

MEMORANDUM

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: June 26-27, 2025

From: STEVEN KECK, Chief Financial Officer

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF PROJECT ALLOCATION FOR A STATE-ADMINISTERED MULTI-FUNDED SENATE BILL 1 LOCAL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (FORMULAIC) AND STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECT, ON THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM, PER LPP (FORMULAIC) AND STIP GUIDELINES WAIVER 25-104**

ISSUE:

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) extend the period of project allocation for the State-Administered multi-funded Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) Local Partnership Program (LPP) (Formulaic) and State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Excelsior Expressway project (PPNO 6705), in Kings and Fresno 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 project allocation for the State-Administered multi-funded SB 1 LPP (Formulaic) and STIP Excelsior Expressway project (PPNO 6705), in Kings and Fresno counties, for the time period as identified in the attachment.

BACKGROUND:

The Department will not be able to request allocation for funds by the June 30, 2025 deadline. The attachment shows the details of the project and the explanation for the delays.

Current SB 1 LPP (Formulaic) and STIP Guidelines adopted by the Commission stipulate that funds programmed for all components 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 12 months for SB 1 LPP and 20 months for STIP.

Attachment

**Time Extension/Waiver – Project Allocation
Multi-Funded LPP (Formulaic) and STIP**

Project Number: 1
Applicant: Department of Transportation
County: Kings and Fresno
District: 6
PPNO: 6705
Allocation Amount: \$37,164,000 (LPP (Formulaic): \$4,164,000 and STIP: \$33,000,000)
Phase: Construction
Number of Months Requested: 4 Months
Extended Deadline: 10/31/2025
Department Recommendation: Support

Excelsior Expressway

The Department requests a 4-month time extension for the period of project allocation for the Construction (CON) phase of the Excelsior Expressway project. The Department has experienced delays in completing this project's Right of Way (RW) phase.

This project will widen State Route 41 from a 2-lane conventional highway to a 4-lane expressway in Kings and Fresno counties about 6 miles north of Lemoore, from 0.3 miles north of the Excelsior Avenue Undercrossing to 1.0 mile north of Elkhorn Avenue.

The delays in obtaining RW Certification stem from utility coordination issues, specifically with Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E). Initial utility relocation plans were not received from PG&E until April 1, 2025, significantly later than anticipated. Since then, two rounds of revisions have been required, and the utility relocation plans and agreements are currently in the final stages of completion. These delays have impacted the project's ability to obtain RW Certification on schedule. To ensure the project remains eligible for funding and can proceed without further delay once certification is received, the Department is requesting more time to obtain RW Certification. Approval of this extension will allow sufficient time to finalize all necessary documentation and proceed with allocation and advertisement immediately upon achieving Ready to List. Additionally, this project is being combined with an existing State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) funded project. Due to the complexities of the funding portfolio, additional time is required to finalize funding and cost updates. This requires thorough coordination with multiple funding partners to ensure accuracy and compliance with LPP (Formulaic), STIP and SHOPP guidelines.

Therefore, the Department is requesting a 4-month time extension for the period of project allocation for the CON phase from June 30, 2025 to October 31, 2025.