

MEMORANDUM

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: March 25, 2020

From: STEVEN KECK, Chief Financial Officer

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF PROJECT ALLOCATION FOR ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS, PER ATP GUIDELINES WAIVER 20-08**

ISSUE:

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) extend the period of project allocation for five projects, programmed in the Active Transportation Program (ATP), in Fiscal Year 2019-20?

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation recommends the Commission extend the period of project allocation for five projects, programmed in the ATP, in Fiscal Year 2019-20.

BACKGROUND:

These agencies will not be able to request an allocation for funds by the June 30, 2020 deadline. The attachment shows the details of the projects and the explanations for the delays. The project sponsors are requesting extensions, and the regional planning agencies concur.

Current ATP Guidelines, adopted by the Commission, stipulate that funds that are programmed for all components of local grant projects are available for allocation only until the end of the fiscal year identified in the ATP. The Commission may approve a waiver to the timely use of funds deadline, one-time only, for up to 20 months.

Attachments

**Time Extension/Waiver – Project Allocation Deadline
Active Transportation Program**

Project Number: 1
Applicant: City of Oakland
County: Alameda
District: 4
PPNO: 2307
Extended Amount: \$9,343,000
Phase: Construction
Number of Months Requested: 20 Months
Extended Deadline: 02/28/2022
Department Recommendation: Support

14th Street: Safe Routes in the City project

The City of Oakland (City) requests a 20-month extension to allocate funding for the construction (CON) phase of the 14th Street: Safe Routes in the City project. The City experienced delays during the environmental and design phase of the project.

The project proposes to reduce travel lanes, construct Class IV protected bicycle lanes, and improved pedestrian facilities. This project is currently in the Project Approval & Environmental Document phase. In October 2019, the City hosted a task force meeting to hear concerns about the project from the community including business stakeholders, developers, council office staff, bicycle and pedestrian advocates. The community and stakeholders had concerns regarding reduced parking, safety and cleanliness of the corridor, increased traffic congestion caused by the elimination of travel lanes and others. The community reached out to their Council District and asked the City to conduct additional studies and to work with the community to develop the project together and address those concerns. The City is requesting a time extension to allow for the additional time needed for further community outreach and to incorporate the changes to the project plans and environmental documents.

Therefore, the City is requesting a 20-month allocation extension for CON from June 30, 2020, to February 28, 2022.

Project Number: 2
Applicant: County of San Luis Obispo
County: San Luis Obispo
District: 5
PPNO: 2816
Extended Amount: \$120,000
Phase: Right of Way
Number of Months Requested: 12 Months
Extended Deadline: 06/30/2021
Department Recommendation: Support

Templeton - Atascadero Pathway project

The County of San Luis Obispo (County) requests a 12-month extension to allocate funding for the Right of Way (RW) phase of the Templeton - Atascadero Pathway project. The County experienced delays during the environmental and design phase of the project.

The project proposes to construct sidewalks, bike lanes, a multi-modal path, retaining walls, an undercrossing under the railroad and bridge to connect to an existing trail between the Cities of Atascadero and Templeton. During the environmental study phase and while in coordination with the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR), it was determined that the originally proposed alignment would require a new underpass along with a shoofly bridge as a railroad detour during construction. This increase in work would elevate the cost of the project to twice the original amount anticipated in the ATP application. A solution to modify the alignment and connect to an existing pathway that leads to an existing railroad crossing will maintain the benefits of the project and keep the cost estimate within the original estimate. This solution will require additional time for the environmental study to be finalized to include the revised alignment and determine true right of way needs. The project will also require a scope change to capture the new alignment. The County anticipates submitting a scope change request in the coming weeks.

Therefore, the County is requesting a 12-month allocation extension for RW from June 30, 2020, to June 30, 2021.

Project Number: 3
Applicant: City of Long Beach
County: Los Angeles
District: 7
PPNO: 5329A
Extended Amount: \$6,454,000
Phase: Construction
Number of Months Requested: 20 Months
Extended Deadline: 02/28/2022
Department Recommendation: Support

Citywide "8-80" Connections project

The City of Long Beach (City) requests a 20-month extension to allocate funding for the construction (CON) phase of the Citywide "8-80" Connections project. The City experienced delays during the design phase of the project.

The project proposes to construct two bicycle boulevards, corridor improvements with bike lanes, bridge, ADA upgrades, and intersection safety improvements along five miles of the corridor project area. The current condition of the pavement along the project area is poor, with severe cracking and numerous potholes which are disruptive and unsafe. Since the ATP funding does not cover roadway pavement maintenance, the City's current paving program must be adjusted to include pavement rehabilitation along these corridors. Therefore, additional time is being requested to arrange and provide new pavement prior to or concurrently with the project. This project also has a concurrent time extension request for its CON non-infrastructure allocation on this month's Commission agenda under this same item.

Therefore, the City is requesting a 20-month allocation extension for CON from June 30, 2020, to February 28, 2022.

Project Number: 4
Applicant: City of Long Beach
County: Los Angeles
District: 7
PPNO: 5329B
Extended Amount: \$300,000
Phase: Construction Non-Infrastructure
Number of Months Requested: 20 Months
Extended Deadline: 02/28/2022
Department Recommendation: Support

Citywide "8-80" Connections project

The City of Long Beach (City) requests a 20-month extension to allocate funding for the construction non-infrastructure (CON-NI) phase of the Citywide "8-80" Connections project. The City experienced delays during the design phase of the project.

The project proposes to construct two bicycle boulevards, corridor improvements with bike lanes, bridge, ADA upgrades, and intersection safety improvements along five miles of the corridor project area. The current condition of the pavement along the project area is poor, with severe cracking and numerous potholes which are disruptive and unsafe. Since the ATP funding does not cover roadway pavement maintenance, the City's current paving program must be adjusted to include pavement rehabilitation along these corridors. Therefore, additional time is requested to arrange and provide new pavement prior to or concurrently with the project. This project also has a concurrent time extension request for its CON allocation on this month's Commission agenda under this same item.

Therefore, the City is requesting a 20-month allocation extension for CON-NI from June 30, 2020, to February 28, 2022.

Project Number: 5
Applicant: County of Riverside
County: Riverside
District: 8
PPNO: 1253
Extended Amount: \$550,000
Phase: Plans, Specifications & Estimates
Number of Months Requested: 20 Months
Extended Deadline: 02/28/2022
Department Recommendation: Support

Active Transportation Improvements for the Communities of Thermal and Oasis project

The County of Riverside (County) requests a 20-month extension to allocate funding for the Plans, Specifications & Estimates (PS&E) phase of the Active Transportation Improvements for the Communities of Thermal and Oasis project. The County experienced delays during the design phase of the project.

The project proposes to construct sidewalks within the unincorporated communities of Thermal and Oasis. Project delivery is delayed due to necessary environmental technical studies, public meetings, Tribal consultation, and permitting necessary to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The original schedule only anticipated California Environmental Quality Act effort, however because the project has been granted federal funding for the construction phase has made NEPA compliance is mandatory; compliance with NEPA is expected to be completed by February 2022.

Therefore, the City is requesting a 20-month allocation extension for PS&E from June 30, 2020, to February 28, 2022.