

MEMORANDUM

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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From: STEVEN KECK, Chief Financial Officer

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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 24-28**

ISSUE:

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) extend the period of contract award for the locally-administered State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Centennial Corridor EB58 to NB99 Loop Connector project (PPNO 8029), in Kern 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 Centennial Corridor EB58 to NB99 Loop Connector project (PPNO 8029), in Kern County, for the time period as identified in the attachment.

BACKGROUND:

In October 2023, the Commission allocated \$28,500,000 in STIP funds to the Construction phase of the Centennial Corridor EB58 to NB99 Loop Connector project (PPNO 8029). In accordance with STIP Guidelines (Guidelines), the deadline to award contracts for projects allocated in October 2023, is April 30, 2024. The City of Bakersfield (City) 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: City of Bakersfield
County: Kern
District: 06
PPNO: 8029
EA: 48467
Route: 58 and 99
Allocation Amount: \$28,500,000
Phase: Construction
Allocation Date: 10/18/2023
Allocation Resolution: FP-23-41
Number of Months Requested: 9 Months
Extended Deadline: 01/31/2025
Department Recommendation: Support

Centennial Corridor EB58 to NB99 Loop Connector project

The City of Bakersfield (City) requests a 9-month time extension for the period of contract award for the Construction phase of the Centennial Corridor EB58 to NB99 Loop Connector project. The City experienced delays in awarding the project.

This project is located in the City, from eastbound State Route (SR) 58 freeway to existing northbound SR 99 at the SR 99 and 58 interchange, in Kern County. The project proposes to construct a new connector starting west of SR 99, on the south side of SR 58, with a bridge spanning over SR 99, and connecting to northbound SR 99.

The construction delays are due to administration issues that contributed to the delay to advertise and award the project. The project's scheduled date to award was in April 2024; however, due to the delays, the anticipated deadline to award is January 2025. The Request for Authorization to Proceed with Construction (E-76) has been delayed due to unforeseen circumstances in the approval and processing of the calculated Disadvantaged Business Enterprise goal, which is required for the approval of the E-76.

In addition, conflicts with simultaneous construction activities between this project and The Centennial mainline project (EA 06-48460) as they overlap in footprint. The Department elected to delay the award for this project to avoid the conflicts. The Centennial mainline project (EA 06-48460) was scheduled for completion in December 2023; however, the completion date is pushed to March 2024 due to unforeseen construction delays. In effect, this project was scheduled to advertise in February 2024; however, the project is expected to advertise in April or May 2024. The additional time will allow completion of the contract award process and allow the City to approve a list of qualified bidders, opening bids, and address potential issues, such as unresponsive bids and bid protests, that may arise.

Therefore, the City is requesting a 9-month time extension to award a contract from April 30, 2024 to January 31, 2025.