

MEMORANDUM

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: August 15-16, 2024

From: STEVEN KECK, Chief Financial Officer

Reference Number: 2.8b.(2), Action Item

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF CONTRACT AWARD FOR A
LOCALLY-ADMINISTERED MULTI-FUNDED SENATE BILL 1 TRADE
CORRIDOR ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM/STATE TRANSPORTATION
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECT, PER TCEP AND STIP GUIDELINES
WAIVER 24-131**

ISSUE:

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) extend the period of contract award for the locally-administered multi-funded Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP)/State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) San Onofre to Pulgas Double Track Phase 2 project (PPNO 2190), in San Diego County, for the time period as identified in the attachment?

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation recommends that the Commission extend the period of contract award for the locally-administered multi-funded SB 1 TCEP/STIP San Onofre to Pulgas Double Track Phase 2 project (PPNO 2190), in San Diego County, for the time period as identified in the attachment.

BACKGROUND:

In March 2024, the Commission allocated \$33,793,000 to the Construction phase of the locally-administered multi-funded SB 1 TCEP/STIP San Onofre to Pulgas Double Track Phase 2 project (PPNO 2190). In accordance with SB1 TCEP and STIP Guidelines, the deadline to award contracts for projects allocated in March 2024, is September 30, 2024. The San Diego Association of Governments 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 this time extension request.

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serves all people and respects the environment.”*

Current STIP and TCEP 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 for TCEP and 20 months for STIP.

Attachment

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**Time Extension/Waiver – Contract Award
Multi-Funded SB 1 TCEP/STIP**

Project Number: 1
Applicant: San Diego Association of Governments
County: San Diego
District: 11
PPNO: 2190
Allocation Amount: \$33,793,000 (TCEP \$4,930,000 and STIP \$28,863,000)
Phase: Construction
Allocation Date: 3/22/2024
Allocation Resolutions: TCEP-A-2324-14 and MFP-23-09
Number of Months Requested: 12 Months
Extended Deadline: 9/30/2025
Department Recommendation: Support

San Onofre to Pulgas Double Track Phase 2

The San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) requests a 12-month time extension for the period of contract award for the Construction (CON) phase of the San Onofre to Pulgas Double Track Phase 2 project. The SANDAG has experienced delays in awarding the contract.

The project is located in Camp Pendleton in San Diego County along the Los Angeles-San Luis Obispo-San Diego Rail Corridor, and includes the construction of a new single-track bridge, embankment, retaining wall, and drainage improvements.

In March 2024, the Commission approved \$33,793,000 for the San Onofre to Pulgas Double Track Phase 2 project following an approved project scope amendment, which reduced the railroad track length from 1.6 miles to 1.1 miles. As part of the total allocation, \$28,863,000 was designated as federal funding which requires a federal funds transfer following allocation. However, the funds transfer was delayed due to additional time needed to identify an alternative federal fund source for the funds transfer, which delayed release of the bid package. In addition, changes to the project's specifications in the bid package due to the Commission's approved scope amendment, also delayed completion and release of the final bid advertisement.

Furthermore, due to the project's specific complexity in addition to previous experiences with similar projects, SANDAG is anticipating and preparing for an array of follow up technical questions from potential contractors, further delaying the timeframe to complete the bid review and award process. From past experiences, questions could include shoring requirements,

staging, quantity/cost estimating, railroad flagging, regulatory permits, biological surveys during construction, Disability Business Enterprise contract requirements, and personnel qualifications within the rail Right of Way. Due to the limited number of available contractors in Southern California, it is expected that many of the same contractors from previous implemented rail projects will bid on this project. Once the contract has been executed, it must also be approved by the SANDAG Board of Directors and will require further coordination and timing to add the item to the Board's meeting agenda.

Therefore, the SANDAG is requesting a 12-month time extension for the period of contract award for the CON phase from September 30, 2024 to September 30, 2025.