

## MEMORANDUM

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS  
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: January 25-26, 2024

From: STEVEN KECK, Chief Financial Officer

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

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF CONTRACT AWARD FOR A  
STATE-ADMINISTERED SENATE BILL 1 LOCAL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM  
(FORMULAIC) PROJECT, ON THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM, PER LPP  
GUIDELINES  
WAIVER 24-07**

### **ISSUE:**

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) extend the period of contract award for the State-Administered Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) Local Partnership Program (LPP) (Formulaic) Richmond San Rafael Bridge - Upgrade Electrical Substations project (PPNO 0090Q), in Contra Costa and Marin counties, 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 State-Administered SB 1 LPP (Formulaic) Richmond San Rafael Bridge - Upgrade Electrical Substations project (PPNO 0090Q), in Contra Costa and Marin counties, for the time period as identified in the attachment.

### **BACKGROUND:**

In June 2023, the Commission allocated \$3,563,000 to the Construction phase of the SB 1 LPP (Formulaic) Richmond San Rafael Bridge - Upgrade Electrical Substations project (PPNO 0090Q). In accordance with LPP Guidelines (Guidelines), the deadline to award contracts for projects allocated in June 2023, is December 31, 2023. The Department 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.

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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 12 months.

Attachment

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**Time Extension/Waiver – Contract Award for  
Local Partnership Program (Formulaic)**

Project Number: 1  
Applicant: Department of Transportation  
County: Contra Costa and Marin  
District: 04  
PPNO: 0090Q  
EA: 3G364  
Route: 580  
Allocation Amount: \$3,563,000  
Phase: Construction  
Allocation Date: 06/28/2023  
Allocation Resolution Number: LPP-A-2223-40  
Number of Months Requested: 8 Months  
Extended Deadline: 08/31/2024  
Department Recommendation: Support

**Richmond San Rafael Bridge - Upgrade Electrical Substations project**

The Department requests an 8-month time extension for the period of contract award for the Construction phase of the Richmond San Rafael Bridge - Upgrade Electrical Substations project. The Department experienced delays in awarding the project.

This project is located on Interstate 580, at Richmond-San Rafael Bridge (Bridge No. 28-0100), in Contra Costa County and Marin counties. The project proposes to upgrade electrical substations and cables.

The project was advertised in August 2023 and bids opened on December 15, 2023. The project was scheduled to award by December 29, 2023. However, the project received three bids, of which the lowest responsible bidder is 15.7 percent above the Engineer's Estimate (EE), the second lowest bidder is 185.4 percent above the EE and the third lowest bidder is 192.2 percent over the EE. The Department is requesting additional time to interview the bidders and allow for proper bid evaluation. The additional time will allow completion of the contract award process and allow the Department to address potential issues, such as unresponsive bids and bid protests, that may arise. Additional time is also being requested to account for the time needed to secure additional local agency funds, account for the risks materializing, and re-advertise the project, if needed.

Therefore, the Department is requesting an 8-month time extension to award a contract from December 31, 2023 to August 31, 2024.