

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

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Action Item

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF PROJECT DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURES FOR LOCALLY-ADMINISTERED STIP PROJECTS, PER STIP GUIDELINES WAIVER 12-48**

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve extensions to the period of project development expenditure for the time periods identified for each project on the attached document.

ISSUE:

The attached list identifies two locally-administered State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) projects totaling \$183,000. The Commission allocated funds in Fiscal Year 2009-10 for the project development phases, as shown on the attachment. The local agencies cannot meet their deadlines prior to project deadlines. The attachment displays the details of the projects development delays.

BACKGROUND:

Current STIP Guidelines stipulate that funds allocated for local project development or right of way costs must be expended by the end of the second fiscal year following the fiscal year in which the funds were allocated. The Commission may approve a waiver to the timely use of funds deadline one time only for up to 20 months in accordance with Section 14529.8 of the Government Code.

Attachment

Time Extension/Waiver – Project Development Expenditure Deadline
 Local Streets and Roads Projects

Project #	Applicant County PPNO Project Description Reason for Project Delay	Phase Allocation Amount Balance Remaining	Allocation Date Allocation Resolution Number Number of Months Requested Extended Deadline CT Recommendation
1	City of Santa Clarita Los Angeles County PPNO: 07-4098 Route 14/Sand Canyon Gateway Beautification	Plans, Specifications & Estimates Allocated: \$133,000 Balance: \$ 81,227	6/30/2010 FP-09-51 6 Months 12/31/2012 Support
<p>The City of Santa Clarita (City) is requesting a six-month extension to the period of project development for Plans, Specifications and Estimates (PS&E) for the Gateway Beautification Design of SR14/Sand Canyon project. The City has experienced delays due to difficult site conditions.</p> <p>The City encountered varying site conditions during the preliminary design stage, requiring extensive site reconnaissance. The additional effort at this stage took six months longer than anticipated. The City is currently working on completing the technical reports and the PS&E package. The Department has reviewed the 30 percent plans submitted by the City. The City submitted 90 percent of the PS&E to the Department in mid-May and anticipates submitting the final plans by November, 30, 2012. The City has invoiced the Department 40 percent of the federal design funding and anticipates invoicing for the balance by December, 2012. Therefore, the City is requesting the six-month extension to December 31, 2012.</p>			
2	County of Tehama Tehama County PPNO: 02-2379 Seismic Bridge Replacement Evergreen at SF Cottonwood (Br#8C-008)	Environmental Studies & Permits Allocated: \$50,000 Balance: \$50,000	10/15/2009 FP-09-13 20 Months 02/28/2014 Support
<p>The County of Tehama (County) is requesting a 20-month extension to the period of project development expenditure for Environmental Studies & Permits (E&P) for the Seismic Bridge Replacement Evergreen at SF Cottonwood project. The County has experienced a delay due to regulatory agency issues.</p> <p>The County experienced delays to the project due to the complexity of dealing with the regulatory agencies with jurisdiction in the area, for example Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), Army Corps of Engineers, Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Flood Protection Board (CVFPB) and Department Fish and Game. The CVFPB requirements have resulted in several design revisions and requiring channel modifications, thus complicating the federal approval process through FHWA, USFWS, NOAA and FEMA. Furthermore, the valley elderberry longhorn beetle habitat is located within the proposed channel improvements, which will cause delay with the USFWS biological opinion. The County anticipates completing the E&P phase by February 2014. Therefore, the County is requesting a 20-month extension to February, 28, 2014.</p>			