

## MEMORANDUM

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS  
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: August 14-15, 2025

From: STEVEN KECK, Chief Financial Officer

Reference Number: 2.5d.(18), Action Item

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Subject: **ALLOCATION FOR PROJECT WITH COSTS THAT EXCEED THE PROGRAMMED AMOUNT BY MORE THAN 20 PERCENT PPNO 7061/EA 1A090 – FRESNO COUNTY – STATE ROUTE 168 RESOLUTION FP-25-18**

### **ISSUE:**

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve the California Department of Transportation's (Department) allocation request for \$49,682,000 for Construction of the State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) Major Damage (Permanent Restoration) project on State Route (SR) 168, in Fresno 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 on SR 168, near Shaver Lake, from 0.6 to 0.2 miles west of Huntington Lake Road. The project will construct a sidehill viaduct structure.

### **FUNDING AND PROGRAMMING STATUS:**

In March 2021, this project was programmed in the SHOPP for \$40,000,000 in Construction Capital and \$8,700,000 in Construction Support for allocation in Fiscal Year 2024-25. In May 2023, the project was amended to update the postmile limits and decrease Construction Capital to \$33,000,000 and Construction Support to \$7,500,000 due to geotechnical investigations that resulted in decreasing the length of the viaduct. In June 2024, the project was amended again to update postmile limits and increased Construction Capital to

\$45,000,000 due to an updated estimate to reflect current prices and increases to structures and earthwork quantities. In June 2025, the project was further amended to decrease Construction Capital to \$40,055,000 due to the split of two child projects for landscape mitigation planting (PPNO 8148/EA 1A091), and biological off-site riparian planting mitigation and monitoring (PPNO 8151/EA 1A092). In addition, the project received a 2-month allocation time extension for the Construction phase.

In May 2025, the Engineer's Estimate (EE) reflected the need of \$40,020,000 in Construction Capital (0.1 percent under the programmed amount) and \$9,662,000 in Construction Support (28.8 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 four construction seasons with a duration of 610 working days.

**REASON FOR COST INCREASE:**

The Construction Support estimate is greater than the programmed amount due to revisions to the workplan and construction schedule.

The support cost increase is due to the addition of 60 working days (from 550 to 610) as a result of findings from the constructability reviews and resulting changes to the stage construction. The stage construction plan was impacted due to changes to the viaduct work. The viaduct was originally anticipated to be constructed in two construction seasons. However, this work involves constructing a detour, extensive tree removal and earthwork, and roadway tie-in work. After careful consideration, the construction schedule for these activities was changed to span four construction seasons. This resulted in cascading effects to the remaining activities. The Department revised the entire stage construction plans and schedule, factoring in winter suspension and anticipated weather delays. The stage construction schedule changes also necessitated additional shifts including night work.

The additional working days and refinements to the workplan and construction schedule, amount to an increase of \$2,162,000 in support costs.

**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 roadway. To address all 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 \$40,020,000 be allocated from the Budget Act of 2024, Budget Act Item 2660-302-0890 and Non-Budget Act Item 2660-802-3290 for Construction Capital, and \$9,662,000 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 Project Support Expenditures	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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<p><u>Performance Measure:</u> Planned: 1.0, Actual: 1.0 Location(s)</p> <p>CEQA - MND, 11/28/2022; Re-validation 05/01/2025 NEPA - CE, 11/28/2022; Re-validation 05/01/2025</p> <p>Future consideration of funding approved under Resolution E-23-58; May 2023.</p> <p>As part of this allocation request, the Department is requesting to extend the completion of CONST and CON ENG an additional 18 months beyond the 36 month deadline.</p> <p>SB1 Baseline Agreement approval under Resolution SHOPP-P-2324-04B; January 2024.</p> <p>Two month allocation time extension for CONST and CON ENG approved under Waiver 25-95; June 2025.</p>																									