MEMORANDUM

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION **CTC Meeting**: June 24-25, 2020

From: STEVEN KECK, Chief Financial Officer

Reference Number: 2.8v.(5), Action Item

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Subject: REQUEST TO AMEND THE PERIOD OF PROJECT ALLOCATION FOR PREVIOUSLY APPROVED TIME EXTENSIONS FOR ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS, PER THE INTERIM TIMELY USE OF FUNDS POLICY WAIVER 20-58

ISSUE:

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) amend the period of project allocation for 15 projects, programmed in the Active Transportation Program (ATP), in 2019-20?

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation recommends the Commission amend the period of project allocation for 15 projects, programmed in the ATP, 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 ATP Guidelines, adopted by the Commission, stipulate that funds that are programmed for all components of local grant projects are available for allocation only until the end of the fiscal year identified in the ATP. The Commission may approve a waiver to the timely use of funds deadline, one-time only, for up to 20 months. 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

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Time Extension/Waiver – Project Allocation Deadline Amendment Active Transportation Program

Project Number: 1 Applicant: City of Trinidad County: Humboldt District: 1 PPNO: 2442A Extended Amount: \$509,000 Phase: Construction Number of Months Requested: 12 20 Months Extended Deadline: 06/30/2020 02/28/2021 Department Recommendation: Support

Van Wycke bicycle and Pedestrian Connectivity Project

The City of Trinidad (City) requests an 8-month extension amendment to allocate funding for the construction (CON) phase of the Van Wycke bicycle and Pedestrian Connectivity Project. The City experienced delays during the environmental phase.

The Commission approved 12-month time extensions to the Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E) and Right of Way (RW) phases in June 2018. The City experienced powerful storms in December 2016 and January 2017 delaying the project's environmental. There was extensive damage to the bluff and parking area underlying a section of the proposed project near Memorial Lighthouse and Edwards Street. This resulted in a state and federally declared disaster area. The City's response to the damage involved assessments and studies of bluff stability, emergency permitting and implementation of modifications and ultimately the relocation of the Memorial Lighthouse. The modifications and lighthouse relocation were completed by January 2018. New cultural concerns were also raised by the Yurok Tribe. The City could not finalize California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) documents until these issues were understood and addressed. As a result, a portion of the projects proposed pedestrian route must be realigned, which has necessitated the need for a scope change. Subsequently, the City has been reaching out to the Native American groups as well as surrounding residents to the project, the Coastal Commission and Caltrans Local Assistance. The City obtained CEQA clearance in April 2019 and expected RW certification to be complete by February 2020. As a result of COVID-19, there are several issues beyond the control of the City that impact its ability to secure the necessary stakeholder and public buy-in for a scope change of the Van Wycke pedestrian route and to complete the PS&E and RW phases.

Therefore, the City is requesting to amend Waiver 19-38, originally approved in June 2019, from a 12-to **20**-month allocation extension for CON from June 30, 2019, to June 30, 2020 **February 28, 2021**.

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Project Number: 2 Applicant: County of Lake County: Lake District: 1 PPNO: 3110 Extended Amount: \$1,232,000 Phase: Construction Number of Months Requested: 12 20 Months Extended Deadline: 06/30/2020 02/28/2021 Department Recommendation: Support

Middletown Multi-Use Path project

The County of Lake (County) requests an 8-month extension amendment to allocate funding for the construction (CON) phase of the Middletown Multi-Use Path project. The City experienced delays during the environmental phase.

