

MEMORANDUM

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: October 3, 2022

From: STEVEN KECK, Chief Financial Officer

Reference Number: 2.6a., Action Item

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Subject: **EMERGENCY STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
ALLOCATION FOR A LOCALLY-ADMINISTERED RAIL PROJECT, IN
ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 14533(a)
RESOLUTION MFP-22-02**

ISSUE:

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve an emergency allocation, in accordance with Government Code Section 14533(a) which will be funded from State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Interregional (IIP) shares, of \$6,000,000 for the locally-administered STIP Mile Post 206.8 Slope and Track Stabilization (San Clemente Slide) Rail project (PPNO CP087), in Orange County?

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the Commission approve this emergency allocation, in accordance with Government Code Section 14533(a) which will be funded from STIP/IIP shares, of \$6,000,000 for the locally-administered STIP San Clemente Slide Rail project, in Orange County.

BACKGROUND:

California Statute prohibits the Commission from allocating funds to an unprogrammed project except in certain situations. However, under Government Code Section 14533(a), it authorizes the Commission to allocate funding in "response to an emergency condition which has placed either people or property in jeopardy or which has caused or threatens to cause closure of a critical transportation facility or access to it".

Since 2021, a hillside adjacent to the Orange County Transportation Authority-owned railroad right of way, in the vicinity of the mile post 206.8, in the city of San Clemente, has failed and continues to incrementally move, pushing the railroad tracks toward the Pacific Ocean. On September 9, 2022, Tropical Storm Kay, brought heavy rain, winds and storm surge to

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Southern California and caused a portion of the hillside adjacent to the railroad right-of-way to fail and shift the tracks. This section of railway is part of the Los Angeles-San Diego-San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) Rail Corridor, carrying between 3,000 and 5,000 passengers daily, and is also designated as a national defense connector line as part of the Strategic Rail Corridor Network by the Department of Defense.

If immediate action is not taken to prevent the further slipping of the slope, which would result in pushing the track into the ocean, it will sever passenger and freight rail services from the Fullerton Junction to the San Diego County line. Emergency repairs are needed to stabilize the landslide area and the impacted tracks, to be able to restore and maintain passenger and freight rail service. The local agency, the Orange County Transportation Authority, is ready to proceed with the emergency repairs to stabilize the slope and stop the movement of the track and is requesting an emergency allocation at this time.

FINANCIAL RESOLUTION:

Resolved that \$6,000,000 be allocated from the Budget Act of 2021, Budget Act Item 2660-301-0046 for the emergency allocation of the locally-administered San Clemente Mile Post 206.8 Slope and Track Stabilization Rail project, described on the attached vote list, and in accordance with Government Code Section 14533(a) which will be funded from STIP/IIP shares.

Attachment

2.5 Highway Financial Matters

Project #	PPNO	Allocation Amount	Program/Year	Recipient	Phase	Prgm'd Amount	Budget Year	Amount by
<u>RTPA/CTC</u>	Project Title	County	Project ID	Location	Adv Phase	Item #	Fund Type	Fund Type
Dist-Co-Rte	Project Description	Postmile	EA	Project Support Expenditures	EA	Program Code		

2.6a **Emergency Allocation - Locally-Administered STIP Rail Project - In Accordance with Government Code Section 14533(a)**

Resolution MFP-22-02

1	Mile Post 206.8 Slope and Track Stabilization Rail Project.	\$6,000,000	12-CP087	Stabilization of the landslide on the east side of the LOSSAN rail corridor in the city of San Clemente between Mile Post 206.6 to 207.0.	IIP/2022-23	2021-22	301-0046 PTA	\$6,000,000
Orange County	Output: Emergency repairs to stabilize landslide area and impacted rail tracks.		CONST		\$6,000,000		30.20.020.720	
Transportation Authority			1223000046					
<u>OCTA</u>			S4					
Orange	As this is an unprogrammed project, this emergency allocation is being made in accordance with Government Code Section 14533(a) and will be funded from STIP Interregional shares.		R486TA					
12-Ora-LOSSAN Rail Corridor 206.6/207.0								