

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
ADOPTION OF THE 2018 SOLUTIONS FOR CONGESTED CORRIDORS PROGRAM

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TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

RESOLUTION SCCP-P-1718-01

- 1.1 **WHEREAS**, on April 28, 2017, the Governor signed Senate Bill (SB) 1 (Beall, Chapter 5, Statutes of 2017), known as the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017, and created the Solutions for Congested Corridors Program to fund projects that make specific performance improvements and are part of a comprehensive corridor plan designed to reduce congestion in highly traveled corridors by providing more transportation choices while preserving the character of the local community and creating opportunities for neighborhood enhancement projects; and
- 1.2 **WHEREAS**, SB 1 provides \$250 million annually for the Solutions for Congested Corridors Program; and
- 1.3 **WHEREAS**, the California Transportation Commission (Commission), adopted the 2018 Solutions for Congested Corridors Program Guidelines (guidelines) on December 6, 2017, after holding five public workshops and two public hearings to consult and seek input from stakeholders representing state agencies, including the California Air Resources Board, regional transportation planning agencies, local governments, private industry and other advocates; and
- 1.4 **WHEREAS**, the Commission provided the guidelines to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee and the transportation policy committees in the Senate and Assembly thirty days prior to adoption; and
- 1.5 **WHEREAS**, the guidelines describe the policy, standards, criteria and procedures for the development and management of the 2018 Solutions for Congested Corridors Program funding cycle; and
- 1.6 **WHEREAS**, the guidelines established the first funding cycle as a four year program for a total funding of \$1 billion and specify project nominations were due to the Commission on or postmarked by February 16, 2016, and
- 1.7 **WHEREAS**, the Commission received 32 project nominations seeking over \$2.5 billion in funding; and
- 1.8 **WHEREAS**, Commission staff prepared program recommendations that included \$1.006 billion for 9 projects valued at more than \$3.5 billion; and
- 1.9 **WHEREAS**, the Commission staff recommendations for the 2018 Solutions for Congested Corridors Program were published on the Commission's website and made available to the Commission, the Department, regional transportation agencies, and other stakeholders on February 28, 2018; and
- 1.10 **WHEREAS**, the Commission considered the staff recommendations and public testimony at its May 16-17, 2018 meeting.
- 2.1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Commission hereby adopts the 2018 Solutions for Congested Corridors Program, as reflected in the attached staff recommendations; and

- 2.2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the project amounts for funding shall be considered as a “not to exceed amount” and that any increases in cost estimates beyond the levels reflected in the adopted program are the responsibility of the appropriate agency; and
- 2.3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a project included in the adopted 2018 Solutions for Congested Corridors Program must be in compliance with the 2018 Solutions for Congested Corridors Program Guidelines and the SB 1 Accountability and Transparency Guidelines; and
- 2.4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a project included in the adopted 2018 Solutions for Congested Corridors Program must enter into a Baseline Agreement to be approved by the Commission within four months of project adoption. The Commission may delete a project for which no Baseline Agreement is executed; and
- 2.5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Commission staff, in consultation with the Department and project sponsors, is authorized to make minor technical changes as needed to the 2018 Solutions for Congested Corridors Program in order to reflect the most current information, or to clarify the Commission’s programming commitments, with report of any substantive changes back to the Commission for approval; and
- 2.6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Commission directs staff to post the adopted 2018 Solutions for Congested Corridors Program on the Commission’s website.

Adopted 2018 Solutions for Congested Corridors Program

(\$1,000's)

