

MEMORANDUM

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: March 25, 2020

From: STEVEN KECK, Chief Financial Officer

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

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF PROJECT COMPLETION FOR STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, PER STIP GUIDELINES WAIVER 20-13**

ISSUE:

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) extend the period of project completion for the Inland Rail Trail Phases - IIA, IIB, IIIA, IIIB (PPNO 7421W) project, programmed in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), for the time periods identified in the attachment?

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the Commission extend the period of project completion for the Inland Rail Trail Phases - IIA, IIB, IIIA, IIIB (PPNO 7421W) project, programmed in the STIP, for the time periods identified in the attachment.

BACKGROUND:

The Commission allocated \$18,437,000, for the construction of the Inland Rail Trail Phases - IIA, IIB, IIIA, IIIB (PPNO 7421W) project identified in the attachment. The responsible agency will be unable to complete the projects as programmed. The attachment describes the details of the project and the explanation for the delay. The respective agency requests an extension in accordance with program guidelines.

Current STIP Guidelines stipulate that a local agency has up to 36 months from the time of contract award to accept the contract. The local agency has 180 days after the contract acceptance to prepare and submit the final invoices and reports to the Department. The Guidelines further stipulate that the Commission may approve a one-time only waiver to the project completion deadline, for up to 12 months, in accordance with Section 14529.8 of the Government Code.

Attachments

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

Project Number: 1
Applicant: San Diego Association of Governments
County: San Diego
District: 11
PPNO: 7421W
Extended Amount: \$18,437,000
Phase: Construction
Award Date: 04/05/2017
Allocation Resolution Number: FP-15-36
Number of Months Requested: 14 Months
Extended Deadline: 06/30/2021
Department Recommendation: Support

Inland Rail Trail Phases - IIA, IIB, IIIA, IIIB project

The San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) requests a 14-month time extension to complete the construction (CON) phase of the Inland Rail Trail Phases - IIA, IIB, IIIA, IIIB project. SANDAG has experienced an unexpected delay in completing the project.

Delays occurred during construction with the San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) utility relocations that were to occur concurrently with the construction of this project. One of the utility relocations included a gas main line through the North County Transit District (NCTD) right of way. The SDG&E had delays during the contractor selection process that affected the schedule by approximately six months. In addition, unsuitable materials were encountered during the installation of the Buena Creek bridge which caused delays. Finally, an additional delay occurred with an unanticipated scheduling coordination with the NCTD, the active transit and freight lines. Once construction is complete and after the plant establishment period, SANDAG will need to get approval and acceptance from four local agencies prior to completion and release of maintenance for the project. The agencies include the NCTD, Cities of Oceanside and Vista, and the County of San Diego. This coordination is expected to take an additional six months to close the project. SANDAG anticipated completing the project on time however due to the gas main relocation, the discovery of unsuitable material, the unanticipated scheduling coordination and the plant establishment period starting later than expected, SANDAG is anticipating now to complete and close out the project by June 30, 2021.

Therefore, the Department is requesting a 14-month completion time extension to June 30, 2021.