

MEMORANDUM

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: June 24-25, 2020

From: STEVEN KECK, Chief Financial Officer

Reference Number: 2.8d.(12), Action Item

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF PROJECT DEVELOPMENT
EXPENDITURES FOR LOCALLY ADMINISTERED STIP PROJECTS, PER STIP
GUIDELINES
WAIVER 20-42**

ISSUE:

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) extend the period of project development expenditure for two projects, programmed in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), for the time period shown in the attachment?

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation recommends the Commission extend the period of project development expenditure for two projects, programmed in the STIP, for the time period shown in the attachment.

BACKGROUND:

The Commission allocated \$330,000 for two projects as identified on the attachment. The responsible agencies have been unable to complete the projects as programmed. The attachment describes the details of the projects and the explanations for the delays. The agencies requested an extension, and the planning agencies concur.

Current STIP Guidelines, Resolution G-13-07, stipulate that funds allocated for local project development or right of way costs must be expended by the end of the second fiscal year following the fiscal year in which the funds were allocated. The Commission may approve a waiver to the "timely use of funds" deadline, one time only, for up to 20 months, in accordance with Section 14529.8 of the Government Code.

Attachments

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

Project Number: 1
Applicant: City of Weed
County: Mendocino
District: 2
PPNO: 2541
Allocated Amount: \$100,000
Balance: \$100,000
Phase: Plans, Specifications and Estimate
Allocation Date: 6/26/2019
Allocation Resolution Number: FP-19-37
Number of Months Requested: 20 Months
Extended Deadline: 02/28/2022
Department Recommendation: Support

Vista Drive Rehabilitation project

The City of Weed (City) requests a 20-month project development expenditure extension for the Plans, Specifications and Estimate (PS&E) phase of Vista Drive Rehabilitation project. The City experienced unexpected delays during the design phase of the project.

The project proposes to rehabilitate Vista Drive from the intersection with I-5 to the travel plaza entrance. The City received their PS&E allocation in August 2017. In August 2017 an award letter was received from the Federal Economic Development Administration (EDA). The City sent out Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for engineering services. The City had to send out RFQs on four separate occasions because the EDA stated the publication and scope of the advertisement needed to be widened. The multiple advertisements caused an 18-month delay. In April 2019 the EDA approved the City to enter into design consultant contract with an engineering firm. The City is requesting an extension to complete design due to the delay in obtaining a consultant.

Therefore, the City requests a 20-month expenditure extension for PS&E from June 30, 2020, to February 28, 2022.

Project Number: 2
Applicant: City of Tehama
County: Tehama
District: 2
PPNO: 2569
Allocated Amount: \$230,000
Balance: \$191,134
Phase: Project Approval and Environmental Documents
Allocation Date: 6/26/2019
Allocation Resolution Number: FP-19-37
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 project development expenditure 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 design 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 District 2 representatives in February 2020. The County was initially responsible for the survey; however, an increase in the scope of the survey would have required lane closures on I-5. The County does not have the resources for this magnitude of traffic control. This resulted in a four-month delay in gathering survey data. 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 time extension request for its Plans, Specifications, and Estimates allocation on this month's Commission agenda.

Therefore, the County requests a 20-month expenditure extension for PS&E from June 30, 2020, to February 28, 2022.