

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 PROJECT ALLOCATION FOR
LOCALLY-ADMINISTERED STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT
PROGRAM PROJECTS, OFF THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM, PER STIP
GUIDELINES
WAIVER 25-100**

ISSUE:

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) extend the period of project allocation for seven locally-administered State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) projects, for the time periods as identified in the attachment?

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the Commission extend the period of project allocation for seven locally-administered STIP projects, for the time periods as identified in the attachment.

BACKGROUND:

The agencies will not be able to request an allocation of funds by the June 30, 2025 deadline. The attachment shows the details of the projects and the explanations for the delays. The respective agencies are requesting extensions, and the regional planning agencies concur.

Current STIP Guidelines adopted by the Commission, stipulate that funds that are programmed for all components of local grant projects are available for allocation only until the end of the fiscal year programmed. The Commission may approve a waiver to the timely use of funds deadline, one-time only, for up to 20 months.

Attachment

**Time Extension/Waiver – Project Allocation
State Transportation Improvement Program**

Project Number: 1
Applicant: Humboldt County
County: Humboldt
District: 1
PPNO: 2577
Allocation Amount: \$870,000
Phase: Construction
Number of Months Requested: 6 Months
Extended Deadline: 12/31/2025
Department Recommendation: Support

Rehabilitation, Overlay, and Bicycle Improvements on Myrtle Avenue (F3K300) project

Humboldt County (County) requests a 6-month time extension for the period of project allocation for the Construction (CON) phase of the Rehabilitation, Overlay, and Bicycle Improvements on Myrtle Avenue (F3K300) project. The County experienced delays during the design phase.

The project proposes to rehabilitate pavement, install an overlay, install bicycle markings, and striping.

The project faced delays due to the community's concerns about bicycling safety, adjustments to the advertising window, and cost savings. The County needs to redesign the project to address the local bicycling community's concerns. The redesign will modify project limits to include postmiles (PM) 1.57 to PM 2.68. The new design will incorporate project-specific survey data. The County anticipates that the redesign will take three months. In addition, the County needs to adjust the project's advertising window to schedule construction to coincide with the adjacent local school's summer break. The current construction window for the project is between June and August 2025. By extending the construction allocation to October 2025, the County can strategically bid the project during the winter months, capitalizing on potential cost savings and increased contractor availability. Furthermore, the County plans to await the collection of new local voter-approved tax revenues so that the funds can be used to expand project limits. The expanded project, which will utilize local and state tax revenues to assist in constructing the project from PM 1.57 to PM 2.68, is crucial to the project's success. This step will be finalized within three months. The County is committed to completing the project and requires additional time to proceed accordingly.

Therefore, the County is requesting a 6-month time extension for the period of project allocation for the CON phase from June 30, 2025 to December 31, 2025.

Project Number: 2
Applicant: City of Etna
County: Siskiyou
District: 2
PPNO: 2595
Allocation Amount: \$681,000
Phase: Construction
Number of Months Requested: 20 Months
Extended Deadline: 02/28/2027
Department Recommendation: Support

Main Street Rehabilitation project

The City of Etna (City) requests a 20-month time extension for the period of project allocation for the CON phase of the Main Street Rehabilitation project. The City encountered delays due to a conflict with another project.

The project proposes to rehabilitate the roadway, including the replacement of the failed base section.

The City has recently secured funding through the California Public Utilities Commission's Rule 20A to convert Main Street into an underground power district. The construction of the underground power lines is expected to be completed by the summer of 2026. The City needs to postpone the Main Street Rehabilitation project until Pacific Power's work is completed to avoid damage to a newly paved street. Since the construction schedule provided by Pacific Power is tentative, the City is taking precautions and requesting the maximum time allowed to incorporate as-built conditions into the road rehabilitation plans.

Therefore, the City is requesting a 20-month time extension for the period of project allocation for the CON phase from June 30, 2025 to February 28, 2027.

Project Number: 3
Applicant: City of Portola
County: Plumas
District: 2
PPNO: 2646
Allocation Amount: \$91,000
Phase: Plans, Specifications, and Estimate
Number of Months Requested: 9 Months
Extended Deadline: 03/31/2026
Department Recommendation: Support

Rio Grande Street Pavement Rehabilitation project

The City of Portola (City) requests a 9-month time extension for the period of project allocation for the Plans, Specifications, and Estimate (PS&E) phase of the Rio Grande Street Pavement Rehabilitation project. The City experienced unforeseen delays due to responding to another urgent project.

The project proposes to rehabilitate pavement. Rehabilitation of the pavement involves full-depth recycling of the existing pavement and base, construction of new Americans with Disabilities Act curb ramps, concrete curb and gutter, concrete valley gutters, and drainage upgrades.