A field review was conducted in December 2017 with the Department staff to determine which studies would be required for California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) clearance since the project is primarily within the State's Right of Way (RW). The County was advised that there are archeological sites adjacent to the project area and an Archeological Survey Report would be required. Department staff also requested a Natural Environment Study to define the impacts on state species that may navigate a small water way within the project limits. The County solicited proposals to conduct the studies, convened a consultant selection board, and negotiated the cost and scope of each study. The County has completed the studies and submitted them to the County Community Development Department to complete the CEQA process. These project studies were unforeseen and resulted in delaying the project. As a result, the County requested and was granted allocation time extensions for the Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E) and RW phases at the May 2018 Commission meeting. The PS&E package is complete; however, the County has not received approval for the Access Control Encroachment Policy Exception (ACEPE) for a break in the access control along State Highway 29 that is a part of this project. In March 2020, the County was notified that the ACEPE would be needed as the Department wants to formally establish this break in the fence. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic (Pandemic) and the mandated shelter in place directive, there are delays that have impacted the approval. This issue needs to be completely resolved prior to CON allocation. The Department has promised to work with Lake County and other government entities to expedite projects delayed by the Pandemic.

Therefore, the County is requesting to amend Waiver 19-38, originally approved in June 2019, from a 12 to **20**-month allocation extension for CON from June 30, 2019, to June 30, 2020 **February 28, 2021**.

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Project Number: 3 Applicant: City of Los Angeles County: Los Angeles District: 7 PPNO: 5105 Extended Amount: \$934,000 Phase: Construction Number of Months Requested: 12 **18 Months** Extended Deadline: <u>06/30/2020</u> **12/31/2020** Department Recommendation: Support

Pedestrian and Bicycle Neighborhood Intersection Enhancements project

The City of Los Angeles (City) requests a 6-month extension amendment to allocate funding for the construction (CON) phase of the Pedestrian and Bicycle Neighborhood Intersection Enhancements project. The City experienced delays during the design phase.

The City has been working on civil engineering design of the project which includes pedestrian, bicycle, and general traffic calming improvements such as continental crosswalks, pavement marking, and mini-roundabouts at four locations throughout the City. The City engaged the public for comment during the development phase of the project. The design goal was to soften the hardscape by installing landscaping in the inscribed center islands of the mini-roundabouts. However, it was determined in the final geometric layout, that in three of the four locations, landscaping would not be possible due to Right of Way (RW) constraints. The center islands would need to be fully traversable to accommodate the turning radius of larger vehicles, such as emergency vehicles. Community acceptance and education is essential to the success of the project. The City is conducting public meetings to educate the neighboring communities and obtain feedback on alternative landscaping. The City has reached approximately 90% design. The NEPA was issued in April 2017 and as part of the RW certification process, the City has initiated the utility notification process. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the social distancing order, the project team is unable to organize in-person meetings and pop-up demonstrations to inform and educate the neighboring communities about the proposed project measures. With potential negative perceptions associated with mini-roundabouts such as user unfamiliarity, parking loss, and stop sign removals, community acceptance is essential to the long-term success of the project. The City is requesting an additional 6-month extension to conduct public engagements to educate the neighboring communities regarding the incoming changes and the benefits of the project

Therefore, the City is requesting to amend Waiver 19-38, originally approved in June 2019, from a 12 to **18**-month allocation extension for CON from June 30, 2019, to June 30, 2020 **December 31, 2020**.

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Project Number: 4 Applicant: City of Los Angeles County: Los Angeles District: 7 PPNO: 5118 Extended Amount: \$948,000 Phase: Construction Number of Months Requested: 12 20 Months Extended Deadline: 06/30/2020 02/28/2021 Department Recommendation: Support

Orange Line - Sherman Way Pedestrian Links project

The City of Los Angeles (City) requests an 8-month extension amendment to allocate funding for the construction (CON) phase of the Orange Line - Sherman Way Pedestrian Links project. The City experienced delays during the design phase.

