

MEMORANDUM

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: May 17-18, 2023

From: STEVEN KECK, Chief Financial Officer

Reference Number: 2.8d.(5) Action Item

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF PROJECT DEVELOPMENT
EXPENDITURE FOR A LOCALLY-ADMINISTERED SENATE BILL 1 LOCAL
PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (FORMULAIC) PROJECT, PER LPP GUIDELINES
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ISSUE:

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) extend the period of project development expenditure for the locally-administered Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) Local Partnership Program (LPP) (Formulaic) Avenue 280 Widening (Santa Fe to Lovers Lane) project (PPNO 7068), in Tulare County, for the time period shown in the attachment?

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the Commission extend the period of project development expenditure for the locally-administered SB1 LPP (Formulaic) Avenue 280 Widening (Santa Fe to Lovers Lane) project (PPNO 7068), in Tulare County, for the time period shown in the attachment.

BACKGROUND:

The Commission allocated \$1,387,000 for the project identified in the attachment. The responsible agency was unable to complete the phase within the expenditure period. The attachment describes the details of the project and the explanation for the delay. The respective agency requests an extension, and the regional agency concurs.

Current LPP 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.

Attachment

*"Provide a safe and reliable transportation network that
serves all people and respects the environment."*

**Time Extension/Waiver – Project Development Expenditure
Local Partnership Program (Formulaic)**

Project Number: 1
Applicant: City of Visalia
County: Tulare
District: 6
PPNO: 7068
Allocation Amount: \$1,387,000
Remaining Balance: \$1,360,199
Phase: Right of Way
Allocation Date: 06/23/2021
Number of Months Requested: 12 Months
Extended Deadline: 06/30/2024
Department Recommendation: Support

Avenue 280 Widening (Santa Fe to Lovers Lane) project

The City of Visalia (City) requests a 12-month time extension to complete the Right of Way (RW) phase of the Avenue 280 Widening (Santa Fe to Lovers Lane) project. The City experienced unexpected delays in the RW phase.

The project proposes to widen an undivided two-lane road to a four-lane divided road with a median and install sidewalks, a multi-use path, curb and gutters, streetlights, and traffic signals in the City on Avenue 280 (Caldwell Avenue) between Santa Fe and Lovers Lane. The City encountered unforeseen circumstances that increased the time needed to complete the RW phase. During the project developmental phases, adjustments were made to the intersection of Caldwell Avenue and Lovers Lane that required additional work to define legal descriptions. This delayed the legal descriptions and stream bed permits for the culvert extension at the same intersection. In addition, given that one of the parcels is almost entirely within the proposed intersection, the City estimates that the entire parcel is required for the project. The property owner believes that the home can be relocated on a remainder parcel. There is an ongoing discussion with the property owner affected to find a solution. There are also several right of way parcels that may need to be acquired through eminent domain. It is expected that the City will certify right of way by June 2024, at which point, the project will be ready to list. This project has a concurrent project allocation time extension request for the CON allocation on this month's Commission agenda.

Therefore, the City requests a 12-month time extension to complete the RW phase from June 30, 2023, to June 30, 2024.