County	Applicant Agency	Project Title	Project Description	Congested Corridor	Agency Priority	Consensus Rating	Total Project Cost	Total Requested Amount	Total Recommended Funding	Fiscal Year
Los Angeles	Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority	Airport Metro Connector 96th Street Transit Station	Multimodal transit station -Light Rail Station -Transit Station/Terminal Building -Bus plaza -Bicycle hub -Pedestrian Improvements and plaza -Passenger pick-up and drop-off	Rt 405 Rt 105	Metro 1 of 4	High	\$ 525,200	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	2019-20
Orange	Orange County Transportation Authority	Orange County Central Corridor Improvements ⁽¹⁾		Rt 55	OCTA 1 of 1 Caltrans 11 of 13	Medium High	\$ 365,563	\$ 101,982	\$ 19,918	
		<i>Bravo! Main Street Rapid Bus</i>	<i>Purchase 5 zero-emission hydrogen buses</i>						\$ 4,331	2019-20
		<i>Traffic Light Synchronization-Warner Avenue</i>	<i>42 Signals - 14.4 miles</i>						\$ 4,092	2019-20
		<i>Traffic Light Synchronization-MacArthur Blvd</i>	<i>26 Signals - 8.2 miles</i>						\$ 2,951	2019-20
		<i>Traffic Light Synchronization-Edinger Ave</i>	<i>41 Signals - 12.2 miles</i>						\$ 4,957	2019-20
		<i>Warner Avenue Class II Bikeway Project</i>	<i>Construct 0.65 mile of bikeway, Santa Ana</i>						\$ 1,443	2020-21
		<i>Main Street Class II Bikeway Project</i>	<i>Construct 1 mile of bikeway, Tustin</i>						\$ 255	2020-21
		<i>Red Hill Class II Bikeway Project</i>	<i>Construct 1.5 mile of bikeway, Tustin</i>						\$ 383	2020-21
		<i>Newport Avenue Class II Bikeway Project</i>	<i>Construct 0.9 mile of bikeway, Tustin</i>						\$ 485	2020-21
		<i>Santa Ana-Santa Fe Channel Class 1 Bikeway Project</i>	<i>Construct 0.5 mile of bikeway, Tustin</i>						\$ 1,021	2020-21
Sacramento	Department of Transportation / Sacramento Area Council of Governments	Sac 5 Corridor Enhancements/1-5 HOV Lanes-Phase 1		Rt 5	SACOG - Caltrans 10 of 13	Medium High	\$ 319,665	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	
		<i>I-5 HOV Lanes - Phase 1</i>	<i>Construct 17 lane miles of HOV lanes and other improvements</i>						\$ 14,800	2017-18
		<i>Franklin Boulevard Class IV Bikeway Project</i>	<i>Construct 3,700 feet of bikeway, Elk Grove</i>						\$ 200	2017-18
Sacramento	Department of Transportation / Sacramento Area Council of Governments	US 50 Multimodal Corridor Enhancements ⁽²⁾		Rt 50	SACOG - Caltrans 4 of 13	Medium High	\$ 452,145	\$ 115,300	\$ 110,300	
		<i>US 50 HOV Lanes</i>	<i>Construct 14 lane miles of HOV lanes</i>						\$ 90,000	2019-20
		<i>Light Rail Expansion Project</i>	<i>Construct 8,963 feet of double tracking (siding)</i>						\$ 20,300	2019-20
San Bernardino	San Bernardino County Transportation Authority	Redlands Passenger Rail	Construct 9 miles of passenger rail between San Bernardino Transit Center and the University of Redlands 4 new stations	Rt 10 Rt 215	SBD 1 of 3	High	\$ 282,277	\$ 65,000	\$ 65,000	2018-19
San Diego	Department of Transportation / San Diego Association of Governments	San Diego North Coast Corridor: Phase 1		Rt 5	SANDAG 1 of 2 Caltrans 5 of 13	High	\$ 601,367	\$ 195,000	\$ 195,000	
		<i>HOV Extension - Phase 1 - Encinitas</i>	<i>Construct 16.8 lane miles HOV lanes and other improvements</i>						\$ 195,000	2018-19
		<i>HOV Extension - Phase 1 - Carlsbad</i>	<i>Construct 8.4 lane miles HOV lanes and other improvements</i>						\$ -	2020-21
San Mateo / Santa Clara	Department of Transportation / Metropolitan Transportation Commission	San Mateo and Santa Clara US 101 Managed Lanes		Rt 101 Rt 85	MTC - Caltrans 1 of 13	Medium High	\$ 570,618	\$ 233,200	\$ 233,200	
		<i>US 101 Managed Lane Project</i>	<i>Construct 44 lane miles of managed lanes in San Mateo County</i>						\$ 200,000	2019-20
		<i>Silicon Valley Express Lanes Program Phase 3</i>	<i>Convert 19.3 lane miles of carpool lanes to express lanes in Santa Clara County</i>						\$ 33,200	2018-19

