

MEMORANDUM

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: March 19-20, 2026

From: STEVEN KECK, Chief Financial Officer

Reference Number: 2.5e.(3), Action Item

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Subject: **SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS FOR CONSTRUCTION COMPLETION PHASE
PPNO 2386/EA 1C360 – SANTA BARBARA COUNTY – STATE ROUTE 217
RESOLUTION FA-25-41**

ISSUE:

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve the California Department of Transportation's (Department) request for an additional \$1,600,000 in Construction Support for the State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) Bridge Rehabilitation and Replacement project on State Route (SR) 217, in Santa Barbara County, to complete the construction contract?

RECOMMENDATION:

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

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

This project is located along SR 217, near the City of Goleta, at the San Jose Creek Bridge (No. 51-0217), in Santa Barbara County. The project is replacing the bridge.

FUNDING AND PROGRAMMING STATUS:

In March 2014, the project was programmed for \$15,317,000 in Construction Capital and \$2,703,000 in Construction Support in the SHOPP for allocation in Fiscal Year 2017-18. In October 2015, the project was amended to move out allocation of the Construction phase to 2019-20, and increase Construction Capital to \$16,887,000 and Construction Support to \$3,610,000 due to an updated cost and schedule. In June 2017, the project was amended again to move out allocation of the Construction phase to 2021-22, and increase Construction Capital to \$18,600,000 and Construction Support to \$4,550,000. In June 2019, the project was

further amended to increase Construction Capital to \$27,435,000 and Construction Support to \$6,782,000 due to changes to the design of the bridge. In June 2021, the project was amended a fourth time to increase Construction Capital to \$28,807,000 to fund a landscape mitigation monitoring child project that will be required in the future. In May 2022, the project was amended a fifth time to decrease Construction Capital to \$27,157,000 to split out two child mitigation projects, a landscape and plant propagation project (PPNO 2386Y/EA 1C361) and a biological monitoring project (PPNO 2386X/EA 1C362). In June 2022, the project received a 7-month allocation time extension for the Construction phase. In October 2022, the project was allocated for \$27,725,000 in Construction Capital and \$6,782,000 in Construction Support. In January 2023, the project was awarded for \$30,038,300 in Construction Capital after utilizing partial G-12 funds. In April 2023, construction began with 800 working days. In January 2026, the project received a 17-month project completion time extension for the Construction phase. The project has not received any G-12 funds for Construction Support. The remaining funds are currently at \$8,104,000 in Construction Capital and \$1,044,000 in Construction Support. The project is approximately 75 percent complete with approximately 390 working days remaining. The planned Construction Contract Acceptance is scheduled for June 2027.

REASON FOR COST INCREASE:

The project realized support cost increases due to delays to the start of construction and from weather-related work stoppage above what was anticipated. These delays required additional work shifts and extended the construction duration by another year.

Construction on this project experienced significant work stoppage and delay early on which impacted the productivity and schedule requiring an additional year of construction. This project is site sensitive due to the San Jose Creek environmental work window restriction (from June 1 to October 31) and required extensive environmental approvals from various agencies. More specifically, with the approved construction contract in late February 2023, the contractor's stormwater pollution prevention plan was submitted to the Regional Water Quality Control Board early April 2023. However, the approval was not obtained until late June 2023. This delayed start of construction in the creek and reduced planned bridge work productivity, ultimately requiring an additional year for construction. This significantly impacted support resources for both construction and environmental staff which also included consultant staff.

While anticipated construction tasks were not completed in the first-year creek work window, the contractor accelerated operations during the two subsequent construction seasons to meet scheduled milestones within the same work window. This included night shifts, weekend work, and extended daily hours for the completion of the bridge's substructure. To maintain adequate inspection coverage and ensure compliance with specifications and environmental requirements, the Department's field staff were required to work extensive overtime, night, and weekend shifts, increasing labor costs for inspectors and administrative support. These costs were unforeseen in the original budget, as the accelerated work approach was contractor-driven and necessary to meet environmental deadlines and avoid permit violations or schedule delays. As a result of delays to the start of construction and the contractor's efforts to recover their

schedule, staff support resources increased by approximately \$400,000 of which approximately \$300,000 was for construction staff and \$100,000 for environmental staff.

In addition, 24 working days were added to the construction schedule due to weather delays during the winter of 2023-24. This resulted in an increase to the Department's staff time for inspection, various unplanned efforts which included monitoring the site for safety, responding to public inquiries, and miscellaneous site clean ups and activities. Staff support resources for this work increased by approximately \$100,000.

Consultants were used to augment Department staff at an amount that was not originally anticipated in the workplan. Consultant augmentation increased support needs by approximately \$900,000 for inspection work and \$200,000 for environmental work. The necessary environmental work includes creek monitoring, fish exclusion efforts, biological monitoring and surveys, hydroacoustic monitoring, and dewatering plan reviews and inspections.

Therefore, the project will need an additional \$1,600,000 in support costs to complete inspection of the remaining work and closeout the project. The Department does not anticipate needing additional capital funds to complete construction.

CONSEQUENCES:

If this request for supplemental funds is not approved, the Department will not be able to complete the remaining work to address critical deficiencies of the existing bridge and roadside elements. If the construction contract is further delayed, it will likely result in claims by the contractor. To complete construction at a later time, another project will have to be programmed in a future SHOPP cycle at a possible higher project cost.

FINANCIAL RESOLUTION:

Resolved, that \$1,600,000 be allocated for Construction Support, to provide funds to complete the Construction phase for this SHOPP project.

Attachment

2.5 Highway Financial Matters

Project #	Project Title	PPNO	State	State	State
Allocation Amount	Location	Program	Federal	Federal	Federal
Recipient	Project Description	Funding Year	Additional	Additional	Additional
RTPA/CTC	Project Support Expenditures	Item #	Amount by	Amount by	Amount by
County		Fund Type	Fund Type	Fund Type	Fund Type
Dist-Co-Rte		Program Codes	Current Amount	Current Amount	Current Amount
Postmile		Project ID	by Fund Type	by Fund Type	by Fund Type
		Adv Phase			
		EA			

2.5e.(3) Supplemental Funds for Previously Voted Project Resolution FA-25-41

1	Near Goleta, from 0.1 mile south to 0.4 mile north of San Jose Creek Bridge No. 51-0217.	05-2386			
\$1,600,000		SHOPP			
		CON ENG			
Department of Transportation	<u>Outcome/Outputs:</u> Replace bridge with new structure which meets current standards and provides shoulders for disabled vehicles, maintenance workers, pedestrians and bicycles.	505-3290 RMRA	\$778,000	\$183,000	\$961,000
SBCAG		001-0890 FTF	\$6,004,000	\$1,417,000	\$7,421,000
Santa Barbara		20.10.201.110			
05-SB-217	Total revised amount \$8,382,000.	0512000134			
0.9/1.4		3			
	Supplemental funds are needed to complete construction.	1C360			
	CEQA - MND, 09/20/2020; Re-validation 08/18/2022				
	NEPA - CE, 10/08/2020; Re-validation 08/18/2022				
	Future consideration of funding approved under Resolution E-20-102; October 2020.				
	Seventeen month project completion time extension for CONST and CON ENG approved under Waiver 26-04; January 2026.				