



**ITEM ID:** 2025-272-0

**TRANSMITTAL DATE:** July 3, 2025

**MEETING DATE:** July 11, 2025

**TO:** Contracts, Operations, Maintenance, and Safety Committee

**FROM:** Justin Fornelli, Chief, Program Delivery

**SUBJECT:** Amendment No. 1 to Cooperative Agreement No. 23-33-021 with the Riverside County Transportation Commission for SCRRA Design Oversight of the Perris Valley Line Double Track Project

**Issue**

Additional RCTC-provided funding is needed to allow the Authority to support RCTC efforts to complete the design of the Perris Valley Line Double Track Project.

**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Committee recommend the Board authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 1 to Cooperative Agreement No. 23-33-021 between the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) and the Authority to increase RCTC-provided funding in the amount of \$575,000, from an amount of \$500,000, for a new not-to-exceed total of \$1,075,000 for Authority support on the project.

**Strategic Commitment**

This report aligns with the Strategic Business Plan commitment of:

- **Modernizing Business Practices:** We will improve our operational efficiency, through transparency, objective metrics and streamlined governance, reducing reliance on subsidy while bringing our system into a state of good repair and investing in the development of our employees. Completion of the Perris Valley Line Double Track Project will upgrade the existing freight track that is in poor condition and cannot run Metrolink service, and replace existing turnouts, install new signal systems and integrate into the PTC network.

## **Background**

The Perris Valley Line Double Track Project is an RCTC-led project to upgrade the existing, non-functional second track and replace existing turnouts, install new signal systems and integrate into the PTC network. The track segment extends the recent upgraded track through Moreno Valley/March Field station. As RCTC advances the project, the Authority's continued support is needed. At RCTC's Board of Directors meeting in October 2022, and subsequently at the Authority's Board of Directors meeting on March 29, 2024, Cooperative Agreement No. 23-33-021 was approved by both parties. The Agreement defined the roles and responsibilities of each party and provided initial funding for Authority support on the project.

## **Discussion**

As the project has progressed, several factors were identified that expanded the project's scope, cost, and schedule. Increased oversight by the Authority is required to assess condition of the existing track, review existing turnouts, install new signals at each turnout, complete environmental studies to meet federal environmental requirements, and support the design. Additional RCTC-provided funding is needed to allow the Authority to complete these efforts.

This Amendment to Agreement No. 23-33-021 was approved by the RCTC Board of Directors on June 11, 2025.

## **Budget Impact**

There is no budget impact as this is a Third Party funded Agreement. To address Authority cash flow constraints, RCTC staff have agreed to provide a deposit of 50% of the Amendment #1 amount once the agreement is executed.

## **Next Steps**

Upon Board authorization, Amendment No. 1 to Cooperative Agreement No. 23-33-021-01 will be executed by both parties.

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