

MEMORANDUM

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: August 14-15, 2019

From: STEVEN KECK, Chief Financial Officer

Reference Number: 2.8d.(1), Action Item

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF PROJECT DEVELOPMENT
EXPENDITURES FOR ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS, PER ATP
GUIDELINES
WAIVER 19-56**

ISSUE:

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) extend the period of project development expenditure for four projects, totaling \$1,293,000 programmed in the Active Transportation Program (ATP), for the time period identified in the attachment?

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation recommends the Commission extend the period of project development expenditure for four projects, totaling \$1,293,000, programmed in the ATP, for the time period identified in the attachment.

BACKGROUND:

The Commission allocated \$1,293,000 for four projects as identified on the attachment. The responsible agencies have been unable to complete the phases within the expenditure periods. The attachment describes the details of the projects and the explanation for the delays. The agencies requested an extension, and the planning agencies concur.

Current ATP Guidelines, adopted by the Commission, stipulate that funds programmed for all components of local grant projects are available for expenditure only until the end of the second fiscal year following the year of allocation. The Commission may approve a waiver 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 – Project Development Expenditures Deadline
Active Transportation Program**

Project Number: 1
Applicant: City of Los Angeles
County: Los Angeles
District: 7
PPNO: 5105
Allocated Amount: \$240,000
Remaining Balance: \$171,200
Phase: Project Approval and Environmental Document
Allocation Date: 08/18/2016
Allocation Resolution Number: FATP-1617-01
Number of Months Requested: 12 Months
Extended Deadline: 06/30/2020
Department Recommendation: Support

Pedestrian and Bicycle Neighborhood Intersection Enhancements project

The City of Los Angeles (City) is requesting a 12-month time extension to the project development expenditure period for the Project Approval and Environmental Document (PA&ED) phase for the Pedestrian and Bicycle Neighborhood Intersection Enhancements project. The City experienced unforeseen delays during preliminary design of the project.

The focus of the project is to construct pedestrian and bicycle neighborhood intersection enhancements, with accompanying outreach and education. During the preliminary design process for the mini-roundabouts, it was determined that the inscribed center islands would need to be fully traversable to accommodate the turning radii of large vehicles such as delivery trucks and emergency response vehicles in three of the four locations due to right of way constraints, and there would be no opportunity for landscape elements in the center islands. Since community acceptance and education is essential to the success of the project, additional time is needed for the City to conduct public engagements to educate the neighboring communities and to seek feedback to guide the development of cost effective and context sensitive solutions.

Therefore, the City is requesting a 12-month expenditure extension for PA&ED from June 30, 2019, to June 30, 2020.

Project Number: 2
Applicant: City of Los Angeles
County: Los Angeles
District: 7
PPNO: 5122
Allocated Amount: \$893,000
Remaining Balance: \$816,800
Phase: Plans, Specifications and Estimates
Allocated Date: 06/29/2017
Allocation Resolution Number: FATP-1617-20
Number of Months Requested: 12 Months
Extended Deadline: 06/30/2020
Department Recommendation: Support

Boyle Heights Pedestrian Linkages project

The City of Los Angeles (City) is requesting a 12-month time extension to the project development expenditure period for the Plans, Specifications and Estimates (PS&E) phase for Boyle Heights Pedestrian Linkages project. The City experienced unforeseen delays due to adjacent projects currently under construction.

This ATP project will implement pedestrian improvements within the Boyle Heights area along with two ongoing City projects: the Sixth Street Viaduct Replacement (Viaduct) and Sixth Street Park, Arts, River and Connectivity (PARC) Improvement. Both projects are currently under construction. A portion of the ATP project will construct sidewalk curb ramps, and curb extensions along Clarence and Anderson Street from East 6th Street to the north, through the bottom of the Viaduct, and to Jesse Street to the south. The City had anticipated the area underneath the Viaduct's proximity to be accessible for construction by September 2019 but the Viaduct construction will not be complete until December 2020. The proposed ATP project for sidewalk and curb extension work directly conflicts with the falsework currently in place to construct the proposed Viaduct's pier. The City needs time to revise the project's plans, specifications and contract bidding documents to account for the unexpected delays in the Viaduct project. The City has a concurrent Construction contract award extension at the August 2019 Commission meeting.

Therefore, the City is requesting a 12-month expenditure extension for PS&E from June 30, 2019, to June 30, 2020.

Project Number: 3
Applicant: City of Santa Monica
County: Los Angeles
District: 7
PPNO: 5125
Allocated Amount: \$120,000
Remaining Balance: \$64,105.78
Phase: Plans, Specifications and Estimates
Allocation Date: 03/16/2017
Allocation Resolution Number:
Number of Months Requested: 12 Months
Extended Deadline: 06/30/2020
Department Recommendation: Support

Expo Station 4th Street Linkages to Downtown and Civic Center project

The City of Santa Monica (City) is requesting a 12-month time extension to the project development expenditure period for the Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E) phase for the Expo Station 4th Street Linkages to Downtown and Civic Center project. The City experienced unexpected delays in project initiation.

The City received their Project Approval and Environmental Estimates (PA&ED) allocation in December 2016, and completed the environmental phase in January 2017, with a remaining balance of \$120,000. The City requested and received approval to transfer the balance to Plans, Specifications & Estimates (PS&E). This unanticipated transfer delayed the advertisement of the project for three months. The City advertised for design request for proposals (RFP) in June 2017. The City received one bid from a consultant with limited experience with public streetscape within California Department of Transportation (Department) Right-of-Way (RW). Council approved staff recommendations to reject the proposal and re-advertise with the County's approval. The City re-advertised the project and after a comprehensive review awarded the project in December 2017. This action delayed a consultant selection by four months. The project kickoff was delayed further due to the City complying with the recently released guidance for Architectural and Engineering (A&E) contracts. The City prepared and submitted the package to the Department for approval on April 25, 2018 and received approval the following day. Ensuring compliance with the A&E guidance resulted in a delay of 4 months. In addition to these delays, the City experienced further delays during the design phase. The City has been working closely with Department representatives that have identified unanticipated structural and safety related considerations and requirements on the proposed structure over Interstate 10. This coordination has delayed design by four months. The City also needs time to resolve RW clearances and engage in the encroachment permitting process with the Department. The City received a time extension for construction allocation at the May 2019 California Transportation Commission (CTC) meeting and has a concurrent time extension request for its RW phase of project development expenditure on this month's agenda.

Therefore, the City is requesting a 12-month expenditure extension for PS&E from June 30, 2019, to June 30, 2020.

Project Number: 4
Applicant: City of Santa Monica
County: Los Angeles
District: 7
PPNO: 5125
Allocated Amount: \$40,000
Remaining Balance: \$26,821.41
Phase: Right of Way
Allocation Date: 03/16/2017
Allocation Resolution Number:
Number of Months Requested: 12 Months
Extended Deadline: 06/30/2020
Department Recommendation: Support

Expo Station 4th Street Linkages to Downtown and Civic Center project

The City of Santa Monica (City) is requesting a 12-month time extension to the project development expenditure period for the Right of Way (RW) Expo Station 4th Street Linkages to Downtown and Civic Center project. The City experienced unexpected delays in project initiation.

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Therefore, the City is requesting a 12-month expenditure extension for RW from June 30, 2019, to June 30, 2020.