

## 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 CONTRACT AWARD FOR STATE ADMINISTERED PROJECTS ON THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM, PER RESOLUTION G-06-08 WAIVER 13-63**

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve time extension for 20 months for one State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) on the State Highway System. The subject project is the Willits Bypass Mitigation project located on Highway 101 in Mendocino County.

### **ISSUE:**

On May 7, 2013, the Commission allocated \$26,290,000 for one STIP project (PPNO 01-0125X). In accordance with Resolution G-06-08, the deadline to award contracts for projects allocated in May 2013 is November 30, 2013. The Department will not be able to meet the deadline for this project and is requesting a 20-month time extension, to July 31, 2015 to award the contract.

This Wetland and Riparian Mitigation project is one of four children projects tied to the Willits Bypass project. Bids for this project were opened on October 22, 2013. Three bids were received with the lowest bid being nearly twice the Engineer's Estimate. All bids were rejected. The Department is meeting with stakeholders and is analyzing the plans, specifications and estimate in order to determine any deficiencies that may have arisen from the unique permitting requirements of this project. The project will then have to be re-scoped and re-advertised.

This 20-month time extension will allow the Department sufficient time to re-package the bid documents, re-advertise and award the project contract.

### **BACKGROUND:**

In June 2006, the Commission adopted Resolution G-06-08, making the six-month period to award a permanent requirement under the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Guidelines.