

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 STATE-LOCAL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM PROJECT, PER SLPP GUIDELINES WAIVER 12-50**

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve the request by the County of San Luis Obispo (County) to extend the period of project allocation for the Proposition 1B State-Local Partnership Program (SLPP) Los Osos Valley Road project for 12 months, from June 30, 2012 to June 30, 2013, per SLPP Guidelines.

ISSUE:

In October 2011, this project was programmed for \$300,000 in SLPP competitive funds. The County was unable to meet the allocation deadline of June 30, 2012 and is requesting a 12-month time extension until June 30, 2013. The County acknowledges that June 30, 2013 is the deadline to allocate SLPP projects.

BACKGROUND:

Los Osos Valley Road is an arterial that links the Los Osos Community to the City of San Luis Obispo, and is the only direct route that connects the east and west side of the community. The project will widen Los Osos Valley Road to include a two-way left-turn lane, Class II bike lanes, a multi-use trail on the north side, and related drainage improvements.

The project requires modifications to the plans to accommodate environmental impacts that were recently discovered to be more pervasive than originally anticipated. The ice-plant habitat for the Morro shoulder-banded dune snail has grown extensively in an area of the project location. Additional time is necessary to determine how to mitigate the environmental impacts of this snail habitat. As a result of the unanticipated mitigation, the County is now anticipating advertisement to occur in January 2013 and award in March 2013. However, the County is requesting additional time for any unforeseen delays in the mitigation process.

In April 2010, the Commission adopted the State Local Partnership Program Guidelines (Resolution SLP1B-G-0910-002) which require the agency implementing a project to request a time extension if the project will not be allocated in the fiscal year programmed.