

## 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 STIP PROJECTS, ON THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM, PER STIP GUIDELINES WAIVER 17-27**

### **ISSUE:**

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve a time extension for the period of project allocation for three locally-administered projects on the State Highway System, programmed in the 2018 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) in Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-18 per the STIP Guidelines?

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the Commission extend the period of project allocation for three locally-administrated projects, on the State Highway System, for the time periods specified on the following page.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The Commission has programmed three locally-administered projects, on the State Highway System totaling \$30,721,000 in FY 2017-18. The implementing agencies will not be ready to request an allocation of funds by the June 30, 2018 deadline. The attachment shows the details of the projects and the explanation for the delays. The project sponsors have requested an extension, and the regional transportation planning agencies concur.

Current STIP Guidelines, Resolution G-17-22, stipulate that funds programmed for all components of local grant projects or Department construction and construction support costs 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.

Attachment

**Time Extension/Waiver – Project Allocation Deadline  
State Transportation Improvement Program**

Project #	Dist-Co-Rte Implementing Agency  PPNO Project Description	Program/Year Extension Amount By Component (\$ in thousands) PA&ED (Project Approval & Environmental Document) PS&E (Plans, Specifications and Estimates) R/W (Right of Way) CON (Construction) TOTAL	Number of Months Requested  Extended Deadline												
1	01-Hum-101 Department of Transportation Humboldt County  PPNO: 01-0072 Eureka/Arcata Corridor Improvement	RIP / 17-18 \$ 0 \$ 0 \$2,000 \$ 0 <b>\$2,000</b>	2 months  08/31/2018												
<p>Currently \$2,000,000 in Regional Improvements Program funds are programmed to the Eureka/Arcata Corridor Improvement project for Right of Way (R/W) in Fiscal Year 2017-18 to the Department.</p> <p>The R/W activities include where feasible, the removal of billboards along Route 101 as part of the California Coastal Commission permitting requirements. The \$2,000,000 in R/W funds were originally intended to be used by the Department for billboard removal. Several billboards however, were able to be removed at no cost via an agreement between the California State Department of Outdoor Advertising that regulates displays visible from CA highways, and Outfront Media, the owner of billboards.</p> <p>The permit also required that a separate Class 1 bike and pedestrian trail be constructed. Humboldt County is developing an adjacent project, called the Bay Trail South, whose trail alignment is impacted by some of the billboards which also need to be addressed. By transferring these funds to Humboldt County (County) for the Bay Trail South project, it will be used to address the R/W issues with the trail and help the Eureka/Arcata Corridor project meet the permit requirements of the Coastal Commission.</p> <p>Since the Department did not utilize all of the available funding for the billboard removal the intent was to transfer the savings to the County, however the time to remove the billboards along the corridor took the Department longer than anticipated not giving enough time to transfer the savings prior to the June 30, 2018 deadline. Therefore, the County is requesting a 2 month time extension to change the implementing agency and utilize the funds.</p>															
2	04-SCI-680 Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority  PPNO: 04-0521C I-680 Sound Walls – Capitol Expressway to Mueller	RIP / 17-18 \$ 0 \$731 \$ 0 \$ 0 <b>\$731</b>	12 months  06/30/2019												
<p>Currently \$731,000 in Regional Improvements Program funds are programmed to the I-680 Sound Walls – Capitol Expressway to Mueller project for Plans, Specifications and Estimate (PS&amp;E) in Fiscal Year 2017-18.</p> <p>The completion of the Project Approval and Environmental Document (Environmental) phase has been delayed due to an unforeseen archeological find during the environmental clearance process. This will delay the completion of the Environmental phase by one year as this additional archeological find has to be cleared by the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). A tentative schedule to complete this process is tabulated below:</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tbody> <tr> <td>Begin Additional Studies/Research</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2/23/2018</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Final Reports to Caltrans</td> <td style="text-align: center;">7/27/2018</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Comments due by Caltrans</td> <td style="text-align: center;">8/24/2018</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Complete Cultural Package to SHPO</td> <td style="text-align: center;">9/17/2018</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SHPO completes review</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1/07/2019</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Caltrans approves environmental document</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2/04/2019</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>				Begin Additional Studies/Research	2/23/2018	Final Reports to Caltrans	7/27/2018	Comments due by Caltrans	8/24/2018	Complete Cultural Package to SHPO	9/17/2018	SHPO completes review	1/07/2019	Caltrans approves environmental document	2/04/2019
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Based upon these delays, the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority is requesting a 12-month time extension.			
3	08-SBd-210 San Bernardino County Transportation Authority	RIP / 17-18 \$ 0 \$ 0 \$ 0 \$25,000 <b>\$25,000</b>	12 months  06/30/2019
<p>Currently \$25,000,000 in Regional Improvement Program funds are programmed to the Route 210 Widening project for construction in Fiscal Year 2017-18.</p> <p>Originally, the project was planned to be ready for advertisement in mid-2018. However, it was recently decided to combine this project with a SHOPP-funded pavement rehabilitation project and a locally-funded State Route 210 Baseline Interchange project. Combining these projects into a single contract offers potential savings and reduced traffic impacts to the travelling public.</p> <p>However, combining these projects involves additional design work, including revisions to the traffic staging plans. In addition, an environmental revalidation will also be needed for the pavement rehabilitation scope of work as new work limits slightly extend beyond the previous project limits for that project</p> <p>Based upon these delays, San Bernardino County Transportation Authority is requesting a 12-month time extension.</p>			