

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

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Action

From: ANDRE BOUTROS
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Subject: **TRADE CORRIDORS IMPROVEMENT FUND - PROGRAM AMENDMENT AND BASELINE AMENDMENT**
RESOLUTION TCIF-P-1314-11B

ISSUE:

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve the proposed Trade Corridors Improvement Fund (TCIF) Program amendment to: continue Project 6, the *Tehachapi Rail Improvement Project*, in the TCIF Program; maintain the \$12.270 million of TCIF funds on the project; and approve a Baseline Amendment to update the delivery schedule?

RECOMMENDATION:

Commission staff recommends that the Commission approve the proposed TCIF Program Amendment to maintain the *Tehachapi Rail Improvement Project* in the TCIF program with \$12.270 million of TCIF funds in the project and approve the Baseline Amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Northern California Trade Corridor Coalition (NCTCC), the Department of Transportation (Caltrans), and BNSF Railway (BNSF) propose to continue Project 6, the *Tehachapi Rail Improvement Project*, in the TCIF Program, maintain the \$12.270 million of TCIF funds on the project and revise the delivery schedule through a Baseline Amendment.

The project will connect Walong and Mercel siding to create 2.8 miles of double track and extend cliff siding to accommodate prevailing system train length. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$26.040 million. This project was programmed in the original TCIF program in April 2008. The project was not delivered by the December 2013 deadline as it was unable to complete the Environmental process. Per Commission Policy, all projects that are not delivered by the December 2013 deadline will be dropped from the program and the funds are subject to be reprogrammed to other projects.

The NCTCC and Caltrans support continued inclusion of the project in the TCIF Program (see attached letters).