

1	Near Visalia, from Route 198 to Fresno County line at various locations.	06-6959	505-3290 RMRA	\$646,000
\$9,655,000	<u>Outcome/Outputs:</u> Rehabilitate drainage systems.	SHOPP/24-25	001-0890 FTF	<u>\$2,584,000</u>
		CON ENG	20.10.201.151	\$3,230,000
		\$2,371,000		
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Tulare	Preliminary			
06-Tul-245	<u>Engineering</u>			
0.0/33.0	PA&ED	\$2,405,000	2024-25	
	PS&E	\$2,295,000	302-3290 RMRA	\$1,285,000
	R/W Sup	\$1,490,000	302-0890 FTF	<u>\$5,140,000</u>
			20.20.201.151	\$6,425,000

Performance Measure:

Planned: 155.0, Actual: 155.0 Culvert(s) (ea)

CEQA - ND, 04/06/2023; Re-validation 06/06/2025

NEPA - CE, 04/06/2023; Re-validation 06/06/2025

Future consideration of funding approved under Resolution E-23-110; August 2023.

Two month allocation time extension for CONST and CON ENG approved under Waiver 25-95; June 2025.

Performance Measure: Culvert(s) (ea)					
	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
Existing Condition	Linear feet	39.7	2,431.1	4,018.1	6,488.9
Post Condition	Linear feet	6,488.9	0.0	0.0	6,488.9