The project proposes to provide pedestrian and bike improvements linking Metro Orange Line Sherman Way station with nearby destinations. The project will improve safety and include wayfinding signage, curb extensions, benches and American Disabilities Act accessibility. The City has run into numerous issues that are delaying the project. There are proposed lighting improvements that must be accompanied by property tax increases for long-term maintenance, as required by local Proposition 218. There is a lack of community support for the proposed tax increases. In addition, it has been determined that a proposed median island was too small to allow for adequate pedestrian storage capacity and could cause a pedestrian safety hazard. These issues have caused the City to revisit the conceptual design. A project scope change request was submitted to the Department and was approved by Commission staff. The City submitted documentation for the environmental process and expected the process to be completed by February 2020 in order to obtain Right of Way Certification by May and allocate funds by June 30, 2020. However, the COVID-19 pandemic and mandated shelter in place directive, has caused delays that prevents the City from meeting this schedule. City and state employees are telecommuting and continue to work out the logistics to adapt. It is taking much longer than normal to coordinate work, respond to communications, and obtain necessary signatures and approvals due to staff not being in the office.

Therefore, the City is requesting to amend Waiver 19-38, originally approved in June 2019, from a 12 to **20**-month allocation extension for CON from June 30, 2019, to June 30, 2020 **February 28, 2021**.

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Project Number: 5 Applicant: City of Norwalk County: Los Angeles District: 7 PPNO: 5126 Extended Amount: \$201,000 Phase: Construction Number of Months Requested: 12 **18 Months** Extended Deadline: 06/30/2020 **12/31/2020** Department Recommendation: Support

South Downey Safe Routes to School project

The City of Norwalk (City) requests a 6-month extension amendment to allocate funding for the construction (CON) phase of the South Downey Safe Routes to School project. The City experienced delays during the design phase.

The project proposes to construct sidewalks and Americans with Disabilities Act compliant curb ramps. The City received Plans, Specifications and Estimates (PS&E) allocation in June 2018. A Request for Proposal (RFP) for a design consultant was issued on January 15, 2019, and only one proposal was received. The City had to recirculate the RFP to generate additional interest in the project from multiple firms. The RFP has since been recirculated and the City expects to receive additional proposals when the circulation period ends in June 2019. The City will award the design contract shortly thereafter and begin the design phase. The COVID-19 pandemic has caused new delays on the non-infrastructure portion of the project. Specifically, the sub-consultant, Safe Moves, has experienced delays in scheduling bicycle rodeos as well as other future activities (i.e., walk to school day in May 2020) due to Downey Unified School District closing schools. Coordination was further delayed due to schools prioritizing their transition to distance learning in March 2020.

Therefore, the City is requesting to amend Waiver 19-38, originally approved in June 2019, from a 12 to **18**-month allocation extension for CON from June 30, 2019 to June 30, 2020 **December 31, 2020**.

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Project Number: 6 Applicant: City of Norwalk County: Los Angeles District: 7 PPNO: 5426 Extended Amount: \$128,000 Phase: Plan, Specifications, and Estimates Number of Months Requested: 42 20 Months Extended Deadline: 06/30/2020 02/28/2021 Department Recommendation: Support

Alondra Active Transportation Improvement Project

The City of Norwalk (City) requests an 8-month extension amendment to allocate funding for the Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E) phase of the Alondra Active Transportation Improvement Project. The City experienced delays during the preliminary engineering phase.

The City received Project Approval and Environmental Documents allocation in June 2018. Request for Proposals for the environmental document was issue on October 2018. The contract was awarded to a consultant on January 15, 2019. Contract execution took longer than anticipated due to the City and Consultant attorney's review of the contract documents, indemnification clause, insurance requirements, and fee negotiation. The City anticipated work to commence in June 2019. The City has received CEQA approval but due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the mandated shelter in place directive, the completion of PS&E allocation request is delayed. Scheduled engineering and administrative operations have been postponed, and the City is unable to secure bids for consultants and award the PS&E phase of the project on time.

Therefore, the City is requesting to amend Waiver 19-38, originally approved in June 2019, from a 12 to **20**-month allocation extension for PS&E from June 30, 2019, to June 30, 2020 **February 28, 2021**.

