

## MEMORANDUM

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS  
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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From: STEVEN KECK, Chief Financial Officer

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF PROJECT ALLOCATION FOR  
LOCALLY-ADMINISTERED OFF SYSTEM STATE TRANSPORTATION  
IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, PER STIP GUIDELINES  
WAIVER 20-32**

### **ISSUE:**

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) extend the period of project allocation for seven projects, programmed in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), in Fiscal Year 2019-20?

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the Commission extend the period of project allocation for seven projects, programmed in the STIP, in 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 project and the explanation for the delay. The project sponsors are requesting an extension, and the regional planning agency concurs.

Current STIP Guidelines, adopted by the Commission, stipulate that funds that are programmed for all components of local grant projects, or for Department construction costs, are available for allocation only until the end of the fiscal year identified in the STIP. The Commission may approve a waiver to this "timely use of funds" deadline, one-time only, for up to 20 months, in accordance with Section 14529.8 of the Government Code.

Attachment

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to enhance California's economy and livability"*

**Time Extension/Waiver – Project Allocation Deadline  
Local Streets and Roads Projects**

Project Number: 1  
Applicant: City of Lakeport  
County: Lake  
District: 1  
PPNO: 3089  
Extended Amount: \$71,000  
Phase: Project Approval & Environmental Documents  
Number of Months Requested: 20 Months  
Extended Deadline: 02/28/2022  
Department Recommendation: Support

**Lakeport Boulevard and South Main Street Intersection Improvements project**

The City of Lakeport (City) requests a 20-month time extension to allocate funding for the Project Approvals and Environmental Documents (PA&ED) phase of the Lakeport Boulevard and South Main Street Intersection Improvements project. The City encountered delays during the planning phase.

The project proposes to construct intersection roundabouts to improve bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and traffic flow. There are uncertainties with the environmental deliverables because of slow-downs due to teleworking and social distancing mandates brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic, and the City staff has been redirected to COVID-19 related issues. In addition, hiring a qualified consultant will be difficult due to the restrictions for businesses considered non-essential. Given the uncertainty of the pandemic, the City is requesting a time extension for the maximum of 20 months.

Therefore, the City is requesting a 20-month time extension to allocate PA&ED by February 28, 2022.

Project Number: 2  
Applicant: County of Tehama  
County: Tehama  
District: 2  
PPNO: 2379  
Extended Amount: \$2,795,000  
Phase: Construction  
Number of Months Requested: 20 Months  
Extended Deadline: 02/28/2022  
Department Recommendation: Support

**Evergreen Rd. Bridge at South Fork Cottonwood Cr. project**

The County of Tehama (County) requests a 20-month time extension to allocate funding for the construction (CON) phase of the Evergreen Rd. Bridge at South Fork Cottonwood Cr. project. The County encountered delays during the Right of Way (RW) phase of the project.

The project proposes to replace seismically deficient Evergreen Road at South Fork Cottonwood Creek Bridge, replace an irrigation canal structure, and improve intersection safety. In February 2017, unanticipated hydraulic and floodplain issues affecting the design were discovered. These design changes necessitated by the hydraulic and floodplain issues, resulted in the need to reevaluate the RW requirements, obtain new appraisals, utility relocations, and revalidate the environmental documents. Due to delays brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic, RW acquisitions and utility relocations have been delayed and are expected to be completed by December 2021.

Therefore, the County is requesting a 20-month time extension to allocate CON by February 28, 2022.

Project Number: 3  
Applicant: Trinity County  
County: Trinity  
District: 2  
PPNO: 2421  
Extended Amount: \$900,000  
Phase: Plans, Specifications, and Estimates  
Number of Months Requested: 6 Months  
Extended Deadline: 12/31/2020  
Department Recommendation: Support

**Wildwood Road Reconstruction, Segment 1 project**

The County of Trinity (County) requests a six-month time extension to allocate funding for the Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E) phase of the Wildwood Road Reconstruction, Segment 1 project. The County encountered delays during the environmental phase.

