

## MEMORANDUM

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS  
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: December 4-5, 2025

From: STEVEN KECK, Chief Financial Officer

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Subject: **SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS ALLOCATION FOR A TRANSIT AND INTERCITY RAIL CAPITAL PROGRAM – (2018:27) SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA OPTIMIZED RAIL EXPANSION (SCORE) (EL MONTE SIDING AND STATION IMPROVEMENTS) COMPONENT RESOLUTION TIRCP-2526-36S**

### **ISSUE:**

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve a request for an additional \$2,400,000 for the Plans, Specifications, and Estimate (PS&E) phase of the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) (2018:27) Southern California Optimized Rail Expansion (SCORE) (El Monte Siding and Station Improvements) component (PPNO CP033Y), in Los Angeles County?

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

The California Department of Transportation recommends that the Commission approve a request for an additional \$2,400,000 for the PS&E phase of the TIRCP (2018:27) Southern California Optimized Rail Expansion (SCORE) (El Monte Siding and Station Improvements) component (PPNO CP033Y), in Los Angeles County.

### **BACKGROUND:**

In October 2018, the Commission approved an allocation of \$29,825,000 for the PS&E phase of the TIRCP (2018:27) Southern California Optimized Rail Expansion (SCORE) (Wave 1 and 2) project (PPNO CP033), under Resolution TIRCP-1819-02. In December 2018, the Commission approved an amendment to add the Multi-Year funding information to six of the twenty-eight components allocated under the TIRCP (2018:27) Southern California Optimized Rail Expansion (SCORE) (Wave 1 and 2) project (PPNO CP033), under Resolution TIRCP-1819-04. In May 2021, the Commission approved an allocation of \$2,628,000 for the PS&E phase of the El Monte Siding and Station Improvements component (PPNO CP033Y). In April 2022, the

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Commission approved an allocation amendment under Resolution TIRCP-2122-26, that split the PS&E phase of the TIRCP (2018:27) Southern California Optimized Rail Expansion (SCORE) (Wave 1 and 2) project (PPNO CP033Y) into 10 separate components, with \$3,944,000 being allocated to the PS&E phase of the El Monte Siding and Station Improvements component (PPNO CP033Y). In June 2023, the Commission approved \$2,000,000 in supplemental funds for the PS&E phase of this component (PPNO CP033Y), bringing the phase total to \$8,572,000. In August 2024, the Commission approved a project development expenditure time extension for the PS&E phase.

**PROJECT LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION:**

The El Monte Siding and Station Improvements component (PPNO CP033Y) is located in Los Angeles County and will complete the design for 0.91-mile siding extension, and station improvements at the El Monte Station.

**FUNDING STATUS:**

This project component currently has \$8,572,000 programmed for its PS&E phase, however, an additional \$2,400,000 is needed to complete the phase. The supplemental funding for the PS&E phase will be reprogrammed from the construction phase of this component.

**REASON(S) FOR THE COST INCREASE:**

The Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA) is requesting supplemental funding to cover the project cost increase as a result of delays in completing the component design due to stakeholder disagreements over the proposed pedestrian crossing improvements and changes to the siding extension design. Since the previously approved time extension, SCRRA submitted the completed design for the siding extension piece to the City of El Monte (City) and has received comments from the City, which SCRRA is currently working through. The SCRRA, the City, and the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) have agreed on the proposed pedestrian crossing improvements, allowing SCRRA to work toward progressing the design for the station improvements piece beyond 30 percent. The SCRRA expects to complete the design for both the station improvements and the siding extension by June 2028. The PS&E activities that remain include completing review of the 100 percent siding design submittal, and responding to stakeholder comments, continuing with the completion of the station improvements design, and preparing and submitting the design to the CPUC and Department of State Architect.

**CONSEQUENCES:**

If this request for supplemental funds is not approved, the El Monte Siding and Station Improvements component (PPNO CP033Y) will be delayed until additional funding is secured to complete the PS&E phase. With the approval of this supplemental request, the PS&E phase is expected to be completed by June 2028.

**FINANCIAL RESOLUTION:**

Resolved, that \$2,400,000 be allocated from the Budget Act of 2024 and 2025, Budget Items 2660-301-0046R and 2660-101-0046, to complete the PS&E phase of the TIRCP (2018:27) Southern California Optimization Rail Expansion (SCORE) (El Monte Siding and Station Improvements) component (PPNO CP033Y).

Attachment

2.6 Mass Transportation Financial Matters

Project #	Allocation Amount	Recipient	District-County	Project Title	Location	Project Description	PPNO Program Funding Year Item # Fund Type Program Codes Project ID Adv Phase	State Federal Current Amount by Fund Type	State Federal Additional Amount by Fund Type	State Federal Revised Amount by Fund Type
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Supplemental Allocation- Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program

Resolution TIRCP-2526-36S

1	\$2,400,000	Southern California Regional Rail Authority LACMTA 07-Los Angeles		<b>(2018:27) Southern California Optimized Rail Expansion (SCORE) (El Monte Siding and Station Improvements).</b> Design for El Monte Station. This project will eliminate the Hold-Out Rule and consequently enables 30-minute headways in each direction between Marengo Siding and El Monte Siding.			07-CP033Y TIRCP/2020-21 PS&E 301-0046R GGFR 30.20.301.100	\$1,178,000		\$1,178,000
				<u>Outcome/Outputs:</u> Reduction of greenhouse gas emissions by increasing rail efficiency through elimination of the hold-out rule, increased ridership by enabling 30-minute bi-directional service on the San Bernardino Line, and improved safety through construction of pedestrian infrastructure improvements.			TIRCP/2019-20 PS&E 101-0046 PTA 30.10.030.200	\$1,450,000		\$1,450,000
				Total revised amount \$10,972,000.			TIRCP/2017-18 PS&E 301-0046R GGFR 30.20.301.100	\$1,770,000		\$1,770,000
				Supplemental funds are needed to complete PS&E.			TIRCP/2017-18 PS&E 101-0046 PTA 30.10.030.200	\$2,174,000		\$2,174,000
				CEQA - SE 15275, 02/10/2021			TIRCP/2021-22 PS&E 301-0046R GF 30.20.301.200	\$2,000,000		\$2,000,000
							TIRCP/2024-25 PS&E 301-0046 GGFR 30.20.301.100		\$1,064,000	\$1,064,000
							TIRCP/2025-26 PS&E 101-0046 PTA 30.10.030.200 0026000055 S R631GJ		\$1,336,000	\$1,336,000