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Project Number: 7 Applicant: City of Artesia County: Los Angeles District: 7 PPNO: 5458 Extended Amount: \$563,000 Phase: Construction Number of Months Requested: 12 20 Months Extended Deadline: 06/30/2020 02/28/2021 Department Recommendation: Support

Mitigate Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Deficiencies Project

The City of Artesia (City) requests an 8-month extension amendment to allocate funding for the construction (CON) phase of the Mitigate Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Deficiencies Project. The City experienced delays during the design phase.

The City is currently at 20 percent design. The City anticipated being further along with design, however, the project has been delayed due to recent planned improvements by the Department in the project area. The Department's State Route 91 Westbound Widening Project conflicts with one element of the approved project. The City recently received approval of a minor scope change from Commission staff and is modifying the design accordingly. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the mandated shelter in place directive, the completion of PS&E phase is delayed, and scheduled engineering and administrative operations have been postponed.

Therefore, the City is requesting to amend Waiver 19-38, originally approved in June 2019, from a 12 to **20**-month allocation extension for CON from June 30, 2019, to June 30, 2020 **February 28, 2021**.

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Project Number: 8 Applicant: County of Riverside County: Riverside District: 8 PPNO: 1220 Extended Amount: \$1,678,000 Phase: Construction Number of Months Requested: 19 **26 Months** Extended Deadline: 01/31/2021 **08/31/2021** Department Recommendation: Support

Cabazon Safe Routes to School Sidewalk Safety Improvements project

The County of Riverside (County) requests a 26-month extension amendment to allocate funding for the construction (CON) phase of the Cabazon Safe Routes to School Sidewalk Safety Improvements project. The County experienced unexpected delays in utility relocations.

The environmental clearance of the project is complete, and plans are 95 percent complete and is pending completion of utility coordination. The County has experienced an unanticipated delay in utility relocations and right of way acquisition due to American Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance requirements. The County is currently coordinating with the affected utilities, including Southern California Edison (SCE) and Frontier Communications, to try to minimize impacts to both the project and the affected utility companies. There are several utility poles along the project area. Some of the poles fall within proposed driveway and new curb return areas and conflict with the proposed ADA compliant pathways. The County needs to modify the design to alleviate conflicts. Once the County obtains an agreement with SCE and Frontier Communications for the relocations, the County will approach property owners with final Right of Way (RW) needs. The County is asking for additional time to complete design, obtain RW certification, and request CON allocation by January 2021. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and its adverse effect on the economy, the City is anticipating additional delays. Property negotiations are expected to be lengthy and the process to get all necessary approvals will be delayed. Recent experience includes response times from property owners increasing by up to two weeks for each contact made. Negotiations and final approvals of the RW documents are taking an additional four to five months, typically. This delay to PS&E and RW Expenditure is estimated to be on the order of five months. The delay to the RW acquisition effort is adversely impacting the schedule for CON and request for allocation. The County requires an additional seven months to match the extended property acquisition time lines. The County has been working diligently to resolve the unanticipated hurdles experienced through design and has been successful at resolving them to date. However, additional time is needed to complete this project which is highly anticipated by the local community.

Therefore, the County requests a **26**-month time extension to allocate CON from June 30, 2019, to January 31. 2021 **August 31, 2021**.

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Project Number: Applicant: City of Temecula County: Riverside District: 8 PPNO: 1223 Extended Amount: \$3,570,000 Phase: Construction Number of Months Requested: 12 **15 Months** Extended Deadline: 06/30/2020 **09/30/2020** Department Recommendation: Support

Santa Gertrudis Creek Pedestrian and Bicycle Trail Extension and Interconnect project

The City of Temecula (City) requests a 3-month extension amendment to allocate funding for the Construction (CON) phase of the Santa Gertrudis Creek Pedestrian and Bicycle Trail Extension and Interconnect project. The City experienced delays during the planning phase.