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Santa Barbara	Department of Transportation / Santa Barbara County Association of Governments	US 101 Santa Barbara Multimodal Corridor ⁽³⁾		Rt 101 Rt 44	SB 1 of 1 Caltrans 2 of 13	Medium High	\$ 311,575	\$ 167,880	\$ 132,880	
		<i>South Coast 101 HOV Lanes Carpinteria through Summerland (Segments 4A-4C) ⁽³⁾</i>	<i>Construct 15 lane miles of HOV lanes and other improvements</i>						\$ 103,810	2019-20
		<i>Santa Monica Rd and Via Real Intersection Improvements</i>	<i>Intersection improvements</i>						\$ 3,610	2020-21
		<i>Santa Claus Lane Class I Bikeway</i>	<i>Construct 0.6 mile of bikeway in City of Carpinteria</i>						\$ 6,830	2020-21
		<i>Santa Claus Lane Streetscape, Coastal Access parking and Railroad Crossing</i>	<i>Construct 0.8 mile of bikeway and coastal access improvements</i>						\$ 7,040	2020-21
		<i>North Padaro Lane Coastal Access Improvements</i>	<i>Construct 0.2 mile of sidewalk and add coastal trail signage</i>						\$ 3,270	2020-21
		<i>Summerland area Coastal Access Improvements</i>	<i>Construct 0.8 miles of sidewalk and coastal access improvements</i>						\$ 8,320	2020-21
Sonoma	Department of Transportation / Metropolitan Transportation Commission	Marin-Sonoma Narrows Segment C2 - HOV Lanes Gap Closure	6.6 lane miles of HOV lanes Sound walls 17 ITS Elements 13.2 miles of pavement reconstruction	Rt 101 Rt 116	MTC - Caltrans 9 of 13	Medium High	\$ 121,525	\$ 84,791	\$ 84,791	2018-19
							\$ 3,549,935	\$ 1,128,153	\$ 1,006,089	

M e m o r a n d u m

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From: SUSAN BRANSEN
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Subject: ADOPTION OF THE 2018 SOLUTIONS FOR CONGESTED CORRIDORS
PROGRAM RESOLUTION SCCP-P-1718-01

ISSUE:

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) adopt the 2018 Solutions for Congested Corridors Program as recommended by staff?

RECOMMENDATION:

Commission staff recommends that the Commission adopt the 2018 Solutions for Congested Corridors Program in accordance with staff recommendations, consistent with the attached resolution.

BACKGROUND:

On April 28, 2017, the Governor signed Senate Bill (SB) 1, creating the Solutions for Congested Corridors Program to provide \$250 million annually to projects that make specific performance improvements and are part of a comprehensive corridor plan designed to reduce congestion in highly traveled corridors by providing more transportation choices while preserving the character of the local community and creating opportunities for neighborhood enhancement projects.

In June 2017, the Commission initiated the process to implement the Congested Corridors Program by developing the Congested Corridors Program Guidelines. The Commission held five public workshops and two public hearings to consult and seek input from stakeholders representing state agencies, including the California Air Resources Board, regional transportation planning agencies, local governments, private industry, and other advocates. Thirty days prior to adoption, the Commission provided the proposed guidelines to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee and the transportation policy committees in the Senate and Assembly. The Commission's guidelines, adopted in December 2017, describe the policy, standards, criteria and procedures for the development and management of the initial Congested Corridors Program funding cycle.

The Commission established the initial funding cycle for the Congested Corridors Program as a four year program (fiscal years 2017-18 through 2020-21), with \$1 billion in funding.

Development of Staff Recommendations

Project nominations were due to the Commission on, or postmarked by, February 16, 2018. The Commission received 32 project nominations seeking over \$2.5 billion in funding. An evaluation team consisting of Commission and Caltrans staff evaluated each nomination utilizing the criteria set forth in the Commission's adopted guidelines (Attachment C).

The evaluation of each project was limited to the documentation submitted in the application package. The evaluation team developed a consensus rating and the projects recommended for funding were determined to be the most competitive projects based on the adopted criteria. Projects not recommended for funding were determined to be less competitive for a variety of reasons including, but not limited to: lower priority of the nominating agency; required information missing or unclear; non-compliance with guidelines and/or statutory requirements; or projects recommended for funding in other SB 1 programs. The projects not recommended for funding are, by and large, worthy projects though not as competitive for this first program cycle.