The project's environmental clearance has a long history and has been delayed due to multiple Biological Assessment revisions, difficulties with the Archaeological Survey Report coordination with the United States Forestry Service, and staff having to deal with the Fork Complex Fire. The County has completed CEQA and is currently working on finalizing NEPA. The last item remaining is completing the Cultural Study. The County is currently working on the Cultural Study with the State Historic Preservation Office. The Cultural Study has been submitted to the Department and the County anticipates completion in the next two months. Once approved, the NEPA will be complete and sent to the Commission for final certification. The County is requesting six months to complete environmental.

Therefore, the County is requesting a six-month time extension to allocate PS&E by December 31, 2020.

Project Number: 4  
Applicant: Plumas County  
County: Plumas  
District: 2  
PPNO: 2548  
Extended Amount: \$250,000  
Phase: Plans, Specifications, and Estimates  
Number of Months Requested: 12 Months  
Extended Deadline: 06/30/2021  
Department Recommendation: Support

### **Graeagle-Johnsonville Road Reconstruction project**

The Plumas County (County) requests a 12-month time extension to allocate funding for the Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E) phase of the Graeagle-Johnsonville Road Reconstruction project. The County encountered delays during the environmental phase of the project.

The project proposes to reconstruct failed slope adjacent to Jamison Creek, provide paved shoulders, pavement rehabilitation and reconstruction including drainage improvements, erosion control, new guardrail and existing guardrail and end treatment upgrades. The project received its Project Approval and Environmental Documents allocation in May 2019. The project is located between 4,500 and 5,200 feet elevation within the Plumas Eureka California State Park (State Park). The field review was scheduled to occur right after the winter snow melt and for the State Park to be open and be fully staffed. The field review was delayed by two months due to a late snow melt in July 2019. County staff met with the preliminary design consultant and the geotechnical sub-consultant on August 21, 2019 to locate the borings necessary for the slope analysis. A geotechnical sub-consultant and a driller were needed to complete the geotechnical borings for the report. The findings of the geotechnical report are critical in determining the proper design of the slope repair and the limits of ground disturbance that would need investigation by archaeologists. A NEPA Categorical Exemption for the geotechnical drilling (Geotech CE) was needed prior to drilling. The Geotech CE was signed in October 2019, delaying the driller mobilization and completion of the boring to November 2019. Since the site is within a State Park, the archeological surveys for historic and prehistoric resources are critical to the completion of the required Archeological Survey and Historic Property Survey Report. The geotechnical and preliminary slope reports are expected in May 2020. This has caused an additional six-month delay. The County anticipates having NEPA and CEQA approvals by April 2021 and are requesting PS&E thereafter.

Therefore, the County is requesting a 12-month time extension to allocate PS&E by June 30, 2021.

Project Number: 5  
Applicant: County of Tehama  
County: Tehama  
District: 2  
PPNO: 2567  
Extended Amount: \$150,000  
Phase: Plans, Specifications, and Estimates  
Number of Months Requested: 20 Months  
Extended Deadline: 02/28/2022  
Department Recommendation: Support

**99W Gap Closure: Glenn County Line to Coming City Limits project**

The County of Tehama (County) requests a 20-month time extension to allocate funding for the Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E) phase of the 99W Gap Closure: Glenn County Line to Coming City Limits project. The County encountered delays during the Project Approval and Environmental Document phase.

The project proposes to rehabilitate pavement along the Tehama-Glenn County border. Following an audit, the County was issued a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) in August of 2017. As a result of the CAP, new projects had preliminary engineering authorized as Advance Construction (AC), including subsequent components on existing projects until the CAP was addressed. This resulted in federal reimbursement being suspended until certain tasks were completed. Any work done on these projects with a component authorized as AC had to be funded out of the County's very limited budget. The County has since fulfilled the requirements as set forth by the Department's in the CAP. However, the COVID-19 pandemic has caused staffing changes of all involved partners, policy changes for meetings and public outreach, and delays in City Council non-emergency agendas. The extent of these delays is not yet known. The County is anticipating awarding the design consultant contract by August 2020. Although the initial survey and preliminary design are estimated to be completed in August 2021 and NEPA approval by December 2021, the County is requesting additional time due to the uncertainty of COVID-19 impacts.

