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**PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE
MARCH 19, 2008**

**SUBJECT: TRADE CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT FUND (TCIF) PROJECT
RECOMMENDATIONS**

ACTION: APPROVE TCIF PROJECT LIST

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the Southern California Consensus Trade Corridor Improvement Fund Working Group Project List (Attachment A).

ISSUE

At the February 2008 meeting, a motion was approved requesting staff to bring the TCIF project list to the Board for approval at their March meeting.

In November 2006, California voters passed Proposition 1B, a \$19.9 billion transportation bond initiative. Proposition 1B authorizes \$2 billion to the TCIF with focus on funding goods movement infrastructure projects. Los Angeles County falls within the Los Angeles/Inland Empire Corridor, as designated by the TCIF program. Staff has been working with other partners within the corridor area to develop the attached list of projects.

Staff initially provided the project list to the Board through a Board Box item on October 5, 2007.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

If the projects submitted receive funding through the TCIF program, it will support our policy of pursuing all funding alternatives and working collaboratively with regional partners and the State to address goods movement issues as adopted at the Board's January 29, 2007 Goods Movement workshop.

OPTIONS

The alternative to forgo submittal of a list was not considered because the State bond funds will fill a critical funding gap in the region's efforts to address goods movement issues and will ensure that Southern California receives its share of the bond funding.

The alternative to submit other projects was also rejected because the projects submitted were deemed to be the most crucial in improving the region's goods movement network and the most competitive in meeting TCIF guidelines criteria.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no impact to our budget as a result of this action. In all cases, the commitment to provide the 50 percent match has been made by project sponsors. We will act as project sponsor for the I-5 Truck Lanes project. However, we will assure that a funding agreement is in place stipulating that the Golden State Gateway Coalition will be responsible for providing the match and any additional funding required for potential cost overruns.

BACKGROUND

As part of the passage of Proposition 1B, the voters approved \$2 billion statewide to fund infrastructure projects to address goods movement issues. Since late June of last year, staff along with agency staffs of the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority, Alameda Corridor East Construction Authority, San Bernardino Associated Governments, Orange County Transportation Authority, Riverside County Transportation Commission, Ventura County Transportation Commission, and the Southern California Regional Rail Authority have convened the Southern California Consensus Working Group in order to develop a consensus on a recommended process and project list for allocating the \$2 billion. These entities are likely recipients of TCIF and can best identify and deliver the required program of projects within our region. The Southern California Consensus Working Group also includes representatives from Caltrans Districts 7, 8, and 12 as well as from South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD), and the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) who serve in an advisory capacity. Staff also contacted Councils of Governments (COG) in order to ensure that all potential projects are considered for the TCIF program.

The following criteria were used to develop the project list and determine the placement of projects in each Tier:

- Deliverability – projects recommended will be ready to go to construction by 2013.
- Matching Funds – projects must have a 1:1 non-Prop 1B bond match.
- Performance – simultaneous and continuous improvement requires a solution set that reduces freight movement emissions, reduces freight delays, increases freight reliability and decreases the congestion impact on communities.

The Tier 1 projects for the region recommend \$1.7 billion in TCIF programming reflecting a request of 85 percent of the total statewide TCIF funding based on the fact that 85 percent of the State's containerized cargo travels through the Los Angeles/Inland Empire region. These nominations represent those projects that will demonstrate the most significant benefits and alleviate the most pressing limitations in the region's goods movement network. The Tier 2 total requested is based upon a potential over-programming of TCIF up to \$3 billion. These projects complement the goods movement network by filling pivotal gaps within the system.

Los Angeles County has 10 projects in the Tier 1 list and five projects in the Tier 2 list with a TCIF request of \$1.04 billion and \$238 million respectively (Attachment B).

Staff submitted applications for all projects on Attachment A to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) on January 17, 2008 and met with CTC staff on February 19, 2008 to respond to project-related questions. TCIF funding must be budgeted in the state budget by the legislature and will be programmed by the CTC.


NEXT STEPS

It is anticipated that the CTC will make its initial recommendations regarding the TCIF program at its March 12, 2008 meeting and will take formal action on April 10, 2008.

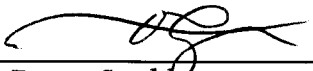
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ATTACHMENT(S)

- A. Southern California Consensus TCIF List
- B. Los Angeles County TCIF Project Summary



