

# Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: January 26-27, 2022

From: MITCH WEISS, Executive Director

Reference Number: 4.16, Action - **REPLACEMENT**

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Subject: Proposition 1B State Route 99 Bond Program Amendment  
Resolution R99-P-2122-02

**ACTION UPDATE:** Book item was updated to add the Right of Way phase and increase the overall programmed amount from \$25 million to \$30.9 million.

## **Recommendation:**

Staff recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve a Proposition 1B State Route 99 (SR 99) Bond Program Amendment to add the Delano to Pixley 4 to 6 Lane Project in Kern and Tulare Counties as follows:

- Program \$3 million to the Right of Way phase in Fiscal Year 2023-24
- Program \$27.9 million to Construction Capital in Fiscal Year 2023-24

In addition, Staff recommends all Proposition 1B SR 99 Bond Program funds be invoiced on a non-proportional basis to ensure no project savings are accrued at the time of project completion.

## **Issue:**

The California Department of Transportation (Department) requests to amend the SR 99 Bond Program and add the Delano to Pixley 4 to 6 Lane Project in Kern and Tulare Counties, and program \$30.9 million to the Right of Way and Construction Capital in Fiscal Year 2023-24. The Delano to Pixley 4 to 6 Lane project will add 12.6 miles of lanes in each direction. The total project cost is over \$103 million. This project is included in the SR 99 Business Plan.

At the October 2021 Commission Meeting, the Department identified \$13.5 million in uncommitted funding for the SR 99 Bond Program. At the January 2022 Commission Meeting, an additional \$17.4 million in program savings will be available making \$30.9 million available in uncommitted funding. After this program amendment, the SR 99 Bond Program will have no available project savings.

**Background:**

The Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006, approved by voters on November 7, 2006, includes an authorization of \$1 billion for safety, operational enhancements, rehabilitation or capacity improvements necessary to improve the State Route 99 Corridor in the San Joaquin and Sacramento Valleys.

The Commission adopted the State Route 99 Bond Program Guidelines in December 2006.

**Resolution R99-P-2122-02:**

Be It Resolved, that the Commission does hereby amend the Proposition 1B State Route 99 Bond Program to program \$30.9 million to the Delano to Pixley 4 to 6 Lane Project and require all SR 99 Bond Program funding be invoiced on a non-proportional spending basis.

Attachment:

- Attachment A: Request Letter

Attachment A  
Reference No. 4.16  
January 26-27, 2022  
**REPLACEMENT**

# Memorandum

**To:** JAMES R. ANDERSON  
DIVISION CHIEF  
Caltrans Division of Financial Programming

**Date:** January 21, 2022

**File:** 06-0W791  
0621000142  
PPNO: 7072  
Tul-99-0.0/13.5  
Ker-99-56.4/57.5

**From:** DIANA GOMEZ  
District 6 Director



**Subject: REQUEST TO PROGRAM STATE ROUTE 99 BOND PROGRAM SAVINGS FOR THE STATE ROUTE 99 DELANO TO PIXLEY 4-LANE TO 6-LANE**

District 6 is requesting the remaining available Proposition 1B – State Route (SR) 99 Bond Program funds to be programmed for construction capital for use on the SR 99 Delano to Pixley 4-Lane to 6-lane Project in Tulare County.

The SR 99 Delano to Pixley Rehabilitation project (06-0W790) was programmed with SHOPP funds for the rehabilitation of the existing 4 lanes. The proposed scope change is to add two lanes (one in each direction) in the median. This scope will convert 12.6 miles of the 25.5-mile gap on SR 99 in Tulare County from 4-lane to 6-lane. After construction, the remaining gap will be 12.9 miles. Several partnering meetings have taken place to discuss additional scope of work and the proposed funding strategy.

## Rehabilitation of SR 99 4-Lane

The SHOPP funds programmed (06-0W790) are as follows:

PA&ED Support	\$ 3,360,000
PS&E Support	\$ 4,450,000
Right of Way Support	\$ 400,000
Construction Support	\$ 9,100,000
Right of Way Capital	\$ 225,000
<u>Construction Capital</u>	<u>\$ 56,800,000</u>
<b>Total Programmed SHOPP</b>	<b>\$ 74,335,000</b>

Additional Scope of Work (06-0W791) -Median Paving (2 lanes, 1 per direction)

**Tulare Council of Governments**

The Tulare Council of Governments (TCAG) will be contributing \$4,000,000 to cover all additional support needs. This will be documented through an executed Cooperative Agreement.

PA&ED Support	\$ 1,800,000
PS&E Support	\$ 200,000
Construction Support	\$ 2,000,000
<b>Total TCAG Contribution</b>	<b>\$ 4,000,000</b>

**Proposition 1B Bond Program**

Right of Way Capital	<b>\$ 3,000,000</b>
Construction Capital	<b>\$ 27,900,000</b>

**Total Proposed Funds**

PA&ED Support (TCAG)	\$ 1,800,000
PS&E Support (TCAG)	\$ 200,000
Right of Way Capital (Prop 1B)	\$ 3,000,000
Construction Support (TCAG)	\$ 2,000,000
Construction Capital (Prop 1B)	\$ 27,900,000
<b>Total Proposed Funds</b>	<b>\$ 34,900,000</b>

Pursuant to SHOPP guidelines, all SHOPP programmed funding will be utilized for the rehabilitation of the State highway. The flow chart in Attachment A reflects the funding types along with project descriptions.

Total Project Costs for Combined Project:

SHOPP	\$ 74,335,000
TCAG Contribution (Support)	\$ 4,000,000
Proposition 1B Bond Program (Const Capital)	\$ 30,900,000
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b>\$109,235,000</b>

The team is currently preparing the Project Report and Environmental Document (ED) that will include the additional scope to add a lane in each direction by paving the median throughout the project limits. The ED will address Vehicle Miles Travelled (VMT) as result of the addition of the two new lanes. The anticipated induced demand is not significant, mitigation will be identified in the Draft ED. The

anticipated ED is an EIR/FONSI and project approval target date is May 2023. The Ready to List target date is April 2024. For the construction phase, both projects will be combined under 06-0W790, the bid items will be segregated to reflect multiple funding types demonstrating compliance with funding guidelines.

Additional considerations regarding the combining of this 4-Lane to 6-Lane project (EA 06-0W791) with the rehabilitation project (EA 06-0W790) are as follows:

- Has the support of the San Joaquin Valley COG Directors to program the remaining funds available to this project.
- Has the support of TCAG and Tulare County.
- Has the funding commitment from TCAG to fund construction capital shortfall beyond the needs of this requested programming.
- Is included in the Tulare County Regional Transportation Plan.
- Combining the median paving scope with the rehabilitation project presents an innovative opportunity to efficiently add a lane in each direction by optimizing partnering opportunities with TCAG and Tulare County. This allows to further close the gap along State Route 99 at a lower cost.
- Increases efficiencies by reducing construction cost, working days, and the impacts to the traveling public when compared to the projects being constructed as independent contracts.

Thank you for your consideration regarding this request to program the remaining Proposition 1B Bond funds. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact the Project Manager, Emad Abi-Rached, at (559) 903-7100.

#### Attachments

- A. Funding Flowchart
- B. Project Programming Request (PPR) for 06-0W791
- c: Rambabu Bavirisetty, Chief, Office of Capital Improvement Programming  
Shalini Chandra, Proposition 1B and Central Region STIP Liaison, Financial Programming  
Marco Sanchez, Deputy District Director (Acting), Program Project and Asset Management