

## MEMORANDUM

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS  
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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From: STEVEN KECK, Chief Financial Officer

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Subject: **SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS FOR CAPITAL OUTLAY SUPPORT PHASE  
PPNO 5141/EA 0J550 – PLACER COUNTY – INTERSTATE 80  
RESOLUTION FA-25-01**

### **ISSUE:**

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve the California Department of Transportation's (Department) request for an additional \$288,000 in Capital Outlay Support (COS), for the State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) Maintenance Facilities project on Interstate 80 (I-80), in Placer County, to complete the Plans, Specifications, and Estimate (PS&E) phase?

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

The Department recommends that the Commission approve this request for a COS supplemental funds allocation for this SHOPP project.

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

This project is located along I-80 near Emigrant Gap, at the Whitmore Maintenance Station. The project will upgrade the maintenance station and communication lines, rehabilitate the water system, install closed-circuit television cameras (CCTVs), replace the sand storage building, and relocate fiber optic network equipment.

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

In March 2022, this project's PS&E phase was programmed for \$1,500,000 in the SHOPP for allocation in Fiscal Year 2023-24. In October 2023, the project was amended to update the scope to install electric vehicle chargers (EVCs) which will be funded through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. The project also received a PS&E allocation for \$1,770,000. In January 2024, the project was amended again to update the scope to replace the sand storage

building, relocate fiber optic network equipment, install CCTVs, upgrade communication lines and remove the wastewater system work. In October 2024, the project received \$377,000 in G-12 funds for the PS&E phase. In June 2025, the project received a 4-month allocation time extension for the Construction phase.

The PS&E phase is currently 85 percent complete, with no remaining budget, which is insufficient to complete the phase. In June 2025, the project reached Ready to List (RTL). If this request for additional funding is approved, it is anticipated to complete the remaining PS&E activities by January 2026.

**REASON FOR COST INCREASE:**

The project realized cost increases due to additional resources that were required to characterize the existing soil and topography of the site, explore relocation of the EVCs, conduct focus meetings, remove the EVCs and associated items from the project, address an unforeseen request by the State Fire Marshal (SFM) for the fire water system upgrade, analyze the existing fire water system and upgraded system, and include necessary upgrades requested by the SFM.

The scope of the project underwent significant changes that were addressed through amendments. When the replacement of the sand storage building was added to the scope, the Department anticipated that the building would be replaced in kind and additional geotechnical investigation would not be required. However, as the project development proceeded, it was determined that geotechnical investigation was required. In addition, a topographic survey was required to fix the building pad elevation and design the foundation of the new building. In October 2024, the PS&E phase had \$587,000 remaining with an available G-12 capacity of \$377,000. The Department estimated that the remaining budget and G-12 funds would be sufficient to RTL the project in March 2025 and complete the PS&E phase in August 2025. The G-12 funds were used to carry out unforeseen geotechnical investigations and site surveying.

In January 2025, the Department submitted the final plans and specifications to the SFM. In February 2025, initial comments were received which solely focused on significant concerns about the proximity of the EVCs to the existing warehouse and potential fire hazard. The Department explored the provision of a fire suppression sprinkler system along with a fire-rated material to protect the existing building. These measures were unable to resolve the concerns from the SFM and the only remaining feasible solution was to relocate the EVCs approximately 20 feet away from the existing warehouse to avoid a complete re-design of the mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems associated with the EVCs. The Department's Maintenance staff determined that all the potential locations that avoided a complete redesign of these systems would cause unacceptable impact to their operations. The Department made the decision to remove the EVCs and associated systems including the carport to facilitate the timely delivery of the project and to reduce the high risk posed by a complete redesign.

In June 2025, the project reached RTL, and the Department is anticipating to request the allocation of the Construction phase at the October 2025 Commission meeting. The resources for the PS&E phase are currently exhausted. Therefore, supplemental funds in the amount of \$288,000 are required to complete the remaining PS&E activities through contract approval by January 2026.

**CONSEQUENCES:**

If this request for supplemental funds is not approved, the Department will not be able to advertise the project which will address critical deficiencies of this maintenance facility. To address all of the deficiencies, the project would need to be reprogrammed in a future SHOPP cycle which could lead to the potential of a project cost increase, and would result in further deterioration of the facility and negative impacts on the surrounding communities of Placer County.

**FINANCIAL RESOLUTION:**

Resolved, that \$288,000 be allocated to provide funds to complete the PS&E phase for this SHOPP project.

Attachment

