

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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Action Item

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF PROJECT ALLOCATION FOR LOCALLY-ADMINISTERED ON-SYSTEM STIP PROJECTS, PER STIP GUIDELINES WAIVER-12-20**

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) requests that the California Transportation Commission (Commission) extend the period of project allocation for the Route 1/San Pedro Creek Bridge Replacement project (2140H) in San Mateo County.

ISSUE:

Due to unforeseen delays in completing the Environmental (PA&ED) phase and potential additions to scope of work, the City of Pacifica (City) will not be able to request the allocation of \$3,000,000 in Regional Improvement Program funds currently programmed for construction in Fiscal Year (FY) 2011-12, by the June 30, 2012 deadline. Therefore, the City is requesting a 19-month allocation extension to January 31, 2014.

The original project scope is to replace the existing bridge structure and reconstruct the approach roadway. However, based on recent discussions with the California Coastal Commission and the US Army Corps of Engineers, it is expected that the California Coastal Commission is likely to require widening of the creek as a condition for granting the Coastal Development Permit.

The Route 1/San Pedro Creek Bridge Replacement project is located in an environmentally sensitive area with known presence of red legged frog and steelhead trout. The Biological Assessment was submitted to the Department for its review in January 2010. The US Fish and Wildlife Service issued the Biological Opinion (BO) in September 2011. There were delays in getting the BO required revalidation of the various environmental studies. The PA&ED was completed in September 2011.

The project is currently in the Design (PS&E) phase and is about 65 percent complete. With the likelihood that widening of the San Pedro Creek will be required as a condition for the approval of the Coast Development Permit, it is anticipated that such requirement would necessitate an amendment to the BO and hence updates to various environmental studies. The proposed creek widening will also require additional PS&E and right of way work.

Under that scenario, the PS&E is expected to be completed by November 2013, with a request for allocation of funds expected to be submitted for the January 2014 Commission meeting.

Therefore, the City is requesting a 19-month extension to the period of project allocation.

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission concurs with this request.

BACKGROUND:

Current State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Guidelines stipulate that funds programmed are available for allocation only until the end of the fiscal year identified in the STIP. The Commission may approve a waiver to the timely use of funds deadline for allocation one time only for up to 20 months in accordance with Section 14529.8 of the Government Code.