Therefore, the County is requesting a 20-month time extension to allocate PS&E by February 28, 2022.

Project Number: 6  
Applicant: County of Tehama  
County: Tehama  
District: 2  
PPNO: 2569  
Extended Amount: \$185,000  
Phase: Plans, Specifications, and Estimates  
Number of Months Requested: 20 Months  
Extended Deadline: 02/28/2022  
Department Recommendation: Support

**99W & Gyle Road to South Main Street & I-5 Overcrossing project**

The County of Tehama (County) requests a 20-month time extension to allocate funding for the Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E) phase of the 99W & Gyle Road to South Main Street & I-5 Overcrossing project. The County encountered delays during the Project Approval and Environmental Document (PA&ED) phase.

The project proposes to rehabilitate pavement along the Tehama-Glenn County border. Following an audit, the County was issued a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) in August of 2017. As a result of the CAP, new projects had preliminary engineering authorized as Advance Construction (AC), including subsequent components on existing projects until the CAP was addressed. This resulted in federal reimbursement being suspended until certain tasks were completed. Any work done on these projects with a component authorized as AC had to be funded out of the County's very limited budget. The County has since fulfilled the requirements as set forth by the Department in the CAP. Multiple traffic studies have since been completed and two alternate intersection designs were presented to the County, the City of Red Bluff, and the Department's District 2 representatives in February 2020. The County was further delayed due to an increase to the site survey requirement. The project involves I-5 and would require lane closures. Coordinating this effort resulted in a four-month delay to the project. This is a regional project, all partners will need to review and approve a design before the environmental documents can be completed and a design can be selected. However, the COVID-19 pandemic has caused staffing changes of all involved partners, policy changes for meetings and public outreach, and delays in City Council non-emergency agendas. The extent of these delays is not yet known. The environmental documents are estimated to be to be approved by October 2021 and public outreach and design selection completed by December 2021. This project has a concurrent project development expenditure extension request for its PA&ED phase on this month's Commission agenda.

Therefore, the County is requesting a 20-month time extension to allocate PS&E by February 28, 2022.

Project Number: 7  
Applicant: City of Marina  
County: Monterey  
District: 5  
PPNO: 2572  
Extended Amount: \$1,100,000  
Phase: Construction  
Number of Months Requested: 6 Months  
Extended Deadline: 12/31/2020  
Department Recommendation: Support

**Marina-Salinas Multimodal Corridor (Imjin Safety & Traffic Flow) project**

The City of Fresno (City) requests a six-month time extension to allocate funding for the construction (CON) phase of the Marina-Salinas Multimodal Corridor (Imjin Safety & Traffic Flow) project. The City encountered delays during the design phase.

The project proposes to widen Imjin Road in the city of Marina from two to four lanes. The City has been coordinating with several different public agency property owners to acquire the property and easements necessary to finalize the right of way certification and advertise. With the outbreak of COVID-19 and the shelter in place orders instituted by the State, the City has experienced significant delays in completing acquisition agreements with the public agencies that own the required properties. This has been primarily due to difficulties in meeting with representatives for the respective agencies, inabilities for appraisers to conduct site visits, and increased time needed to schedule approvals with the governing bodies of the public agencies. As of April 2020, the City has received notice from the Redevelopment Agency for Monterey County that the Board of Supervisors has approved their portion of the land transfer necessary for the project. The City has also received notice from the University of California (UC) Regent Real Estate Department that the COVID-19 pandemic is affecting review of all land transfers and review processing. No decision has been made by the UC Board on the matter of land transfers for this project due to the impacts to their meeting schedule. The City anticipates Right of Way to be certified by October 2020 and the project will be ready to advertise in December 2020.

Therefore, the City is requesting a six-month time extension to allocate CON by December 31, 2020.