

## MEMORANDUM

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS  
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: March 25, 2020

From: STEVEN KECK, Chief Financial Officer

Reference Number: 2.8b.(3), Action Item

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF CONTRACT AWARD FOR STATE ADMINISTERED SB1 LPP PROJECTS, ON THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM, PER LPP GUIDELINES WAIVER 20-12**

### **ISSUE:**

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve a time extension for the Senate Bill (SB) 1 Local Partnership Program (LPP) Interstate 580 Structural Steel Paint project (PPNO 0125) in Contra Costa and Marin Counties for the periods indicated, as described in the attachment?

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the Commission approve this time extension, for the periods indicated, for the SB1 LPP Route 580 Structural Steel Paint project (PPNO 0125) as described in the attachment.

### **BACKGROUND:**

In August 2019, the Commission allocated \$19,885,000 for one SB1 LPP project. In accordance with the LPP Guidelines (Guidelines), the deadline to award contracts for projects allocated in August 2019 is February 29, 2019. The Department is requesting a time extension for the period of contract award. The attachment shows the details of the project and the delays that have resulted in the time extension request.

Current Guidelines stipulate that the agency implementing a project request a time extension if the project will not be awarded within six months of allocation. The Commission may approve waivers to the timely use of funds deadline one-time only for up to 20 months.

Attachment

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Project Number: 1  
County: Contra Costa  
District: 04  
PPNO: 04-0125  
EA: 3G474  
Route: 580  
Program: LPP  
Allocation Amount: \$19,885,000  
Allocation Date: 8/14/2019  
Number of Months Requested: 12 months  
Extended Deadline: 02/28/2021

**Project Description:**

In Contra Costa and Marin Counties, within the cities of Richmond and San Rafael - the lower deck to the towers of the Richmond - San Rafael Bridge. This is a rehabilitation structural steel painting project for the lower deck and towers on the Richmond San Rafael Bridge. The proposed project would paint the lower deck floor systems, primarily the cantilever sections, the girder spans, the remaining truss sections and the tower legs. Replace 31 lower deck joints, concrete column repair, and remove maintenance access equipment (travelers).

**Reason for Delay:**

Construction capital funds were requested and allocated in August 2019. The funding agency (Bay Area Toll Authority) implemented emergency repairs of the 31 upper deck joints within the four-year-long project. BATA and the Program Advisor decided to include the replacement of the 31 lower deck joints as part of this project to accommodate the risk of any lower deck joints failure in the near future, and to avoid having two contractors working in the same work limit. This decision was made just before this project was Ready To List (RTL). Because the project had an allocation extension, it was determined to delay advertising to handle the inclusion of the lower 31 joints. Consequently, the project was advertised on January 6, 2020, and is currently scheduled to open bids on April 21, 2020. Additional time was necessary to secure proper documentation and incorporate the additional scope in the contract documents.

In February 2020, the Department was notified that upcoming legislation in September 2020 could affect the contract for this project. This legislation could change the law related to lead health and safety which might significantly impact the means & methods of painting the bridge even if the contract is awarded before the law becomes a statute. Therefore, should the Department receive a 12-month time extension, the Department will postpone bid opening and re-evaluate the status of the law in September and incorporate any changes into a competitive bid.

Therefore, the Department is requesting a 12-month time extension to award the contract by February 28, 2021.