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Attachment A

Southern California Consensus Group TCIF List

Project Name	Total Project Cost	TCIF Request (in Millions)
Tier 1		
Los Angeles County		
ACE: San Gabriel Valley Grade Separation Program	\$700.0	\$350.0
SR47 Port Access Expressway/Schuyler Heim Bridge Replacement	\$686.0	\$158.0
ACE: Gateway – Valley View Grade Separation	\$79.0	\$26.0
New Siding on the Antelope Valley Line for Freight Trains	\$15.0	\$7.5
I-110/SR-47 Interchange & John S. Gibson Blvd Intersection/NB I-110	\$44.0	\$14.7
I-110 Fwy/C Street Interchange Improvement	\$24.8	\$8.3
Washington Blvd Widening & Reconstruction Project	\$32.0	\$5.8
South Wilmington Grade Separation	\$60.0	\$17.0
Replace Gerald Desmond Bridge	\$800.5	\$250.0
Ports Rail System	\$534.8	\$200.0
Orange County		
Connecting interchange on WB SR91 (I-5 to 57)	\$73.4	\$23.0
ACE: State College Blvd Grade Separation	\$62.1	\$31.0
ACE: Placentia Ave Undercrossing	\$29.9	\$14.9
ACE: Orangethorpe Ave Overcrossing	\$84.0	\$42.0
ACE: Kraemer Blvd Undercrossing	\$45.9	\$23.0
ACE: Raymond Ave Grade Separation	\$63.7	\$31.9
ACE: Lakeview Ave Overcrossing	\$58.5	\$28.7
ACE: Tustin Ave/Rose Dr Overcrossing	\$63.4	\$31.7
Riverside County		
ACE: Columbia Ave Grade Separation (BNSF & UP)	\$29.1	\$6.0
ACE: Auto Center Dr Grade Separation (BNSF)	\$32.0	\$16.0
ACE: Magnolia Ave Grade Separation (UP)	\$51.2	\$20.0
ACE: Iowa Ave Grade Separation (BNSF & UP)	\$32.0	\$13.0
ACE: Sunset Ave Grade Separation (UP)	\$36.5	\$10.0
ACE: Streeter Ave Grade Separation (UP)	\$36.8	\$15.5
ACE: Ave 56 Grade Separation (UP)	\$60.0	\$10.0
ACE: Ave 66 Grade Separation (UP)	\$33.5	\$10.0
ACE: Clay St Grade Separation (UP)	\$37.0	\$12.5
ACE: Riverside Ave Grade Separation (UP)	\$30.3	\$8.5
ACE: 3 rd St Grade Separation (BNSF & UP)	\$40.2	\$17.5
ACE: Magnolia Ave Grade Separation (BNSF)	\$80.0	\$20.0
March Inland Cargo Port Airport – I-215 Van Buren Ground Access Improvement Project	\$97.5	\$10.0
San Bernardino County		
I-15 Widening & Devore Interchange (at I-215) Reconstruction	\$238.9	\$119.1
Interstate 10 Corridor Logistics Access Project	\$165.3	\$68.5
ACE: Glen Helen Grade Separation at BNSF/UP Cajon	\$26.9	\$7.2
ACE: N. Milliken Grade Separation at UP Alhambra	\$74.0	\$6.5
ACE: S. Milliken Grade Separation at UP Los Angeles	\$30.1	\$8.0
ACE: Valley Grade Separation at BNSF/UP San Bernardino	\$28.7	\$7.6
ACE: Palm Grade Separation at BNSF/UP Cajon	\$35.2	\$9.4
ACE: Lenwood Grade Separation at BNSF Cajon	\$25.1	\$6.7
ACE: Vineyard Grade Separation at UP Alhambra	\$25.8	\$6.9
ACE: S. Archibald Grade Separation at UP Los Angeles	\$30.5	\$8.1
Ventura County		
Reconstruct US-101-Rice Ave Interchange (Oxnard)	\$75.0	\$33.9
Total Tier 1	\$4,803.5	\$1,714.4



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Project Name	Total Project Cost	TCIF Request (in Millions)
Tier 2		
Los Angeles County		
ACE: Nogales Grade Separation	\$106.0	\$53.0
SR47 On-Ramp & Off-Ramp at Front Street	\$23.8	\$10.0
I-5 Truck Lane, Calgrove to SR14	\$110.0	\$55.0
Navy Way Connector to Westbound Seaside Ave (SR47)	\$47.8	\$20.0
Ports Rail Program – Phase 2	\$423.7	\$100.0
Orange County		
SR57 Truck Climbing Lane	\$158.2	\$51.0
Riverside County		
ACE: Mary St Grade Separation (UP)	\$38.0	\$17.7
ACE: Jurupa Rd Grade Separation (UP)	\$108.4	\$10.0
I-10/SR60 Truck Climbing Lane	\$46.0	\$23.0
San Bernardino County		
High Desert Corridor – Phase 1 A from I-15 to Phantom East	\$400.0	\$150.0
Ventura County		
Freight Siding between Las Posas Rd & Pleasant Valley Rd	\$15.0	\$7.5
Total Tier 2	\$1,476.9	\$497.2

Tier 2			
45	ACE: Nogales Grade Separation	ACECA/Industry	\$53.0
47	I-5 Truck Lane, Calgrove to SR 14	/North LA County	\$55.0
43	SR 47 On-Ramp and Off-Ramp at Front Street	POLA	\$10.0
44	Navy Way Connector to Westbound Seaside Ave (SR 47)	POLA	\$20.0
46	Ports Rail Program – Phase II	POLB	\$100.0
Total Los Angeles County Request:			\$1,275.3

POLB: Port of Long Beach
POLA: Port of Los Angeles
ACTA: Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority
ACECA: Alameda Corridor East Construction Authority

- Projects are listed in alphabetical order by Agency
- Map numbers serve to aid the legend for the TCIF project map and do not denote priority.