The project experienced unforeseen delays due to a shift in staffing resources, driven by an urgent need to secure funding for critical repairs to the Gulling Street Bridge. This bridge is the only river crossing for a 14-mile stretch, providing vital access to a regional hospital and a high school. The primary concern with the bridge is the scour-erosion of the riverbed, which undermines the spread footing of Pier 3. An underwater inspection conducted by the Department in September 2023 revealed that the footing was undermined approximately 14 inches below its base and 12 inches toward the pier centerline on the upstream side. This significantly compromised the bearing capacity of the pier footing, reducing it from an original 14 Kips per Square Foot (KSF) to 4.1 KSF, as determined in the December 2023 geotechnical assessment. Continued scour could cause pier rotation and deck damage, rendering the bridge unusable. In response to this urgent safety concern, the City shifted its focus to securing funding for repairs, which resulted in the reassessment of all ongoing projects.

It was recently determined that the project's funding could not be reassigned to the Gulling Street Bridge. In January 2025, the City Council approved \$65,000 for a temporary monitoring system to safeguard the bridge while pursuing long-term repair funding. The City has applied for Federal Emergency Management Agency assistance for storm-related damages incurred in 2023; however, the request is still under review. The City is prepared to move forward with the Rio Grande Street Pavement Rehabilitation project. However, due to the emergency response required for the Gulling Street Bridge project, the City needs additional time.

Therefore, the City is requesting a 9-month time extension for the period of project allocation for the PS&E phase from June 30, 2025 to March 31, 2026.

Project Number: 4
Applicant: City of Sacramento
County: Sacramento
District: 3
PPNO: 2218
Allocation Amount: \$2,612,000
Phase: Construction
Number of Months Requested: 12 Months
Extended Deadline: 06/30/2026
Department Recommendation: Support

Pedestrian Crossing at R and 29th/30th Street project

The City of Sacramento (City) requests a 12-month time extension for the period of project allocation for the CON phase of the Pedestrian Crossing at R and 29th/30th Street project. The City experienced unforeseen delays during the preliminary engineering phase.

The project proposes to construct bulb-outs, interconnect the signals with light rail operations, signalize intersections, and relocate existing crossing signals.

During the preliminary engineering phase, it was discovered that modifying the existing light rail infrastructure to accommodate advanced preemption of traffic signals would require adding specialized rail design capabilities to the project's consulting team, which would be an additional workload for the team. Specifically, the initially assumed method of underground conduit and overhead wire connections needed for preemption became infeasible due to existing conditions and the required distance for safe design clearance. It was also determined that the modifications to the light rail infrastructure would increase the project's cost by approximately \$1,000,000, funded by the City. The time needed to locate and procure a specialized rail engineering consultant, the duration necessary to identify funding for the addition of the rail engineering consultant, and the increase in rail infrastructure construction costs resulted in a 12-month delay, necessitating a time extension.

Therefore, the City is requesting a 12-month time extension for the period of project allocation for the CON phase from June 30, 2025 to June 30, 2026.

Project Number: 5
Applicant: City of Rancho Cordova
County: Sacramento
District: 3
PPNO: 5604
Allocation Amount: \$5,500,000
Phase: Construction
Number of Months Requested: 20 Months
Extended Deadline: 02/28/2027
Department Recommendation: Support

White Rock Road- 0.5 Mile East of Rancho Cordova Parkway to Easterly City Limits project

The City of Rancho Cordova (City) requests a 20-month time extension for the period of project allocation for the CON phase of the White Rock Road- 0.5 Mile East of Rancho Cordova Parkway to Easterly City Limits project. The City experienced delays during the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) approvals and Right of Way (RW) Certifications.

The project proposes to widen a road from two to four lanes and construct center medians, landscaping, bike lanes, drainage, and roads.

The project requires compliance with federal air quality regulations, particularly in areas designated as nonattainment or maintenance for the National Ambient Air Quality Standards. This compliance was secured under NEPA approvals in 2016 and revalidated in 2020. In October 2024, the City was notified that the project needed another NEPA revalidation and an updated Air Conformity determination. In March 2025, the project received Air Conformity concurrence. This delay prevented the City from submitting the RW Certification documents, as the first requirement was NEPA Clearance. In addition, the delay in the Air Quality Conformity concurrence prevented the City from submitting the Federal Authorization to release the Congressional Direct Spending Funds supported by Congressman Bera's office and allocated as part of the federal budget.

Also, securing concurrence through the Sacramento Area Council of Governments Project Level Conformity Group added an additional five months of coordination effort related to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the United States Environmental Protection Agency. This coordination effort impacted and shifted subsequent tasks in the project, resulting in significant delays. The City plans to secure the NEPA Clearance by June 2025, RW Certification by August 2025, and finalize Federal Authorization by November 2025. The additional time will allow the City to adjust should any of the steps require more time and for any other potential unforeseen challenges.

