

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 DEVELOPMENT
EXPENDITURES FOR A LOCALLY-ADMINISTERED
LOCAL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (FORMULAIC) PROJECT, ON THE
STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM, PER LPP GUIDELINES
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ISSUE:

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) extend the period of project expenditure for the Local Partnership Program (LPP) (Formulaic) Route 91/71 Interchange and Connectors project (PPNO 0077G) in Riverside County?

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the Commission extend the period of project expenditure for the \$2,000,000 in LPP (Formulaic) funds previously allocated to the Route 91/71 Interchange and Connectors project (PPNO 0077G), for 12 months per LPP guidelines.

BACKGROUND:

The project was environmentally cleared in June 2011 and revalidated in November 2014. Because the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) document was completed more than three years ago, another re-validation is currently underway. The Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) began the latest revalidation process upon the allocation of \$2,000,000 in LPP-Formulaic funds by the Commission at its May 2018 meeting.

The revalidation process will take the form of a Mitigated Negative Declaration/Categorical Exclusion. RCTC is working, in coordination with the Department and the Federal Highway Administration, to prepare the required documents.

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The following table lists the schedule for some of the key tasks pending which will lead to the completion of the re-validation process.

Task	Duration
Noise Studies	Jan 2020 – Jan 2021
Air Quality Studies	Dec 2019 – May 2020
Supplemental Natural Environmental Study	Apr 2020 - Oct 2020
Supplemental Environmental Assessment (EA)	May 2020 – Jan 2021
Revalidation	Sep 2020 – May 2021

Therefore, RCTC is requesting a 12-month extension to the project expenditure period for the LPP-Formulaic funds allocated to the Environmental phase of this project.

Per LPP Guidelines, funds allocated for project development must be expended by the end of the second fiscal year following the fiscal year in which the funds were allocated. Upon request of the implementing agency, the Commission may extend the deadline for expenditures for project development for up to 12-months.