

## MEMORANDUM

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS  
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: October 17-18, 2024

From: STEVEN KECK, Chief Financial Officer

Reference Number: 2.8c.(10), Action Item

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF PROJECT COMPLETION FOR  
A LOCALLY-ADMINISTERED TRANSIT AND INTERCITY RAIL CAPITAL  
PROGRAM PROJECT, PER TIRCP ALLOCATION POLICY  
WAIVER 24-160**

### **ISSUE:**

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) extend the period of project completion for the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) (2020:15) Torrance Transit Bus Service Enhancement Program (Procurement of 7 Zero-Emission Buses) component (PPNO CP073), in Los Angeles County, for the time period as identified in the attachment?

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

The California Department of Transportation recommends that the Commission extend the period of project completion for the TIRCP (2020:15) Torrance Transit Bus Service Enhancement Program (Procurement of 7 Zero-Emission Buses) component (PPNO CP073), in Los Angeles County, for the time period as identified in the attachment.

### **BACKGROUND:**

In October 2020, the Commission allocated \$6,000,000 for the Construction phase of the (2020:15) Torrance Transit Bus Service Enhancement Program (Procurement of 7 Zero-Emission Buses) component (PPNO CP073). The implementing agency is unable to complete the project, per the Timely Use of Funds (TUF) policy. The current TIRCP Allocation Policy stipulates that the agency implementing a project component request a time extension if the project component will not be completed within the specified timeline. Under the TUF policy, an extension can be requested for up to 20 months for each delivery milestone, where

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permissible by statute. The attachment describes the details of the project and the explanation for the delay.

Attachment

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**Time Extension/Waiver – Project Completion  
Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program**

Project Number: 1  
Applicant: Torrance Transit Department  
County: Los Angeles  
District: 7  
PPNO: CP073  
Allocation Amount: \$6,000,000  
Phase: Construction  
Allocation Date: 10/22/2020  
Allocation Resolution: TIRCP-2021-04  
Award Date: 11/16/2021  
Number of Months Requested: 20 Months  
Extended Deadline: 07/31/2026  
Department Recommendation: Support

**(2020:15) Torrance Transit Bus Service Enhancement Program (Procurement of 7 Zero-Emission Buses)**

The Torrance Transit Department (TTD) requests a 20-month time extension for the period of project completion for the Construction (CON) phase of the (2020:15) Torrance Transit Bus Service Enhancement Program (Procurement of 7 Zero-Emission Buses) component. The TTD has experienced delays in completing the CON phase of the component.

The project component proposes to procure seven zero-emission electric buses for expanded and enhanced services on four routes, including an express route from downtown Torrance to downtown Los Angeles and connecting Metro Green Line and Blue Lines rail services.

In October 2020, the Commission allocated \$6,000,000 for the CON phase of the (2020:15) Torrance Transit Bus Service Enhancement Program (Procurement of 7 Zero-Emission Buses) component. Completion has been delayed to due to supply chain shortages and delayed bus production of electric and hydrogen fuel cell buses. The manufacturer was impacted by the unforeseen health pandemic, and delays in manufacturing and workforce capacity have left the buses in various stages of production. In addition, with the recent bankruptcy and closure of several bus manufacturers, there are presently only two electric battery bus manufacturers operating within the bus industry in the nation.

Therefore, TTD is requesting a 20-month time extension for the period of project completion for the CON phase from November 30, 2024 to July 31, 2026.