

MEMORANDUM

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: June 26-27, 2025

From: STEVEN KECK, Chief Financial Officer

Reference Number: 2.8c.(3), Action Item

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF PROJECT COMPLETION FOR A STATE-ADMINISTERED MULTI-FUNDED SENATE BILL 1 SOLUTIONS FOR CONGESTED CORRIDORS PROGRAM AND STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECT, ON THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM, PER SCCP AND STIP GUIDELINES WAIVER 25-115**

ISSUE:

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) extend the period of project completion for the State-Administered multi-funded Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) Solutions for Congested Corridors Program (SCCP) and State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) South Coast 101 HOV-Padaro (Segment 4B) project (PPNO 7101D), in Santa Barbara 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 completion for the State-Administered multi-funded SB 1 SCCP and STIP, South Coast 101 HOV-Padaro (Segment 4B) project (PPNO 7101D), in Santa Barbara County, for the time period as identified in the attachment.

BACKGROUND:

In May 2021, the Commission allocated \$67,520,000 in Construction Capital and Support for the State-Administered multi-funded SB 1 SCCP and STIP South Coast 101 HOV-Padaro (Segment 4B) project (PPNO 7101D). The project was awarded in May 2021. In accordance with the SB 1 SCCP and STIP Guidelines, the deadline to complete Construction Contract Acceptance for projects awarded in May 2021 is May 31, 2024. At the time of allocation, the project received an additional 14 months beyond the 36 months extending the deadline to July 31, 2025. Because the Department will not meet this deadline, the Department is requesting a time extension to complete construction. The attachment shows the details of the project and the delays that have resulted in the time extension request.

Current STIP and SB 1 SCCP 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 STIP and SB 1 SCCP Timely Use of Funds deadline, one time only, for up to 20 months.

Attachment

**Time Extension/Waiver – Project Completion for
Multi-funded SB 1 SCCP and STIP**

Project Number: 1
Applicant: Department of Transportation
County: Santa Barbara
District: 5
PPNO: 7101D
EA: 0N702
Route: 101
Allocation Amount: \$67,520,000 (SCCP: \$63,310,000 and STIP: \$4,210,000)
Phase: Construction
Allocation Date: 05/13/2021
Allocation Resolution: SCCP-A-2021-05 and FP-20-80
Award Date: 05/26/2021
Number of Months Requested: 5 Months
Extended Deadline: 12/31/2025
Department Recommendation: Support

South Coast 101 HOV-Padaro (Segment 4B) project

The Department requests a five-month time extension to complete the Construction (CON) phase of the South Coast 101 HOV-Padaro (Segment 4B) project. The Department has experienced unexpected delays in completing construction. At the time of allocation, the project received an additional 14 months beyond the 36 months extending the deadline to July 31, 2025. This project is combined with State Highway Operation and Protection Program project EA 1C822 for construction under EA 0N72U.

The project is located on United States Highway (US) 101, in Santa Barbara County, near Carpinteria and Summerland from south of Padaro Lane Undercrossing to north of Padaro Lane Overcrossing. The project will construct high occupancy vehicle lanes.

In January 2025, project construction revealed a safety risk where vehicles on Frontage Road Via Real may run off the road and into northbound US 101 lanes. A barrier is needed for traveler safety, but underground utilities complicate permanent installation and would require approvals from multiple utility companies. The Department considered installing a temporary barrier as it works on a permanent solution with the utility companies. The County of Santa Barbara (County) approved temporary k-rail placement and end treatment measures along Frontage Road Via Real. This temporary solution will remain until the County can relocate utilities to allow installation of a permanent barrier.

Additionally, homeowner associations raised concerns about noise from the existing rumble strip. To mitigate noise, the Department replaced it with a quieter sinusoidal strip which is positioned three feet farther from the road. These adjustments caused a 5-month project delay. Completion is now expected by December 2025. There is a concurrent project completion time extension for the SHOPP project EA 1C822 on this month's Commission agenda.

Therefore, the Department is requesting a 5-month time extension to allow sufficient time to reach Construction Contract Acceptance from July 31, 2025 to December 31, 2025.