The project requires undercrossing of Interstate-15 (I-15) bridge structures in the Department Right of Way (RW). The original design assumed the project would be completed after the non-ATP French Valley Parkway Interchange Projects Phase II and III (French Valley Projects) were completed. The French Valley Projects are joint City and Department efforts and propose to widen the I-15 bridge structures and create a new on-ramp structure. The original ATP bike trail design has wall structures designed to accommodate the French Valley Projects structure once completed. Since the ATP project will now be constructed prior to the French Valley Projects, assessments of the wall design, to ensure the walls do not interfere with the ability to construct the French Valley Project, are required. The assessment determined that one wall will need to be re-designed. Furthermore, the City has been diligently processing the environmental documents. The overlapping nature of the ATP project with the French Valley Project has necessitated some re-evaluation of the mitigation areas and requires additional coordination with all agencies. The City did not anticipate the need for any lighting or electrical design. Due to the location of the bike trail in the existing creek, electrical power is not readily available and solar options are not feasible. The City has found two alternatives to move forward to obtain lighting. The City is asking for additional time to assess the wall design, receive environmental clearance and obtain lighting for the proposed trail. In addition, due to the COVID-19 pandemic various council meetings were cancelled in March and April delaying our ability to approve our CEQA and RW documents for this project.

Therefore, the County is requesting to amend Waiver 19-38, originally approved in June 2019, from a 12 to **15**-month allocation extension for CON from June 30, 2019, to June 30, 2020 **September 30, 2020**.

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Project Number: 10 Applicant: City of Rialto County: San Bernardino District: 8 PPNO: 1235 Extended Amount: \$1,260,000 Phase: Construction Number of Months Requested: 12 20 Months Extended Deadline:06/30/2020 02/28/2021 Department Recommendation: Support

Cactus Avenue Multi-Use Path project

The City of Rialto (City) requests an 8-month extension amendment to allocate funding for the construction (CON) phase of the Cactus Avenue Multi-Use Path project. The City experienced delays in obtaining environmental clearance, finalizing the design, and obtaining permits.

During California Environmental Quality Act review, the City realized that additional environmental technical reports, including noise, biological, and cultural studies were required. The studies were not originally anticipated, thus was not a part of the original schedule. The technical studies are currently completed, but the draft initial study along with the Mitigated Negative Declaration is being reviewed for approval by the City. Additionally, during the development of final concept plans, the City Council requested extensive public outreach to obtain input from the community in regards to choosing the detailed location and alignment of the bike/pedestrian trail and aesthetic treatments along the trail. Furthermore, the San Bernardino County Flood Control District (SBCFCD) requests a review and update of the existing Common Use Agreement (CUA) between the City and SBCFCD covering the area for the trail and potential parking areas. The City is asking for additional time to complete the CUA and design. The COVID-19 pandemic has affected the project delivery schedule beyond the City's control relating to external agency time commitment and responses. This amendment to the original time extension will allow the SBCFCD adequate time to review submitted final plans and issue the common use permit for the City to proceeds with CON.

Therefore, the City is requesting to amend Waiver 19-38, originally approved in June 2019, from a 12 to **20**-month allocation extension for CON from June 30, 2019, to June 30, 2020 **February 28, 2022**.

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Project Number: 11 Applicant: City of Turlock County: Stanislaus District: 10 PPNO: 3183 Extended Amount: \$416,000 Phase: Construction Number of Months Requested: 12 20 Months Extended Deadline: 06/30/2020 02/28/2021 Department Recommendation: Support

Linwood Avenue Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements project

The City of Turlock (City) requests an 8-month extension amendment to allocate funding for the construction (CON) phase of the Linwood Avenue Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements project. The City experienced delays during the design phase.

The City received their allocation for Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E) and Right of Way (RW) funds in May 2018. The City anticipated starting design and RW activities earlier, however, the project received a nine-month extension for PS&E due to delays with environmental clearance. The City immediately began procurement of engineering and surveying services as well as RW and appraisal services. The City realized, during the design phase, that the original project delivery timeline to acquire RW was insufficient. The project requires partial acquisition from nine parcels, and some may require eminent domain procedures. The City's RW consultant was in negotiations with the nine residents in March 2020 when they had to stop meeting due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The consultants are unable to meet with residents on site due to the mandated shelter in place directive. Many residents are elderly or do not use computers and prefer in person conversations. The City anticipates resolving all the issues and requesting their allocation by the extended deadline.

