

Memorandum

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To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: August 20, 2014

Reference No.: 4.10
Action

From: ANDRE BOUTROS
Executive Director

Subject: **TRADE CORRIDORS IMPROVEMENT FUND PROGRAM AMENDMENT
RESOLUTION TCIF-P-1415-01**

ISSUE:

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) amend the Trade Corridors Improvement Fund (TCIF) Program to add the *Sanborn Road/US101 Improvements and Elvee Drive Extension Project* to the TCIF Program as TCIF Project 105 at a cost of \$1.7 million in TCIF funds?

RECOMMENDATION:

Commission staff recommends that the Commission approve the proposed TCIF Program Amendment to add into the TCIF Program Project 105: *Sanborn Road/US101 Improvements and Elvee Drive Extension Project*.

BACKGROUND:

Project 105

The Northern California Trade Corridor Coalition (NCTCC) and the City of Salinas propose to amend the TCIF Program by including the Sanborn Road / US101 Improvements and Elvee Drive Extension Project 105 in the Northern California Corridor element of the TCIF Program and program \$1.7 million of TCIF funds to the project.

The Sanborn Road/US 101 Interchange and Elvee Drive Extension Project will extend the raised median of Sanborn Road, improve the right turn lane on westbound Sanborn Road to Work Street, extend Elvee Drive to Work Street and Construct a new bridge at the existing Rec Ditch Crossing, signalize the Sanborn Road northbound loop off ramp/Fairview Avenue intersection, construct a ramp meter on the northbound US 101 on ramp to Fairview Avenue, widen Elvee Drive and reconstruct/rehabilitate existing pavement to handle truck traffic, and install curb gutter sidewalk and street lighting along Elvee Drive. The proposed project will improve operational traffic and circulation conditions and provide efficiency and safety improvements that support movement of locally generated goods to market along the Sanborn / US 101 interchange.

The NCTCC supports the proposed amendment to the TCIF Program (see attached letter).



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May 13, 2014

Mr. Andre Boutros, Executive Director
California Transportation Commission
1120 N Street, MS-52
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Boutros:

The Northern California Trade Corridors Coalition (Coalition) is in support of the City of Salinas's Trade Corridor Improvement Fund (TCIF) baseline agreement for the US-101 Sanborn Road Interchange project in Monterey County.

US-101 Sanborn Road Interchange and Elvee Drive Extension ("Project"):

The City of Salinas requests programming a new TCIF project using \$1.7 million in TCIF-Bond funds. The Project proposed for TCIF funding will improve safety and reduce congestion at the Sanborn Road Interchange, which is a major access point for agricultural trucks to US-101. The total construction cost for the Project is about \$4 million, and the Project will be Ready to List (RTL) in June 2014. The City expects to advertise the project after RTL, with project award in Fall 2014.

The Coalition met on March 14, 2014 and supports the proposed baseline agreement to program the Project with \$1.7 million in TCIF-Bond funds. This amount will come from the Coalition's unprogrammed balance of TCIF-Bond funds. We recommend that the CTC consider the programming of the Project at its June 2014 meeting, with allocation to be considered by the August 2014 CTC meeting.

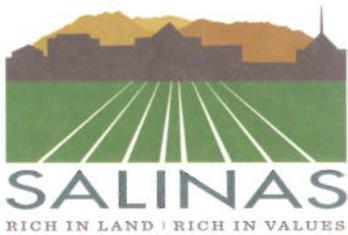
Should you have any questions or comments, please contact Kenneth Kao of my staff at (510) 817-5768 or kkao@mtc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Anne Richman
Director, Programming and Allocations

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June 3, 2014

Mr. Andre Boutros, Executive Director
California Transportation Commission
1120 N Street, MS-52
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Subject: US-101 Sanborn Road – Request for Trade Corridor Improvement Funds

Dear Mr. Boutros:

The City of Salinas respectfully requests that the California Transportation Commission consider approving the enclosed baseline agreement to program \$1.7 million in Trade Corridor Improvement Funds to the US 101-Sanborn Road project.

This project, sponsored by the City of Salinas, will provide tremendous benefit to the over 2,100 trucks per day that travel in this south Salinas agricultural cooler and distribution center. Currently, the intersection suffers from congestion at the intersection of a frontage road (Elvee Drive), US 101 off and onramps, Fairview and Sanborn Road. This project will re-route Elvee Drive to allow more streamlined signal operations, improving traffic flow onto and off of US 101 and in reducing current backup of truck and automobile traffic. At a cost of \$4.1 million, this project is a very cost-effective means of improving goods movement in the US 101 corridor. Developer fees are available to provide the required 50% match; the City is seeking \$1.7 million in bond funding, which will allow us to fully fund the subject project.

The environmental document for the project was certified by the City in May 6, 2014, and the project is scheduled to start construction in winter of 2014. The Transportation Agency for Monterey County, the Regional Transportation Planning Agency, and the Northern California Trade Corridors Coalition are in support of this request. The City is requesting that the baseline agreement and programming action be consider by the California Transportation Commission at the June 2014 meeting, with the allocation to be consider by the August 2014 meeting.

Thank you for your consideration in approving our application to fund this vitally important goods movement project along the US 101 corridor in the City of Salinas. Please contact Eda Herrera, Associate Engineer, at (831)758-7438 or eda@ci.salinas.ca.us if you require any additional information.

Sincerely,

Ray Corpuz Jr.
City of Salinas City Manager