

## MEMORANDUM

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS  
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: June 26-27, 2025

From: STEVEN KECK, Chief Financial Officer

Reference Number: 2.8a.(7), Action Item

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF PROJECT ALLOCATION FOR  
LOCALLY-ADMINISTERED SENATE BILL 1 LOCAL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM  
(COMPETITIVE) TRANSIT COMPONENTS, PER LPP (COMPETITIVE)  
GUIDELINES  
WAIVER 25-108**

### **ISSUE:**

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) extend the period of project allocation for three locally administered Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) Local Partnership Program (LPP) (Competitive) Southeast Los Angeles Transit Improvements Project components, in Los Angeles County, for the time periods as identified in the attachment?

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

The Department of Transportation recommends that the Commission extend the period of project allocation for three locally administered SB 1 LPP (Competitive) Southeast Los Angeles Transit Improvements Project components, in Los Angeles County, for the time periods as identified in the attachment.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority will not be able to request an allocation of programmed funds by the June 30, 2025, deadline. The attachment shows the details of the projects and the explanations for the delays.

Current LPP (Competitive) Guidelines stipulate that programmed funds 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.

Attachment

**Time Extension/Waiver – Project Allocation  
Local Partnership Program (Competitive)**

Project Number: 1  
Applicant: Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority  
County: Los Angeles  
District: 7  
PPNO: LP011C  
Allocation Amount: \$250,000  
Phase: Construction  
Number of Months Requested: 12 Months  
Extended Deadline: 06/30/2026  
Department Recommendation: Support

**Southeast Los Angeles Transit Improvements Project (Lighting)**

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) requests a 12-month time extension for the period of project allocation for the Construction (CON) phase of the Southeast Los Angeles Transit Improvements Project (Lighting) component. Metro has experienced delays in procuring design services for the Termini/Layover component.

Construction of the lighting upgrades will begin after the completion of bus shelters with real-time displays, which is one of the four components awarded under this project. The Lighting component will help to improve bus service and enhance customer amenities in NextGen Tier 1 and 2 high frequency corridors throughout the Interstate 710 South communities in southeast Los Angeles County through the purchase and installation of solar-powered lighting upgrades.

Metro continues collaboration with eleven local jurisdictions to negotiate and execute Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) that define the scope of work for proposed bus shelters with real-time display upgrades at 100 stops without existing shelters. Extensive project portfolios and limited staffing capacity among Metro and local partners are the factors that contributed to delays in necessary coordination for reaching contract award. Additionally, Metro in coordination with 11 local partners took more time than estimated to complete selection of sites for lighting following the selection of sites for shelters (which will include lighting). Now that shelters' site selection is nearly completed Metro and partners are shifting focus toward the lighting project which Metro expects will be a faster process since lighting amenities are easier to procure and install than actual bus shelters and real-time displays.

Metro requires executed MOUs with each of 11 jurisdictions before contract award for proposed bus shelters with real-time displays upgrades, and expects to complete MOU negotiations, including several layers of reviews, by December 31, 2025. As each respective

MOU is finalized, including selection of the shelters' location, Metro and its local partners will be able to issue authorization to proceed with procurement and installation of the lighting amenity upgrades after the bus shelters are installed.

Therefore, Metro 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: 2  
Applicant: Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority  
County: Los Angeles  
District: 7  
PPNO: LP011D  
Allocation Amount: \$4,000,000  
Phase: Construction  
Number of Months Requested: 12 Months  
Extended Deadline: 06/30/2026  
Department Recommendation: Support

**Southeast Los Angeles Transit Improvements Project (Termini/Layover)**

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) requests a 12-month time extension for the period of project allocation for the CON phase of the Southeast Los Angeles Transit Improvements Project (Termini/Layover) component. Metro has experienced delays in procuring design services.

The Termini/Layover component will implement civil works at the Norwalk, Artesia, and Compton Stations' mobility hubs. The civil works will include adding shelters and modifying existing curb and sidewalk to create more space for layovers at the mobility hubs.

Metro is currently working to procure design services despite previous delays caused by limited staffing capacity with extensive project portfolios at Metro. Metro staff working on this project were also allocated responsibility for major special events service planning for the 2026 World Cup and 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games, which limited time available to move forward on procuring design services. Since September 2024, the challenges causing delay have been resolved with the placement of additional staff to prioritize the work required to procure design services by the end of September 2025, which includes working internally to schedule a task order within an on-call contract. Once a consultant is onboard, Metro estimates design completion by June 30, 2026, and subsequently award the contract for construction by December 31, 2026. The additional time requested will allow Metro to complete this critical phase without compromising the quality or integrity of the project.

Therefore, Metro 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: 3  
Applicant: Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority  
County: Los Angeles  
District: 7  
PPNO: LP011E  
Allocation Amount: \$7,250,000  
Phase: Construction  
Number of Months Requested: 12 Months  
Extended Deadline: 06/30/2026  
Department Recommendation: Support

**Southeast Los Angeles Transit Improvements Project (ZEB Charging)**

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) requests a 12-month time extension for the period of project allocation for the CON phase of the Southeast Los Angeles Transit Improvements Project (ZEB Charging) component. Metro experienced delays in preparing for contract award due to the extra time taken to determine locations for the installation of Zero-Emission Bus (ZEB) charging masts.

The component proposes the purchase and installation of ZEB charging masts in NextGen Tier 1 and 2 high frequency corridors throughout the I-710 South communities in southeast Los Angeles County to improve bus service with speed and reliability infrastructure and enhanced customer amenities.

In early 2024, Metro determined that the ZEB charging masts were no longer needed at Compton Station as originally proposed in the project application. In June 2024, Metro implemented a revised service plan extending the existing route to Downey Depot, based on higher ridership travel patterns. The new installation locations will be split between Norwalk Station (six chargers) and Artesia Station (four chargers); and Metro is currently working with the Department to amend the scope accordingly. The reason for the change in installation locations was because ridership travel patterns to Compton Station failed to increase to a reasonable level that would warrant placement of ZEB charging masts, so Metro extended the route to the Downey Depot Transit Center where ridership is higher. Metro estimates base contract award in November 2025, and an options contract award by June 30, 2026, which will carry the scope for this component's procurement and installation of ZEB chargers. Metro is currently estimating construction to begin before the end of December 2026.

Therefore, Metro 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.