Therefore, the City is requesting to amend Waiver 19-17, originally approved in May 2019, from a 12 to **20**-month allocation extension for CON from June 30, 2019, to June 30, 2020 **February 28, 2021**.

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Project Number: 12 Applicant: City of Angels Camp County: Calaveras District: 10 PPNO: 3280 Extended Amount: \$1,820,000 Phase: Construction Number of Months Requested: 12 20 Months Extended Deadline: 06/30/2020 02/28/2021 Department Recommendation: Support

Route 49 Sidewalk Infill and Bike Lanes, Angels Camp project

The City of Angels Camp (City) requests an 8-month extension amendment to allocate funding for the construction (CON) phase of the Route 49 Sidewalk Infill and Bike Lanes, Angels Camp project. The City experienced delays during the Right of Way (RW) phase.

The City received the RW allocation in January 2019. The City originally anticipated completing RW in time to request CON by June 2019. However, the City was delayed in completing the NEPA and requested a six-month RW allocation extension; which was approved in June 2018. The City anticipated four parcels requiring partial take and Temporary Construction Easement (TCE). However, after completing final design, the number of partial takes and construction easements increased to eleven. The additional partial takes and TCE's delayed the completion of the RW certification. The City anticipated acquiring the partial takes and TCE's by March 2020 and requesting a CON allocation by June 2020. However, with the current shelter-in-place orders due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there have been delays in conducting utility coordination field meetings and completing the utility certification process. The City requires additional time to address the issues.

Therefore, the City is requesting to amend Waiver 19-17, originally approved in May 2019, from a 12 to **20**-month allocation extension for CON from June 30, 2019, to June 30, 2020 **February 28, 2021**.

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Project Number: 13 Applicant: City of Turlock County: Stanislaus District: 10 PPNO: 3283 Extended Amount: \$646,000 Phase: Construction Number of Months Requested: 12 20 Months Extended Deadline: 06/30/2020 02/28/2021 Department Recommendation: Support

Red Church Pedestrian and Circulation Improvements project

The City of Turlock (City) requests an 8-month extension amendment to allocate funding for the construction (CON) phase of the Red Church Pedestrian and Circulation Improvements project. The City experienced delays during the design phase.

The project proposes to install pedestrian bulb outs, sidewalks and curb ramps along North Washington Street and State Route (SR) 49. The City experienced two unexpected major issues during the design phase. The City and design consultant met with project stakeholders and the public in December 2018 to review the "35 percent" completed plans. Concerns by the local schools were brought forward on the proposed intersection improvements that would affect the turning movements of the busses. Adjoining property owners also expressed concerns regarding access to their properties. Since the original concept was developed by an engineering consultant, the City did not anticipate having to redesign the project to address the schools' concerns. The current design consultant redesigned the project to address the schools' and property owners' concerns. Further delaying the completion of the project's design was the need to receive an encroachment permit from the Department. The majority of the proposed elements are located on SR 49, requiring an encroachment permit from the Department. The City and their Design consultant met with the Department in January 2019 to review the 35 percent plans. Current design standards and the need for some design exceptions were discussed. The Design consultant then began preparing the "65 percent" plans. Approval of the design exceptions along SR 49 required approval from the Department Headquarters (HQ). The Consultant has been coordinating with the Departments permitting staff on readying the package for HQ review. In March 2020, the design plans were sent to the District for review and comments. Shortly after, the State ordered a shelter in place mandate due to the COVID-19 pandemic causing City and state employees to work remotely. As a result, it is taking longer than normal to coordinate work, respond to communications, and obtain necessary signatures and approvals.

