

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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Action Item

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND PERIOD OF CONTRACT AWARD FOR ONE STATE
ADMINISTERED STIP RAIL PROJECT, PER RESOLUTION G-06-08
WAIVER-12-60**

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation requests that the California Transportation Commission (Commission) extend the period of contract award by three months, to December 31, 2012, for the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Rail project, Capitalized Maintenance (Pacific Surfliner) (PPNO 75-2065I).

ISSUE:

At its March 2012 meeting, the Commission approved an allocation of \$1,000,000 in STIP funds for Capitalized Maintenance along the Pacific Surfliner corridor (Corridor). A portion of that allocation, totaling \$306,000, will be used by North County Transit District (NCTD) to install approximately 10,000 new mainline wood cross ties on the Corridor in San Diego County.

NCTD board approval is required for contracts over \$50,000. The board will be asked to authorize a contract for this project at its October meeting, after which a public bid process must be conducted. The bid process and execution of the FTA grant agreement will require an additional three months. NCTD requests a three-month extension to the period of contract award, to December 31, 2012.

BACKGROUND:

In June 2006, the Commission adopted Resolution G-06-08, which requires the agency implementing a project to request a time extension if the project will not be awarded within six months of the allocation. These guidelines stipulate that the Commission may approve a waiver to the contract award deadline one time only for up to 20 months in accordance with Section 14529.8 of the Government Code.