

MEMORANDUM

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: August 20-21, 2026

From: STEVEN KECK, Chief Financial Officer

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

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Subject: **ALLOCATION AMENDMENT FOR A TRANSIT AND INTERCITY RAIL CAPITAL PROGRAM COMPONENT**
RESOLUTION TIRCP-2627-06, AMENDING RESOLUTION TIRCP-2526-25

ISSUE:

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve an allocation amendment for the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) (2023:01) High Desert Clean Connector (Purchase 4 Zero Emission Commuter Coaches) component (PPNO CP107), in Los Angeles County, to rescind the full amount of \$3,902,000 from the Construction (CON) phase due to project termination?

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation recommends that the Commission approve an allocation amendment for the TIRCP (2023:01) High Desert Clean Connector (Purchase 4 Zero Emission Commuter Coaches) component (PPNO CP107), in Los Angeles County, to rescind the full amount of \$3,902,000 from the CON phase due to project termination.

BACKGROUND:

In October 2025, the Commission approved \$3,902,000 for the CON phase of the TIRCP (2023:01) High Desert Clean Connector (Purchase 4 Zero Emission Commuter Coaches) component (PPNO CP107), under Resolution TIRCP-2526-25. In February 2026, the Antelope Valley Transit Authority's (AVTA) board voted unanimously to pause further development of the project indefinitely due to financial and operational challenges. The manufacturing cost per vehicle rose 43 percent over the last year, creating a funding shortfall which the agency is unable to fund. Concurrently, operating costs to run the new commuter service increased beyond the projected amounts, escalating 3 percent annually over a 12-year operating period. In addition, the potential duplication of this service with the advancement of

the High Desert Corridor rail project was also a contributing factor in cancelling the project. AVTA has explored other solutions to achieve full funding, but the manufacturing costs and operating costs are too high to move forward with delivery of the project. Therefore, AVTA is requesting to rescind the full amount previously allocated.

The proposed changes are reflected in strikethrough and bold in the attached revised vote box.

FINANCIAL RESOLUTION:

Resolved, that the TIRCP (2023:01) High Desert Clean Connector (Purchase 4 Zero Emission Commuter Coaches) component (PPNO CP107), is hereby amended to rescind the full amount of \$3,902,000 from the CON phase due to project termination, in accordance with the attached revised vote box.

Attachment

2.6 Mass Transportation Financial Matters

Project #	Project Title	PPNO Program/Year Phase	Budget Year	Amount by
Allocation Amount	Location	Prgm'd Amount	Item #	Fund Type
Recipient	Project Description	Project ID	Fund Type	Fund Type
RTPA/CTC		Advantage Phase	Program Code	
District-County		EA		

2.6g.(7) Allocation Amendment - Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program

Resolution TIRCP-2627-06
Amending Resolution TIRCP-2526-25

1	(2023:01) High Desert Clean Connector (Purchase 4 Zero Emission Commuter Coaches). Purchase of four 45-ft battery-electric, zero-emission, commuter coaches located in and around the Greater Antelope Valley-Lancaster/Palmdale area in Northern Los Angeles and San Bernardino counties. Vehicles will be used to deploy a new route connecting the Antelope Valley and Victor Valley Transit Authorities.	07-CP107 TIRCP/25-26 CONST \$3,902,000 \$0 0024000106 S T580GA	2024-25 301-0046R GF 30.20.301.200	\$3,902,000 \$0
Antelope Valley Transit Authority LACMTA 07-Los Angeles	<u>Outcome/Output:</u> The coaches will facilitate zero emission transit interconnectivity, increase zero emission ridership and reduce GHG by helping replace single occupant vehicles with 53 seat commuter coaches. The coaches will also integrate into the local and regional intermodal transit network AVTA has built with their previous zero emission fleet, helping extend zero emission transit into some of the most transit vulnerable communities in the Greater Antelope Valley-Lancaster/Palmdale areas. CEQA - CE, 11/22/2023 Right of Way Certification: N/A In April 2023, Project 2023:01 was awarded \$3,902,000, Cycle 6 General Fund New Project funding. <u>Amend Resolution TIRCP-2526-25 to rescind the full amount of \$3,902,000 from the CON phase due to project termination.</u>			