Therefore, the City is requesting to amend Waiver 19-17, originally approved in May 2019, from a 12 to **20**-month allocation extension for CON from June 30, 2019, to June 30, 2020 **February 28, 2021**.

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Project Number: 14 Applicant: City of Turlock County: Stanislaus District: 11 PPNO: 1327 Extended Amount: \$35,000 Phase: Right of Way Number of Months Requested: **9 18 Months** Extended Deadline: 03/31/2020 **12/31/2020** Department Recommendation: Support

Red Church Pedestrian and Circulation Improvements project

The City of Turlock (City) requests a 9-month extension amendment to allocate funding for the Right of Way (RW) phase of the Red Church Pedestrian and Circulation Improvements project. The City experienced delays during the design phase.

The County received their Plans, Specifications and Estimates allocation in May 2018 and immediately began the design-consultant procurement process. The project's design phase commenced a year later than originally scheduled due to bidding issues. The County advertised the Request for Proposal (RFP) in November 2018 and only received two proposals. The County opted to re-advertise the RFP in an effort to attract additional bidders with the potential for more competitive bids. Bids were opened in December 2018 and yet also resulted in only two bidders. After consulting with the Department, the County evaluated the two proposals and selected a design consultant in March 2019. The longer than anticipated procurement process delayed the start of design by approximately 12 months. The County has diligently proceeded to make sure that key milestones and required regulations are satisfied. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and mandated shelter in place directive, the County is experiencing unexpected delays for project completion. The County Board of Supervisor's meetings are restricted to emergency COVID-19 related items, County staff has been reduced due to COVID-19 extended sick leave, reassignments and telecommuting. The County also lacks the necessary information technology infrastructure to facilitate telecommuting for all public works employees. These issues have affected the design, review and approval of the preliminary engineering phase of this project. This project has a concurrent amendment time extension request for its construction allocation on this month's Commission agenda.

Therefore, the City is requesting to amend Waiver 19-17, originally approved in May 2019, from a 9 to **18**-month allocation extension for RW from June 30, 2019, to March 31, 2020 **December 31, 2020**.

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Project Number: 15 Applicant: City of Turlock County: Stanislaus District: 11 PPNO: 1327 Extended Amount: \$141,000 Phase: Construction Number of Months Requested: 12 **18 Months** Extended Deadline: 06/30/2020 **12/31/2020** Department Recommendation: Support

Red Church Pedestrian and Circulation Improvements project

The City of Turlock (City) requests a 6-month extension amendment to allocate funding for the construction (CON) phase of the Red Church Pedestrian and Circulation Improvements project. The City experienced delays during the design phase.

The County received their Plans, Specifications and Estimates allocation in May 2018 and immediately began the design-consultant procurement process. The project's design phase commenced a year later than originally scheduled due to bidding issues. The County advertised the Request for Proposal (RFP) in November 2018 and only received two proposals. The County opted to re-advertise the RFP in an effort to attract additional bidders with the potential for more competitive bids. Bids were opened in December 2018 and yet also resulted in only two bidders. After consulting with the Department, the County evaluated the two proposals and selected a design consultant in March 2019. The longer than anticipated procurement process delayed the start of design by approximately 12 months. The County has diligently proceeded to make sure that key milestones and required regulations are satisfied. The County Board of Supervisor's meetings are restricted to emergency COVID-19 related items. County staff has been reduced due to COVID-19 extended sick leave, reassignments and telecommuting. The County also lacks the necessary information technology infrastructure to facilitate telecommuting for all public works employees. These issues have affected the design, review and approval of the preliminary engineering phase of this project. This project has a concurrent amendment time extension request for its Right of Way allocation on this month's Commission agenda.

Therefore, the City is requesting to amend Waiver 19-17, originally approved in May 2019, from a 12 to **18**-month allocation extension for CON from June 30, 2019, to June 30, 2020 **December 31, 2020**.