

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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Action Item

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Subject: **HIGHWAY-RAILROAD CROSSING SAFETY ACCOUNT PROJECT BASELINE
AMENDMENT
RESOLUTION GS1B-P-1213-11, AMENDING RESOLUTION GS1B-P-1112-11**

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve a baseline agreement amendment for the San Clemente Beach Trail Crossings Safety Enhancement project (Project), a Proposition 1B Highway-Railroad Crossing Safety Account (HRCSA) project, located in the city of San Clemente.

ISSUE:

The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) is requesting an amendment to the baseline agreement for the San Clemente Beach Trail Crossings Safety Enhancement HRCSA project to change the construction start date from October 2012 to May 2013.

BACKGROUND:

At its September 2010 meeting, the Commission programmed the San Clemente Beach Trail Crossings Safety Enhancement Project in the Proposition 1B HRCSA 2010 Program. At its June 2012 meeting, the Commission allocated funds for the project.

The Project has been delayed due to litigation between the Burlington Northern Santa Fe North Railway (BNSF) and the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). The BNSF is protesting the CPUC's authority to approve the project. This delayed the project approximately five months.

OCTA advertised the project for construction, but could not award as the one bid received significantly exceeded available project funding. OCTA is working with Metrolink who has agreed to construct the project using on-call contractors and award a contract by May 2013. The additional negotiation with Metrolink delayed the project an additional 2 months. The delay is not expected to increase costs.

RESOLUTION GS1B-P-1213-11:

Be it Resolved, that the California Transportation Commission does hereby amend the Proposition 1B Highway-Railroad Crossing Safety Account Program baseline agreement for the San Clemente Beach Trail Crossings Safety Enhancement project, in accordance with the changes described above and illustrated below.

BASELINE (dollars in thousands)					
Cnty	Nominator	Project Title	Const Start	Total Proj Cost	HRCSA Aprovd
ORA	OCTA	San Clemente Beach Trail Crossings Safety Enhancements	Oct 12	\$ 4,500	\$ 2,250
ORA	OCTA	San Clemente Beach Trail Crossings Safety Enhancements	May 13	\$ 4,500	\$ 2,250