

MEMORANDUM

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: December 5-6, 2024

From: STEVEN KECK, Chief Financial Officer

Reference Number: 2.8b.(6), Action Item

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF CONTRACT AWARD FOR
LOCALLY-ADMINISTERED SENATE BILL 1 LOCAL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM
(FORMULAIC) PROJECTS, OFF THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM, PER LPP
GUIDELINES
WAIVER 24-182**

ISSUE:

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) extend the period of contract award for three locally-administered Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) Local Partnership Program (LPP) (Formulaic) projects, for the time periods as identified in the attachment?

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation recommends that the Commission extend the period of contract award for three locally-administered SB 1 LPP (Formulaic) projects, for the time periods as identified in the attachment.

BACKGROUND:

In June 2024, the Commission allocated \$2,005,000 for three locally-administered SB 1 LPP (Formulaic) projects identified in the attachment. The responsible agencies are unable to award the contract within six months of allocation, per LPP Guidelines (Guidelines). The attachment describes the details of the projects and the explanation for the delays. The respective agencies request an extension, and the planning agencies concur.

Current Guidelines adopted by the Commission, stipulate that the agencies implementing a project request a time extension if the project will not be awarded within six months of allocation. The Commission may approve a waiver to the timely use of funds deadline, one-time only, for up to 12 months.

Attachment

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

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

Project Number: 1
Applicant: City of Orinda
County: Contra Costa
District: 4
PPNO: 2091C
Allocation Amount: \$1,200,000
Phase: Construction
Allocation Date: 06/28/2024
Allocation Resolution: LPP-A-2324-45
Number of Months Requested: 6 Months
Extended Deadline: 06/30/2025
Department Recommendation: Support

Orinda 2024 Annual Pavement Rehabilitation Project No. 4178

The City of Orinda (City) requests a 6-month time extension for the period of contract award for the Construction (CON) phase of the Orinda 2024 Annual Pavement Rehabilitation Project No. 4178. The City experiences unforeseen delays during the award process.

The project proposes to improve the Pavement Condition Index, a numerical rating that measures the condition of a road's pavement. This rehabilitation includes base repair, crack sealing, applying mill and overlay, and micro-surfacing treatments.

The project was advertised as scheduled, and bids were open in July 2024. However, the bids received were much higher than the Engineer's Estimate, primarily due to the current market conditions and increased material costs. As a result, the lowest qualified bidder was fifty percent over the estimated construction costs. The City rejected all bids and is currently revising the project design and plans, which will be re-bid in February 2025. The revision of plans and repackage will require two months. The City will schedule one month for the advertising period and estimates two months for the bid analysis and City Council Award of contract, and one month for any unforeseen delays to award the project.

Therefore, the City is requesting a 6-month time extension for the period of contract award for the CON phase from December 31, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

Project Number: 2
Applicant: City of Madera
County: Madera
District: 6
PPNO: 8056
Allocation Amount: \$334,000
Phase: Construction
Allocation Date: 06/28/2024
Allocation Resolution: LPP-A-2324-43
Number of Months Requested: 12 Months
Extended Deadline: 12/31/2025
Department Recommendation: Support

City Streets 3R & ADA Project

The City of Madera (City) requests a 12-month time extension for the period of contract award for the CON phase of the City Streets 3R & ADA Project. The City experienced unforeseen delays in awarding the contract.

The project proposes to recondition varying pavement repairs, use restoration and rehabilitation strategies, upgrade Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) access ramps, stripe, and pavement markings, and replace spot curbs and gutters for improved drainage.

The project experienced delays due to planned utility underground work in conflict with one of the street segments. A localized declaration of emergency was declared due to two sewer trunk main collapses leading to the City's Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) that occurred in June 2024, and the resulting from the Citywide update on pavement conditions and recommended treatments. The planned utility underground project to replace approximately 1550 linear feet of a 12-inch diameter sewer pipeline must occur before the start of this project. The planned utility underground project will go into construction in early 2025. In June 2024, the City had two sewer collapses in the only trunk main to the WWTP serving the entire City, which necessitated a shift in focus and resources from other projects to address the collapses and the permanent repairs to the sewer main, thereby causing further delays. Furthermore, at the beginning of 2024, the City awarded a project to Nichols Consulting Engineers (NCE) to survey the condition of the entire network and update the Pavement Management System. NCE provided the City with an updated draft report of the pavement conditions in September 2024, as the City was awaiting these results to ensure staff optimized the correct and effective treatment for the project street selection. The City has not been able to advertise the project yet, and therefore needs additional time to finalize contract documents, advertise, and award the contract.

Therefore, the City is requesting a 12-month time extension for the period of contract award for the CON phase from December 31, 2024 to December 31, 2025.

Project Number: 3
Applicant: City of Calexico
County: Imperial
District: 11
PPNO: 1511
Allocation Amount: \$471,000
Phase: Construction
Allocation Date: 06/28/2024
Allocation Resolution: LPP-A-2324-43
Number of Months Requested: 6 Months
Extended Deadline: 06/30/2025
Department Recommendation: Support

Roadway Rehabilitation along Scaroni Road project

The City of Calexico (City) requests a 6-month time extension for the period of contract award for the CON phase of the Roadway Rehabilitation along Scaroni Road project. The City experienced unforeseen delays in awarding the contract.

The project proposes to grind existing asphalt concrete pavement and install conventional asphalt concrete leveling course, asphalt-rubber aggregate membrane, gap graded asphalt-rubber hot mix, as well as install conventional asphalt concrete surface course, slurry seal, traffic striping, utility adjustments, and traffic control.

The project needs the City Council's approval in order to award the contract, but there has been a delay due to a recall election, the City Manager reorganization, and the cancellation of the City Council meetings. In April 2024, the City held a special election to recall two City Council members. In May 2024, the City Council adopted a resolution certifying the results of the successful recall election and appointed two new City Council members. However, this process caused a 2-month delay in the project's progress. Also, in June 2024, the City Council placed the City manager on administrative leave and has recently announced the City manager's departure, causing additional delays. During the City manager's administrative leave, the City underwent a reorganization of City staff. An Acting City manager has been temporarily appointed, and the City is currently recruiting for the City manager position.

The project needed the City Council's approval to award the project; however, the City Council meeting scheduled for September 18, 2024, was canceled due to a lack of quorum. On October 2, 2024, the City Council met, but only limited items were included on the agenda, as the focus was the water and sewer rate study. The meeting planned for October 16, 2024, has also been canceled as City Council members will be attending the 2024 League of Cities Conference. Due to the unforeseen challenges, the City needs additional time to proceed with the project.

Therefore, the City is requesting a 6-month time extension for the period of contract award for the CON phase from December 31, 2024 to June 30, 2025.