

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
LOCALLY-ADMINISTERED SENATE BILL 1 LOCAL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM
(COMPETITIVE) PROJECT, PER LPP (COMPETITIVE) GUIDELINES
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ISSUE:

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) extend the period of project allocation for the locally-administered Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) Local Partnership Program (LPP) (Competitive) Gold Line Light Rail Platform Modifications - Phase 2 project (PPNO LP008), in Sacramento County, 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 locally-administered SB 1 LPP (Competitive) Gold Line Light Rail Platform Modifications - Phase 2 project (PPNO LP008), in Sacramento County, for the time period as identified in the attachment.

BACKGROUND:

In June 2023, the Commission programmed \$10,000,000 for the Construction phase of the locally-administered SB 1 LPP (Competitive) Gold Line Light Rail Platform Modifications - Phase 2 project (PPNO LP008). The responsible agency will not be able to request an allocation for funds by the June 30, 2025 deadline. The attachment describes the details of the project and the explanation for the delay.

Current LPP Guidelines adopted by the Commission 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: Sacramento Regional Transit District
County: Sacramento
District: 3
PPNO: LP008
Allocation Amount: \$10,000,000
Phase: Construction
Number of Months Requested: 12 Months
Extended Deadline: 06/30/2026
Department Recommendation: Support

Gold Line Light Rail Platform Modifications - Phase 2

The Sacramento Regional Transit District (SacRT) requests a 12-month time extension for the period of project allocation for the Construction (CON) phase of the Gold Line Light Rail Platform Modifications - Phase 2 project. SacRT has experienced unexpected delays during the design of the project.

The project proposes to complete the conversion of 29 existing light rail stations to accommodate newly acquired low-floor light rail vehicles. Station modifications include adjusting station platforms to an eight-inch level above the top of the rail, adjusting furniture, equipment, and signage to the new platform height, improving drainage and landscaping, modifying entrance and exit ramps, retaining walls and curbs, and installing detectable warning surface and direct guidance tiles.

The project experienced delays during the testing and burn in of the Light Rail Vehicles (LRVs). It was discovered that the Train to Wayside Communications (TWC) signal system, which is crucial for train signaling, control, and data transmission, was not communicating with the train. Additionally, it was discovered that the route selector would require SacRT staff to disembark the LRVs and manually change the route switch. This is a safety issue for staff and SacRT must redesign portions of the light rail platforms to accommodate this. SacRT must relocate the TWC signaling and equipment, as well as and the route selector switch and equipment, in the design.

Additionally, due to the light rail platforms needing to be increased by eight inches, it was discovered that multiple trees needed to be removed to accommodate the original scope design.

Finally, the 23rd Street station was discovered to not be long enough for boarding for people with disabilities. This led to the 23rd Street station needing spur track removal and extensive redesign to accommodate the new 3-car trains so people with disabilities may board, the introduction of additional detectable warning surface and direct guidance tiles to be added to the platform, and the relocation of wayfinding signage and the braille signs. With these changes occurring, the completion of the design work has been extended to June 2025.

Therefore, SacRT 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.