

MEMORANDUM

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: June 26-27, 2025

From: STEVEN KECK, Chief Financial Officer

Reference Number: 2.8a.(9), Action Item

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF PROJECT ALLOCATION FOR A
LOCALLY-ADMINISTERED MULTI-FUNDED SENATE BILL 1 LOCAL
PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (FORMULAIC) AND SENATE BILL 1 SOLUTIONS FOR
CONGESTED CORRIDORS PROGRAM PROJECT, OFF THE STATE HIGHWAY
SYSTEM, PER LPP (FORMULAIC) AND SCCP GUIDELINES
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ISSUE:

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) extend the period of project allocation for the locally-administered multi-funded Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) Local Partnership Program (LPP) (Formulaic) and SB 1 Solutions for Congested Corridors Program (SCCP) Mid County Parkway: Ramona Expressway project (PPNO 1276), in Riverside 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 multi-funded SB 1 LPP (Formulaic) and SB 1 SCCP Mid County Parkway: Ramona Expressway project (PPNO 1276), in Riverside County, for the time period as identified in the attachment.

BACKGROUND:

The local agency 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. The respective agency requests an extension, and the regional planning agency concurs.

Current SB 1 LPP (Formulaic) and SB 1 SCCP 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
Multi-Funded SB 1 LPP (Formulaic) and SB 1 SCCP**

Project Number: 1
Applicant: Riverside County Transportation Commission
County: Riverside
District: 8
PPNO: 1276
Allocation Amount: \$63,275,000 (LPP (Formulaic): \$18,775,000 and SCCP: \$44,500,000)
Phase: Construction
Number of Months Requested: 2 Months
Extended Deadline: 08/31/2025
Department Recommendation: Support

Mid County Parkway: Ramona Expressway project

The Riverside County Transportation Commission (Agency) requests a two-month time extension for the period of project allocation for the Construction (CON) phase of the Mid County Parkway: Ramona Expressway project. The Agency is experiencing delays with the Right of Way (RW) Certification.

The project proposes to construct two additional lanes on the Model Context Protocol alignment, with bike lanes in each direction, a new bridge, and implement safety improvements, including the addition of a raised median with delineators, modifications to three signalized intersections, and a new wildlife crossing.

The Agency struggled to coordinate timely with the Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD) to get feedback on the utility agreements and plans which delayed the RW Certification delivery. This set back the project timeline by one month. The EMWD Committee approved the agreements on March 27, 2025, followed by final approval from the EMWD Board on April 7, 2025. The Agency's approval was granted at the RCTC meeting on April 9, 2025.

The Agency, EMWD, respective Boards, and legal teams have approved the language in the utility agreements. The Department reviewed the draft RW Certification and noted non-standard language was included in the utility agreements. The use of non-standard clauses requires further review and approval from the local district utility coordinator and the Department. This RW Certification review is expected to take 45 days, which is the standard timeframe for RW Certification, further delaying the process.

The Agency seeks approval to use the non-standard clauses, asserting the clauses do not pose any risk to the Department's policies and procedures, nor create any financial liability for the Department or the Federal Highway Administration, as no federal or state funds will reimburse EMWD. The proposed clauses are general in nature and do not impact statewide

policies, thereby ensuring compliance. The Agency expects to receive RW Certification by mid-June 2025.

Therefore, the Agency requests a two-month time extension for the period of project allocation for the CON phase from June 30, 2025, to August 31, 2025.