Therefore, the City is requesting a 20-month time extension for the period of project allocation for the CON phase from June 30, 2025 to February 28, 2027.

Project Number: 6
Applicant: Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit District
County: Sonoma
District: 4
PPNO: 2376
Allocation Amount: \$6,097,000
Phase: Construction
Number of Months Requested: 20 Months
Extended Deadline: 02/28/2027
Department Recommendation: Support

SMART Pathway/Great Redwood Trail - Santa Rosa (Guerneville Road to Airport Boulevard) project

The Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit District (Agency) requests a 20-month time extension for the period of project allocation for the CON phase of the SMART Pathway/Great Redwood Trail - Santa Rosa (Guerneville Road to Airport Boulevard) project. The Agency experienced delays during the federal grant process.

The project proposes to construct a 4.7-mile, 8 to 10-foot-wide, Class I nonmotorized pathway in and along the railroad right of way, directly connecting the surrounding neighborhood to bicycle facilities and the Sonoma County Airport stations.

The project was awarded construction funds through two federal agencies in 2023 and 2024. Since the awards, the completion of NEPA and the execution of the two federal grant agreements have not progressed. There is no clear timeline from federal partners regarding when the grants will be successfully executed. Nevertheless, the Agency remains committed to delivering the project and cannot move forward until the awarded federal grants are fully secured in executed grant agreements.

The first grant is a \$2,000,000 FHWA formula Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality grant programmed through the Sonoma County Transportation Authority and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's One Bay Area Grant process for the Agency. The grant was then transferred and obligated to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), which serves as the lead agency for execution and delivery.

The second grant is a \$7,000,000 discretionary FHWA Safe Streets for All grant, awarded in September 2024. For four months, FHWA discussed transferring the grant to the FTA to combine it with the first federal grant. Both federal grants must undergo a federal environmental clearance process to complete prior to grant execution, in addition to the agreement routing and approval process. The clearance and approval process for the FTA funds began in September 2023.

The Agency cannot proceed without the execution of the existing awarded grants. The Agency continues to collaborate with federal partners, maintaining regular communication regarding

grant status, to ensure that this critical project is delivered successfully. The Agency requests additional time to extend the allocation deadline.

Therefore, the Agency is requesting a 20-month time extension for the period of project allocation for the CON phase from June 30, 2025 to February 28, 2027.

Project Number: 7
Applicant: Riverside County
County: Riverside
District: 8
PPNO: 1334
Allocation Amount: \$8,800,000
Phase: Right of Way
Number of Months Requested: 14 Months
Extended Deadline: 08/31/2026
Department Recommendation: Support

I-10 Bypass project

Riverside County (County) requests a 14-month time extension for the period of project allocation for the RW phase of the I-10 Bypass project. The County experienced unforeseen delays during coordination with tribal lands.

The project proposes to construct a bridge crossing and 2 lanes of an ultimate 4-lane roadway to provide a bypass network facility.

As part of the Project Approval & Environmental Document phase for the project, various alternatives were considered, and the preferred alternative will pass directly through the Morongo Band of Mission Indians tribal lands. Because of this, extensive coordination with the tribe was necessary to ensure compliance with tribal laws, regulations, and cultural sensitivities. Collaborating with a sovereign tribal government requires a diplomatic, thorough, and cooperative approach, which has taken significantly longer than initially anticipated, resulting in a 14-month delay.

The County recognized that moving forward with the Consultant Services Agreement for the PS&E phase without the finalized Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the tribe could have negative implications. It could be perceived negatively by the tribe and risk undermining the trust and collaborative relationship that has been carefully established throughout the planning process. Therefore, the County adopted a respectful and deliberate approach by pausing further project advancement until a mutual agreement was reached.

The ongoing negotiations, which took 14 months, caused the start of the PS&E phase to be delayed. This delay has also postponed the start of the RW phase, as the development of the RW phase requirements map relies on progress made during the PS&E phase. In addition, as the County advances with the PS&E phase and begins securing necessary environmental permits, further modifications to the RW needs are expected. Permit conditions, particularly those related to biological, cultural, and water resource protections, may necessitate design refinements such as avoidance areas, access adjustments, or expanded buffer zones. These modifications could directly affect the final RW phase's footprint, requiring further coordination, updates to the RW map, and refinement of cost estimates.

The County will continue to collaborate closely with permitting agencies and the tribe throughout the PS&E phase to ensure that the RW phase planning remains responsive to evolving design and environmental considerations. Once the final RW phase requirements map is established, the County will create a detailed cost estimate and seek allocation for the RW phase, which is anticipated to begin in August 2026. However, due to the complexity of the project, the County needs additional time to proceed accordingly.

Therefore, the County is requesting a 14-month time extension for the period of project allocation for the RW phase from June 30, 2025 to August 31, 2026.