

## 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 AMEND THE PERIOD OF PROJECT ALLOCATION FOR PREVIOUSLY APPROVED TIME EXTENSION FOR STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, PER THE INTERIM TIMELY USE OF FUNDS POLICY WAIVER 20-54**

### **ISSUE:**

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

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

The California Department of Transportation recommends the Commission amend the period of project allocation for two projects, programmed in the STIP, in 2019-20.

### **BACKGROUND:**

At this time, these agencies will not be able to request an allocation for funds by the June 30, 2020 deadline due to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. The attachment shows the details of the projects and the explanations for the delays. The project sponsors are requesting extensions, and the regional planning agencies concur.

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. However, under the adopted Interim Timely Use of Funds policy, an extension can be requested for up to 20-months for each delivery milestone, where permissible by statute, to address impacts to project delivery as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Attachments

*"Provide a safe, sustainable, integrated and efficient transportation system to enhance California's economy and livability"*

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

Project Number: 1  
Applicant: City of Ukiah  
County: Mendocino  
District: 1  
PPNO: 4561  
Extended Amount: \$532,000  
Phase: Construction  
Number of Months Requested: ~~12~~ **16**  
Extended Deadline: ~~06/30/2020~~ **10/31/2020**  
Department Recommendation: Support

**Traffic Signal at Gobbi Street and Waugh Lane project**

The City of Ukiah (City) requests a 4-month time extension amendment to allocate funding for the construction (CON) phase of Traffic Signal at Gobbi Street and Waugh Lane project. The City experienced unexpected delays during the design phase of the project.

The project proposes to construct a traffic signal, Americans with Disabilities Act compliant curb ramps and repave the intersection of Gobbi Street and Waugh Lane. The City received their Plans Specifications and Estimate allocation and proceeded with initial design. During development of the project, City staff determined that the City of Ukiah Electric Department (EUD) has a project that is being constructed through the same area. EUD will be relocating overhead utilities, including electrical, telephone, and cable, into an underground conduit in the roadway within the project limits. The City needs to coordinate the final layout, signal pole and curb ramp locations with EUD. As a result, the City needed an additional 12 months to coordinate efforts with EUD and complete the final design of the project. The City has a consultant under contract to do the design but due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and the shelter in place order issued in Mendocino County, work cannot begin until after May 2020.

Therefore, the City requests to amend Waiver 19-37, originally approved in June 2019, from a 12 to **16**-month time extension to allocate CON by ~~June 30, 2020~~ **October 31, 2020**.

Project Number: 2  
Applicant: City of Long Beach  
County: Los Angeles  
District: 7  
PPNO: 4071  
Extended Amount: \$14,000,000  
Phase: Plans, Specifications, and Estimates  
Number of Months Requested: ~~12~~ **20**  
Extended Deadline: ~~06/30/2020~~ **02/28/2021**  
Department Recommendation: Support

### **I-710 South Early Action Project - Shoemaker Bridge Replacement project**

The City of Long Beach (City) requests an 8-month time extension amendment to allocate funding for the Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E) phase of I-710 South Early Action Project - Shoemaker Bridge Replacement project. The City experienced unexpected delays during the environmental phase of the project.

The City was waiting for approval of the Finding of No Significant Impact for National Environmental Policy Act document. The project was waiting for sign off for the Air Quality Conforming rules and regulations. No new regional conformity determination can be approved until emissions inventories are updated with the new assumptions reflecting the Safer Affordable Fuel Efficient Vehicle Rule. The Southern California Association of Governments Regional Transportation Plan was scheduled for approval in early June 2020, but the approvals needed from the Environmental Protection Agency and Federal Highway Administration may be delayed due to the inability to meet and approve as a result of the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. The project has multiple fund sources, including local measure funds. The City needs additional time to secure the funding commitment by ordinance or resolution from the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

Therefore, the City requests to amend Waiver 19-36, originally approved in June 2019, from a 12 to **20**-month time extension to allocate PS&E by ~~June 30, 2020~~ **February 28, 2021**.