Staff recommendations include nine projects for a total of \$1,006,098. The proposed program includes over-programming by approximately \$6.1 million to include all eligible projects that had a consensus rating of medium high to greater. The recommendations include projects that provide a variety of multimodal transportation improvements in highly traveled and highly congested corridors. Recommendations include, but are not limited to, projects that will provide for transit stations, tracks for passenger and commuter rail, high occupancy vehicle and express lanes, active transportation improvements, transportation management systems, bus purchases, and local road improvements. These projects will reduce congestion in highly traveled corridors, have positive environmental impacts, and provide benefits to communities throughout California.

The recommended projects are as follows:

The Airport Metro Connector 96th Street Transit Station in Los Angeles County: The project will construct a multimodal transit station that will connect the regional transit system to Los Angeles International Airport. The project will provide an alternative to congested roadways for those traveling to and from the airport, it will also provide connectivity to and from job centers in the surrounding communities.

Orange County Central Corridor Improvements in Orange County: The project will purchase zero-emission buses, provide 34.8 miles of traffic light synchronization and various active transportation projects along the corridor. The project will provide for a parallel transit route to the SR 55, offering an alternative to the freeway, improve traffic flow on local roads, and provide better accessibility for bicyclists and pedestrians.

Sac 5 Corridor Enhancements/I-5 HOV Lanes-Phase 1 in Sacramento County: The project will construct 17 miles of high occupancy vehicle lanes and add Class IV bikeways parallel to I-5. The project will provide congestion relief by incentivizing commuters to carpools, vanpools and transit. It will offer more transportation alternatives during peak travel periods.

US 50 Multimodal Corridor Enhancements in Sacramento County: The project will construct 14 miles of high occupancy vehicle lanes through the 50 Corridor and 8,963 feet of double tracking (siding) to the light rail system. Combined, these projects will provide more transportation alternatives for commuters during peak travel periods. It will also encourage transit ridership by increasing light rail frequency between Sunrise Boulevard to Folsom from 30 minutes to 15 minutes.

Redlands Passenger Rail in San Bernardino County: The project will construct 9 miles of passenger rail between the San Bernardino Transit Center and the University of Redlands. The project will connect the cities of Redlands and San Bernardino with new rail service through the existing Metrolink network.

San Diego North Coast Corridor: Phase 1 in San Diego County: The project will construct 26 miles of managed lanes, numerous bicycle and pedestrian improvements, park and ride/multi-use facility, and signal upgrades. The project is a suite of multimodal projects that will provide for alternative travel options, improve reliability and connectivity, while closing gaps in the network.

US 101 Managed Lanes in San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties: The project will construct 44 miles of managed lanes in San Mateo County and convert 19.3 miles of carpool lanes to express lanes in Santa Clara County. The project will provide managed lane continuity through multiple counties and encourage mode shift resulting in travel time savings and reliability.

US Santa Barbara Multimodal Corridor in Santa Barbara County: The project will construct 15 miles of high occupancy vehicle lanes, intersection improvements, and various active transportation projects. The project will reduce congestion by improving mobility while providing incentive for commuters to use buses, carpools or vanpools. The project will also provide for better access to bicyclists and pedestrians.

Marin-Sonoma Narrows Segment 2-HOV Lanes Gap Closure in Sonoma County: The project will construct 6.6 miles of high occupancy vehicle lanes and other improvements in the corridor. The project will reduce congestion and improve mobility by providing incentive for commuters to carpool and use transit during peak travel periods. The project will also improve safety and accessibility to the nearby communities with the upgraded interchanges, auxiliary lanes and frontage roads.

Baseline Agreement Requirements

All agencies with projects included in the 2018 Solutions for Congested Corridors Program must comply with the Commission's adopted 2018 Solutions for Congested Corridors Program Guidelines and SB 1 Accountability and Transparency Guidelines, including the requirement to enter into a baseline agreement. The development of the baseline agreement will be initiated upon adoption of the program.

The baseline agreement will set forth the scope, expected benefits, delivery schedule, and project cost and funding plan. The executed baseline agreement will become the basis by which accountability will be measured and reported.

Attachments

Attachment A: Resolution SCCP-P-1718-01

Attachment B: Staff Recommendations

Attachment C: Evaluation Criteria

Attachment D: Letters