

## MEMORANDUM

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS  
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: June 24-25, 2020

From: STEVEN KECK, Chief Financial Officer

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF PROJECT ALLOCATION FOR  
LOCALLY-ADMINISTERED STIP PROJECTS ON THE STATE HIGHWAY  
SYSTEM PER STIP GUIDELINES  
WAIVER 20-36**

### **ISSUE:**

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) extend the period of project allocation for three locally-administered projects, programmed in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)?

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the Commission extend the period of allocation for three locally-administered projects, programmed in the STIP as specified in the attachment.

### **BACKGROUND:**

These agencies will not be ready to request allocation of 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.

Current STIP Guidelines, adopted by the Commission, stipulate that funds programmed be allocated by June 30 of the year in which programmed. The Commission may approve a waiver to the timely use of funds deadline for expenditure 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  
Locally-Administered STIP Projects**

Project Number: 1  
Applicant: City of Paso Robles  
County: San Luis Obispo  
District: 5  
PPNO: 2528  
Fund Type: RIP  
Extended Amount: \$800,000  
Phase: Design (PS&E)  
Number of Months Requested: 20 Months  
Extended Deadline: 2/28/2022  
Department Recommendation: Support, 20 Months

**Union Road State Route 46 Phase I**

The Union Road Overcrossing interchange improvements under the Highway 46 Realignment project proposes to reconstruction and modify the intersection of State Route 46 East and Union Road. The project is programmed in the STIP for \$800,000 in Regional Improvement Program (RIP) funds for PS&E in Fiscal Year 2019-2020.

The City of Paso Robles (City) began the Project Approval and Environmental Document (PA&ED) phase in 2015 with RIP and local funds. However, several unforeseen delays have occurred impacting the completion of the environmental document. The City initiated its update of the City-wide Traffic Circulation Element, resulting in the Traffic Analysis being put on hold until the adoption of the Circulation Element by the City in February 2019. Numerous studies have been submitted and reviewed, including drainage, geometrics, hazardous material report, and paleontology. Several of the reports required third and fourth resubmittals, and are nearing completion and the public circulation of the environmental document is expected to occur later in 2020 with the anticipated Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) by second quarter of 2020-21. The Commission requires that PA&ED is completed prior to allocation of PS&E.

Therefore, the City is requesting a 20-month time extension to request RIP funds for PS&E by February 28, 2022.

Project Number: 2  
Applicant: County of San Luis Obispo  
County: San Luis Obispo  
District: 5  
PPNO: 2830  
Fund Type: RIP  
Extended Amount: \$950,000  
Phase: Design (PS&E)  
Number of Months Requested: 6 Months  
Extended Deadline: 12/31/2020  
Department Recommendation: Support, 6 Months

**Avila Beach Drive Interchange Improvements**

The Avila Beach Drive Interchange Improvement Project is currently in the Project Approval and Environmental Development (PA&ED) phase. The PA&ED phase had a delayed start due to negotiations with the consultant. In addition, there were multiple reviews and revisions required to the Intersection Control Evaluation (ICE) and traffic data volume forecast to resolve. The Department and County of San Luis Obispo (County) negotiations required additional time and was the critical path to proceed and finalize the environmental document and deliver the project report. Some project delivery components were accelerated to make up time, but final approval and signatures are still need for PA&ED.

Therefore, the County requests a 6-month time extension to request RIP funds for PS&E by December 31, 2020.

Project Number: 3  
Applicant: City of Tuolumne  
County: Tuolumne  
District: 10  
PPNO: 3400  
Fund Type: RIP  
Extended Amount: \$336,000  
Phase: Construction (CON)  
Number of Months Requested: 12 Months  
Extended Deadline: 06/30/2021  
Department Recommendation: Support, 12 Months

**Washington-Stockton Corridor- Downtown Transit & Accessibility Improvement**

The Washington Stockton Corridor in downtown Sonora required extensive coordination between the City of Tuolumne (City) and the Department to deliver the innovative transportation improvements. The coordination has been challenging, with many delays. The agreements and approvals were delayed and the non-traditional nature of the project resulted in inefficiencies and delays in reviews. The project is currently moving forward and reviews have been streamlined and all the appropriate staffing are in place.

Therefore, the Tuolumne County Transportation Council along with the City, requests a 12-month time extension to complete design and request RIP CON funds by June 30, 2021.