

MEMORANDUM

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: August 14-15, 2019

From: STEVEN KECK, Chief Financial Officer

Reference Number: 2.8b.(5), Action Item

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF CONTRACT AWARD FOR SENATE BILL 1 LOCAL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM PROJECTS, PER LPP GUIDELINES WAIVER 19-53**

ISSUE:

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) extend the period of contract award for three projects listed on the attached document, for the time periods shown, in the Senate Bill 1 (SB1) Local Partnership Program (LPP)?

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation recommends the Commission extend the period of contract award for three projects listed on the attached document, for the time periods shown, in the LPP.

BACKGROUND:

The Commission allocated \$4,495,000 for the construction of three LPP projects identified on the attachment. The responsible agencies have been unable to award the contract within six months of allocation. The attachment describes the details of the projects and the explanation for the delays. The respective agencies request extensions, and the planning agencies concur.

Current LPP Guidelines stipulate that the agency implementing a project, request a time extension if the project will not be awarded within six months of the allocation. The Commission may approve waivers to the timely use of funds deadline, one-time only, for up to 12 months.

Attachments

“Provide a safe, sustainable, integrated and efficient transportation system to enhance California’s economy and livability”

**Time Extension/Waiver – Contract Award Deadline
Local Partnership Program**

Project Number: 1
Applicant: City of El Cerrito
County: Contra Costa
District: 4
PPNO: 2321C
Extended Amount: \$200,000
Phase: Construction
Allocation Date: 03/14/2019
Allocation Resolution Number: LPP-A-1819-20
Number of Months Requested: 12 Months
Extended Deadline: 09/30/2020
Department Recommendation: Support

Eureka Avenue and Lexington Avenue Street Improvements project

The City of El Cerrito (City) requests a 12-month time extension to the period of contract award for the construction (CON) phase of the Eureka Avenue and Lexington Avenue Street Improvements project. The City has experienced unexpected delays in awarding the project.

The project will rehabilitate pavement, construct sidewalks, storm drains, curb improvements, install ramps, improve signage and replace a street tree along Eureka and Lexington Avenues. The City received their CON allocation in March 2019. The project was advertised in April 2019. In an effort to increase the number of bids submitted, the City advertised in the local newspaper, the City's website, eight Builder's Exchanges, and notices were sent directly to contractors from the City's database. In addition, calls were made to individual contractors to inform them of the bidding opportunity. Despite the City's efforts, only one bid was received at nearly twice of the City's engineer's estimate; this bid was above the City's budget for the project. After the City spoke with several local contractors who have bid on similar projects. It was realized that due to the Spring 2019 bidding schedule of this project, any available contractors were fully booked for the remainder of the Summer/Fall of 2019. This impeded the process of the City receiving competitive bids. The City plans to repackage the project and rebid in the Winter of 2019/2020 and award in early Spring of 2020.

Therefore, the City requests a 12-month time extension to award CON by September 30, 2020.

Project Number: 2
Applicant: City of Scotts Valley
County: Santa Cruz
District: 5
PPNO: 2833C
Extended Amount: \$165,000
Phase: Construction
Allocation Date: 12/05/2018
Allocation Resolution Number: LPP-A-1819-11
Number of Months Requested: 4 Months
Extended Deadline: 10/31/2019
Department Recommendation: Support

Glenwood Active Transportation Project - Glenwood Preserve Trails project

The City of Scotts Valley (City) requests a four-month time extension to the period of contract award for the construction (CON) phase of the Glenwood Active Transportation Project - Glenwood Preserve Trails project. The City has experienced unexpected delays in awarding the project.

The project will construct 5 miles of trails consisting of gated access, educational signage, and infrastructure installed to minimize impacts to sensitive habitats. The City received their CON allocation in December 2018. The City planned to advertise and award in early 2019, with the understanding that the project could be sole sourced in lieu of the competitive bid process. However, after investigation, the City found that option would not be possible. The project was delayed to prepare the final bid package for the formal advertisement and award a contract. The City has finalized the bid package and will present, with the expectation to award, at the Scotts Valley City Council at their next meeting in September 2019.

Therefore, the City requests a four-month time extension to award CON by October 31, 2019.

Project Number: 3
Applicant: San Diego Association of Governments
County: San Diego
District: 11
PPNO: 1354
Extended Amount: \$4,130,000
Phase: Construction
Allocation Date: 1/31/2019
Allocation Resolution Number: LPP-A-1819-17
Number of Months Requested: 6 Months
Extended Deadline: 01/31/2020
Department Recommendation: Support

Voigt Drive Street Improvements project

The San Diego Association of Governments (Agency) requests a six-month time extension to the period of contract award for the construction (CON) phase of the Voigt Drive Street Improvements project. The Agency has experienced unexpected delays in awarding the project.

The project will provide realignment and widening along Voight Drive, parking lot improvements, relocation of a Metropolitan Transit System Bus shelter, and make bicycle and pedestrian improvements. The project received a CON allocation in January 2019, with the expectation of awarding the contract by the Summer of 2019. The project ran into unexpected delays due to lost negotiations with the contractor. In addition to the delays in negotiation, the original CON allocation is not sufficient to cover the project's cost. Finally, the project has run into project staging issues because of the complexity of the location within the campus of the University of California, San Diego. This area has heavy pedestrian traffic and there are risks due to a third-party utility relocation. The Agency has a concurrent CON allocation request on the August 2019 California Transportation Commission meeting, and the Agency has obtained additional local funds that will fully fund the project.

Therefore, the City requests a six-month time extension to award CON by January 31, 2020.