

MEMORANDUM

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: June 24-25, 2020

From: STEVEN KECK, Chief Financial Officer

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

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Subject: **REQUEST TO AMEND THE PERIOD OF PROJECT DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURES FOR PREVIOUSLY APPROVED TIME EXTENSIONS FOR ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS, PER THE INTERIM TIMELY USE OF FUNDS POLICY WAIVER 20-65**

ISSUE:

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) amend the period of project development expenditure for the Boyle Heights Pedestrian Linkages project, programmed in the Active Transportation Program (ATP), for the time period identified in the attachment?

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation recommends the Commission amend the period of project development expenditure for the Boyle Heights Pedestrian Linkages project, programmed in the ATP, for the time period identified in the attachment.

BACKGROUND:

The Commission allocated \$893,000 for the Boyle Heights Pedestrian Linkage project as identified on the attachment. At this time, the agency will not be able to complete the project development phase by the June 30, 2020 deadline due to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. The attachment shows the details of the project and the explanation for the delay. The project sponsor is requesting an extension, and the regional planning agency concurs.

Current ATP Guidelines, adopted by the Commission, stipulate that funds programmed for all components of local grant projects are available for expenditure only until the end of the second fiscal year following the year of allocation. The Commission may approve a waiver to the "timely use of funds" deadline, one-time only, for up to 12 months. However, under the adopted Interim Timely Use of Funds policy under Resolution G-20-56, 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 Development Expenditures Deadline Amendment
Active Transportation Program**

Project Number: 1
Applicant: City of Los Angeles
County: Los Angeles
District: 7
PPNO: 5122
Allocated Amount: \$893,000
Remaining Balance: \$159,400
Phase: Plans, Specifications, & Estimates
Allocation Date: 06/29/2017
Allocation Resolution Number: FATP-1617-20
Number of Months Requested: ~~12~~ **20** Months
Extended Deadline: ~~06/30/2020~~ **02/28/2021**
Department Recommendation: Support

Boyle Heights Pedestrian Linkages project

The City of Los Angeles (City) is requesting an 8-month time extension amendment to the project development expenditure period for the Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E) phase for the Boyle Heights Pedestrian Linkages project. The City experienced unexpected delays during the design phase of the project.

This ATP project will implement pedestrian improvements within the Boyle Heights area along with two ongoing City projects: the Sixth Street Viaduct Replacement (Viaduct) and Sixth Street Park, Arts, River and Connectivity (PARC) Improvement. Both projects are currently under construction. A portion of the ATP project will construct sidewalk curb ramps, and curb extensions along Clarence and Anderson Street from East 6th Street to the north, through the bottom of the Viaduct, and to Jesse Street to the south. The City had anticipated the area underneath the Viaduct's proximity to be accessible for construction by September 2019, but the Viaduct construction will not be complete until December 2020. The proposed ATP project for sidewalk and curb extension work directly conflicts with the falsework currently in place to construct the proposed Viaduct's pier. The City needs time to revise the project's plans, specifications and contract bidding documents to account for the unexpected delays in the Viaduct project. 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. The City is seeking the extension to allow time to complete the PS&E and move forward with the construction phase of the project.

Therefore, the City requests to amend Waiver 19-52, originally approved in August 2019, from a 12 to **20**-month time extension to award the CON phase by ~~June 30, 2020~~ **February 28, 2021**.