

## MEMORANDUM

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS  
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: January 25-26, 2024

From: STEVEN KECK, Chief Financial Officer

Reference Number: 2.8b.(3), Action Item

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF CONTRACT AWARD FOR A  
LOCALLY-ADMINISTERED STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT  
PROGRAM PROJECT, ON THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM, PER STIP  
GUIDELINES  
WAIVER 24-05**

### **ISSUE:**

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) extend the period of contract award for the locally-administered State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) US 101 Avila Beach Dr. Interchange Improvements project (PPNO 2830), in San Luis Obispo County, for the time period as identified in the attachment?

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the Commission extend the period of contract award for the locally-administered STIP US 101 Avila Beach Dr. Interchange Improvements project (PPNO 2830), in San Luis Obispo County, for the time period as identified in the attachment.

### **BACKGROUND:**

In August 2023, the Commission allocated \$6,810,000 in STIP funds to the Construction phase of the US 101 Avila Beach Dr. Interchange Improvements project (PPNO 2830). In accordance with STIP Guidelines (Guidelines), the deadline to award contracts for projects allocated in August 2023, is February 29, 2024. The County of San Luis Obispo is requesting a time extension for the period of contract award. The attachment shows the details of the project and the delays that have resulted in the time extension request.

Current Guidelines stipulate that the agency implementing a project request a time extension if the project is not awarded within six months of allocation. The Commission may approve waivers to the timely use of funds deadline one-time only for up to 20 months.

Attachment

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

**Time Extension/Waiver – Contract Award for  
State Transportation Improvement Program**

Project Number: 1  
Applicant: County of San Luis Obispo  
County: San Luis Obispo  
District: 05  
PPNO: 2830  
EA: 1G480  
Route: 101  
Allocation Amount: \$6,810,000  
Phase: Construction  
Allocation Date: 08/16/2023  
Allocation Resolution Number: FP-23-18  
Number of Months Requested: 4 Months  
Extended Deadline: 06/30/2024  
Department Recommendation: Support

**US 101 Avila Beach Dr. Interchange Improvements project**

The County of San Luis Obispo (County) requests a 4-month time extension for the period of contract award for the Construction phase of the US 101 Avila Beach Dr. Interchange Improvements project. The Department experienced delays in awarding the project.

This project is located on United States Highway 101, at Avila Beach Drive between Shell Beach Road and Monte Road, in San Bernardino County. The project proposes to construct a roundabout, park and ride lot, sidewalks, shared use paths, bike lanes, and a transit stop.

The project was advertised on October 2023 and bids opened in November 2023. The project received two bids, of which the lowest responsible bidder is 19.2 percent above the Engineer's Estimate. The County initially anticipated awarding the Construction contract at the Board of Supervisor's (BOS) meeting in December 2023. However, the County required additional time to identify and secure a source to fund the shortfall. The County is currently coordinating with San Luis Obispo Council of Governments to close the funding gap using funds from the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Program. The County proposes to close the current funding gap at the next BOS meeting in January 2024. The County will then move to award the Construction contract at the February 2024 BOS Meeting. The County is requesting additional time to account for any unforeseen events during the allocation process of the CMAQ funds that may push the date of award beyond February 2024.

Therefore, the Department is requesting a 4-month time extension to award a contract from February 29, 2024 to June 30, 2024.