

MEMORANDUM

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: August 14-15, 2025

From: STEVEN KECK, Chief Financial Officer

Reference Number: 2.6g.(7), Action Item

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Subject: **SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS ALLOCATION FOR THE TRANSIT AND INTERCITY RAIL CAPITAL PROGRAM – (2023:10) EXPANDING TRANSIT SERVICE AND GROWING ZERO-EMISSION FLEETS ON CALIFORNIA’S NORTH COAST (CHARGING STATIONS) COMPONENT RESOLUTION TIRCP-2526-11S**

ISSUE:

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve a request for an additional \$184,000 for the Plans, Specifications, and Estimate (PS&E) phase of the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) (2023:10) Expanding Transit Service and Growing Zero-Emission Fleets on California’s North Coast (Charging Stations) component (PPNO CP116C), in Del Norte County?

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation recommends that the Commission approve a request for an additional \$184,000 for the PS&E phase of the TIRCP (2023:10) Expanding Transit Service and Growing Zero-Emission Fleets on California’s North Coast (Charging Stations) component (PPNO CP116C), in Del Norte County.

BACKGROUND:

In March 2025, the Commission approved \$250,000 for the PS&E phase of the Charging Stations component (PPNO CP116C), under Resolution TIRCP-2425-54.

PROJECT LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION:

The Charging Stations component (PPNO CP116C), will complete the engineering design of an electric vehicle charging station at the current transit, operations, and maintenance facility, the Williams Drive Maintenance and Operations Facility, located in Crescent City, within Del

Norte County. The charging stations project will enable Redwood Coast Transit Authority (RCTA) to transition its fleet from gasoline and diesel buses to zero-emission electric buses by upgrading electrical services to its Williams Drive Maintenance and Operations Facility and installing infrastructure to support up to 20 electric buses.

FUNDING STATUS:

The project component was originally programmed and allocated \$250,000 to the PS&E phase. However, an additional \$184,000 is needed to complete the design of the charging stations.

REASON(S) FOR THE COST INCREASE:

During the grant application stage in 2023, the original cost estimate was developed and based on preliminary design assumptions, not a full engineer's estimate, which is typically completed during the PS&E phase. After initial allocation, in March 2025, RCTA released a request for quotation for the charging stations component with proposals due May 2025. Since then, RCTA has selected a contractor for engineering design work, but the proposal came out higher than expected due to the extreme remote location of Crescent City. The location makes it harder and costlier to transport and provide goods and services to the region since there are only 2 major highways such as the Interstate 5 and United States Highway 101, not including the California State Routes that must work their way around National Forest to reach major population centers. Given the rural location, RCTA is subject to limited consultant availability and higher submittal costs. The window between the original cost estimate in 2023 and the proposal deadlines in 2025 saw an unexpected spike in market rates, particularly for specialized services in remote areas. In addition, electrical vehicle charging infrastructure is not well established in this region and has limited public charging stations. The project aims to develop this nascent industry in the region.

CONSEQUENCES:

If this request for supplemental funds is not approved, the Charging Stations component (PPNO CP116C) cannot move forward to design completion thus delaying this component's project schedule. In addition, RCTA plans on procuring electric buses through the Procure Battery Electric Buses component (PPNO CP116B) which is expected to request a future allocation in 2027, and relies on the timely delivery of the Charging Stations component (PPNO CP116C).

FINANCIAL RESOLUTION:

Be it resolved, that an additional \$184,000 be allocated from the Budget Acts of 2025, Budget Act Item 2660-301-0046R, to complete the PS&E phase of the TIRCP (2023:10) Expanding Transit Service and Growing Zero-Emission Fleets on California's North Coast (Charging Stations) component (PPNO CP116C).

Attachment

2.6 Mass Transportation Financial Matters

Project #	Allocation Amount	Recipient	Project Title	PPNO Program	Funding Year	Item #	Fund Type	State Federal	State Federal	State Federal
<u>RTPA/CTC</u>			Location					Current Amount	Additional	Revised
District-County			Project Description			Project ID	Adv Phase	by Fund Type	Amount by	Amount by
									Fund Type	Fund Type

2.6g.(7) Supplemental Allocation - Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program Resolution TIRCP-2526-11S

1	\$184,000	Redwood Coast Transit Authority	(2023:10) Expanding Transit Service and Growing Zero-Emission Fleets on California's North Coast (Charging Stations). Design of electric bus charging infrastructure at Redwood Coast Transit Authority existing bus maintenance facility.	01-CP116C	TIRCP/2023-24	PS&E				
		DNLTC	<u>Outcome/Outputs:</u> Increased ridership, reduced greenhouse gas emissions, improved pedestrian safety, and enhanced local and regional system integration for underserved rural communities.	301-0046R GF	30.20.301.100			\$250,000		\$250,000
		01-Del Norte		TIRCP/2025-26	PS&E				\$184,000	\$184,000
			Total revised amount \$434,000.	301-0046R GF	30.20.301.100	0025000287				
			CEQA - ND, 01/27/2025	S						
			Future consideration of funding approved under Resolution E-25-18; March 2025.	R580GD						
			On April 24, 2023, this project was awarded \$8,612,000 in TIRCP Cycle 6 General Fund New Project funding.							