

## 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 SENATE BILL 1 LOCAL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (COMPETITIVE) TRANSIT PROJECT, PER LPP GUIDELINES WAIVER 20-37**

### **ISSUE:**

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve a 12-month extension for the period of project allocation for the locally-administered Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) Local Partnership Program (LPP) (Competitive) LA Metro Orange Line Bus Rapid Transit Improvement (PPNO 5504) project in, Los Angeles County?

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the Commission approves a 12-month extension for the period of project allocation for the locally administered SB 1 LPP (Competitive) LA Metro Orange Line Bus Rapid Transit Improvement (PPNO 5504) project in Los Angeles County to June 30, 2021.

### **BACKGROUND:**

Currently, \$75,000,000 in LPP Competitive funds are programmed to the Construction phase for the LA Metro Orange Line Bus Rapid Transit Improvement project in Fiscal Year 2019–20. These funds were programmed with the adoption of the 2018 LPP Competitive Program in May 2018 under Resolution LPP-P-1718-01. The baseline agreement was approved in December 2019. The project will construct two separate bus rapid transit grade separations at Sepulveda and Van Nuys Boulevards and railroad type gating at 35 at grade crossings along the entire 18-mile line.

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Construction of the grade separations on the LA Metro Orange Line Bus Rapid Transit Improvement project were scheduled to begin in 2019–20. The LA Metro Orange Line Bus Rapid Transit Improvement project is integrating with the East San Fernando Valley (ESFV) Transit Corridor project. However, due to delays for design and environmental clearance on this integrated project, the LA Metro Orange Line Bus Rapid Transit Improvement project will need to request a 12-month allocation extension.

The preliminary engineering (PE) on the Sepulveda Boulevard grade separation portion of the project is complete. The Van Nuys grade separation portion of the project has been deferred in order to coordinate with connecting the ESFV light rail station on Van Nuys Boulevard.

Since the ESFV light rail station project design is now finalized, PE on the Van Nuys grade separation portion of the project can be completed. Once the design of the Van Nuys portion has been completed, both grade separations for the LA Metro Orange Line Bus Rapid Transit Improvement project will be included under one design-build contract that is scheduled to begin in Fall 2021. The implementing agency will be ready to allocate funds for construction phase at the June 2021 Commission meeting.

Current 2018 LPP Guidelines, adopted by the Commission under Resolution G-18-30, stipulates that funds that are programmed for all components of local grant projects or for the Departments construction costs are available for allocation only until the end of the Fiscal Year identified in the LPP. The Commission may approve a waiver to this “timely use of funds” deadline, one-time only, for up to 12-months.