

MEMORANDUM

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: January 30-31, 2025

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 MULTI-FUNDED STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND PROPOSITION 1B STATE ROUTE 99 PROJECT, ON THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM, PER STIP GUIDELINES WAIVER 25-09**

ISSUE:

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) extend the period of contract award for the State-Administered multi-funded State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and Proposition (Prop) 1B SR 99 Delano to Pixley 6-Lane with Pavement Rehabilitation Project (PPNO 7072), in Kern and Tulare 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 multi-funded STIP/Prop 1B SR 99 Delano to Pixley 6-Lane with Pavement Rehabilitation Project (PPNO 7072), in Kern and Tulare counties, for the time period as identified in the attachment.

BACKGROUND:

In June 2024, the Commission allocated \$45,454,000 to the Construction phase of the State-Administered multi-funded STIP and Prop 1B SR 99 Delano to Pixley 6-Lane with Pavement Rehabilitation Project (PPNO 7072). In accordance with STIP Guidelines (Guidelines), the deadline to award contracts for projects allocated in June 2024 is December 31, 2024. 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 this 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

**Time Extension/Waiver – Contract Award
Multi-Funded STIP and Proposition 1B State Route 99**

Project Number: 1
Applicant: Department of Transportation
County: Kern and Tulare
District: 06
PPNO: 7072
EA: 0W791
Route: 99
Allocation Amount: \$45,454,000
Phase: Construction
Allocation Date: 06/28/2024
Allocation Resolution: FP-23-101
Number of Months Requested: 4 Months
Extended Deadline: 04/30/2025
Department Recommendation: Support

SR 99 Delano to Pixley 6-lane with Pavement Rehabilitation Project

The Department requests a 4-month time extension for the period of contract award for the Construction (CON) phase of the SR 99 Delano to Pixley 6-lane with Pavement Rehabilitation Project. The Department has experienced delays in awarding the project.

This project is located on State Route 99, near Earlimart, from County Line Road Overcrossing to north of Avenue 100 at Court Street Overcrossing. The project will widen 4-lanes to 6-lanes. The project is also in Kern County from south of Cecil Avenue Overcrossing to County Line Road, where the project will restripe the northbound lanes to three lanes. The SR 99 Delano to Pixley 6-lane with Pavement Rehabilitation Project was combined for CON with SHOPP project EA 06-0W790/PPNO 06-6963, under EA 06-0W79U. There is a concurrent award time extension for the SHOPP project on this month's Commission agenda. In addition, a concurrent supplemental funds request to award is also on this month's Commission agenda for the combined project under EA 06-0W79U/PPNO 8112.

Project EA 06-0W79U opened bids in October 2024. The Department received 4 bids ranging from 46.2 to 68.9 percent over the Engineer's Estimate. The project realized capital cost increases due to limited material suppliers, the need for multiple traffic control, and some items having lower production rates. The initial award date was scheduled for December 2024. However, following the opening of the bids, the Department evaluated the options to re-design and re-package the Plans, Specifications, and Estimate to lower the budget. While this approach would bring the project within the original budget by significantly reducing the project limits from the northern end, this option was dismissed because of the immediate need for rehabilitation of existing lanes and the addition of new lanes in both directions for future corridor management implementation.

As a result, the Department concluded that the most viable course of action is to request supplemental funds at the January 2025 Commission meeting. This will address the funding shortfall required to proceed with awarding the construction project. The project anticipates to award by March 2025. However, the additional time is needed to allow for unforeseen issues that may arise.

Therefore, the Department is requesting a 4-month time extension for the period of contract award for the CON phase from December 31, 2024 to April 30, 2025.