

MEMORANDUM

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: October 16-17, 2025

From: STEVEN KECK, Chief Financial Officer

Reference Number: 2.5d.(9), Action Item

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Subject: **ALLOCATION FOR PROJECT WITH COSTS THAT EXCEED THE PROGRAMMED AMOUNT BY MORE THAN 20 PERCENT PPNO 2919Y/EA 1K521 – SANTA BARBARA COUNTY – STATE ROUTE 154 RESOLUTION FP-25-37**

ISSUE:

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve the California Department of Transportation's (Department) allocation request for \$300,000 for the Plans, Specifications and Estimate (PS&E) Capital Outlay Support (COS), of the State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) Drainage System Restoration project on State Route (SR) 154, in Santa Barbara County, to complete the phase?

RECOMMENDATION:

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

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

This project is located on SR 154 at various locations, in Santa Barbara County. The project will perform landscape mitigation planting for the parent project (PPNO 2919/EA 1K520) which will rehabilitate drainage systems and install transportation management system elements.

FUNDING AND PROGRAMMING STATUS:

In June 2023, this project was split from the parent project and programmed in the SHOPP with \$200,000 in PS&E for allocation in Fiscal Year 2024-25. In June 2024, the project was amended to move out PS&E allocation to 2025-26 due to the delay of the parent project resulting from right of way parcel acquisitions and coordination of construction between the two projects.

In August 2025, the workplan estimate reflected the need for \$300,000 in PS&E (50.0 percent over the programmed amount). The project is scheduled to be Ready to List (RTL) by November 2026 and complete the remaining PS&E activities by July 2027.

REASON FOR COST INCREASE:

The PS&E estimate is greater than the current programmed amount due to additional environmental mitigation and monitoring requirements that were identified during completion of the permit process on the parent project.

At the completion of the Natural Environment Study addendum and the subsequent Mitigation and Monitoring Plan, several restrictions and additional avoidance measures were placed on the parent project. This will result in revisions to the planting design plans. A portion of the mitigation will now have to take place at an off-site location (at Santa Agueda Creek), which was not originally planned in this landscape mitigation project. This change requires additional environmental surveys and assessments. While the inclusion of off-site planting raises PS&E costs, it will offer a better chance for successful mitigation due to a more favorable terrain. This approach also reduces the planting and monitoring workload at the most challenging onsite locations, which may help offset costs later in the project.

Therefore, additional resources in the amount of \$100,000 will be required to complete the PS&E phase.

CONSEQUENCES:

If this allocation request is not approved, the Department will not be able to proceed with the design of the landscape mitigation. The Department will proceed with the current allocation amount as programmed and then will need to request G-12 or supplemental funds to complete the PS&E phase. To address all of the mitigation, 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 \$300,000 be allocated for PS&E to provide funds to complete the pre-construction phase for this SHOPP project.

Attachment

2.5 Highway Financial Matters

Project No. Dist-Co-Rte Postmile	PPNO Project ID	Location/Description	EA	Program Year	Phase	Programmed Amount	Allocation Amount
2.5d.(9)	Allocation of Project with COS Cost that Exceeds 20 Percent of the Programmed Amount					Resolution FP-25-37	
1 05-SB-154 R0.0/32.8	2919Y 0523000027	In Santa Barbara County, at various locations. <u>Outcome/Outputs:</u> Landscape mitigation planting for EA 1K520. <u>Program Code</u> 201.151 - Drainage System Restoration <u>Performance Measure:</u> 0.0 Culvert(s) (ea) Future consideration of funding approved under Resolution E-23-56; May 2023.	1K521	26-27	PS&E	\$200,000	\$300,000