



SACOG Board of Directors

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Endorse Changes to Proposition 1B Trade Corridors Improvement Funds Programming

Issue: The withdrawal of the Caltrans/Union Pacific Railroad Donner Summit project from the Proposition 1B Trade Corridors Improvement Funds (TCIF) program has made available \$43 million from the Northern California Trade Corridor Coalition's TCIF program. The Coalition is recommending bringing forward one project from the Tier 2 list of projects and requesting additional funding for an existing Tier 1 project – the Sacramento Intermodal Rail Relocation project.

Recommendation: The Transportation Committee recommends that the Board endorse these proposed amendments to the Northern California Trade Corridor Coalition's TCIF program and direct staff to work with the project sponsors to submit these requests to the CTC.

Committee Action/Discussion: On April 10, 2008, The California Transportation Commission (CTC) adopted a statewide program of projects for the Proposition 1B Trade Corridors Improvement Funds (TCIF) program. At the October 29 CTC meeting, the Commission approved Caltrans' request to withdraw its application for TCIF program's funding for the Donner Summit Track and Tunnel Improvement project. The Commission was informed that Union Pacific Railroad has withdrawn its support for the project and that the Northern California Trade Corridor Coalition was now reviewing alternative strategies for use of the \$43 million originally programmed for it. The Coalition's preliminary recommendation is to fund the Sperry Road extension project in San Joaquin County from the Tier 2 list of TCIF projects for approximately \$32 million in TCIF funds and to fund additional project scope for the City of Sacramento's Intermodal Rail Relocation project for between \$4-8 million. The City is looking to construct an additional tunnel underneath the relocated train tracks. Total cost of this work is estimated to be \$8 million. \$4 million is being requested in TCIF funds, and the \$4 million match will be funded through a combination of city and developer funds. The Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority (CCJPA) is also seeking to fund a service tunnel underneath the train tracks that is also estimated to cost \$8 million. A source of matching funds for this portion of the project has not yet been identified. SACOG staff is working closely with the Coalition partners, the City of Sacramento, CCJPA staff, and CTC staff to finalize the details and prepare a request for the CTC. It is expected that the CTC will act on this request at its January 14 meeting here in Sacramento.

The Coalition is also expecting to report on overall progress of TCIF projects in northern California at the December 10-11 CTC meeting. The CTC had originally set a deadline of September 2008 to have all TCIF project baseline agreements in place. A few northern California TCIF projects still have agreements outstanding, but discussions between the Coalition partners and CTC staff have resulted in agreement on a March 2009 final deadline. The SACOG region's other TCIF project – the Port of Sacramento Channel Dredging project – is moving forward on schedule as originally programmed.

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