

MEMORANDUM

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: June 26-27, 2025

From: STEVEN KECK, Chief Financial Officer

Reference Number: 2.8a.(13), Action Item

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF PROJECT ALLOCATION FOR A
LOCALLY-ADMINISTERED SENATE BILL 1 SOLUTIONS FOR CONGESTED
CORRIDORS PROGRAM PROJECT, OFF THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM, PER
SCCP 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) Solutions for Congested Corridors Program (SCCP) Light Rail Realignment (Sacramento Valley Light Rail Station Realignment) component (PPNO CP094H), 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 SCCP Light Rail Realignment (Sacramento Valley Light Rail Station Realignment) component (PPNO CP094H), in Sacramento County, for the time period as identified in the attachment.

BACKGROUND:

In June 2023, the Commission programmed \$25,000,000 for the locally-administered SB 1 SCCP Light Rail Realignment (Sacramento Valley Light Rail Station Realignment) component (PPNO CP094H). 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 delays.

Current 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
Solutions for Congested Corridors Program**

Project Number: 1
Applicant: Sacramento Regional Transit District
County: Sacramento
District: 3
PPNO: CP094H
Allocation Amount: \$25,000,000
Phase: Construction
Number of Months Requested: 20 Months
Extended Deadline: 02/28/2027
Department Recommendation: Support

Light Rail Realignment (Sacramento Valley Light Rail Station Realignment)

The Sacramento Regional Transit District (SacRT) requests a 20-month time extension for the period of project allocation for the Construction (CON) phase of the Light Rail Realignment (Sacramento Valley Light Rail Station Realignment) component. SacRT has experienced unexpected delays during the design of the project.

The project proposes to relocate the existing east-west oriented SacRT Sacramento Valley Station on H Street in Sacramento, to a new north-south oriented station west of 5th Street, add double tracking, removed existing storage track, and add storage track north of the new station. The relocation is due to conflict with the City of Sacramento's proposed drain facilities, a transit pick up and drop off site, and a bike pathway. Additionally, the relocation is also needed for the proposed expansion of light rail service to the Sacramento International Airport.

The project experienced unexpected delays due to the City of Sacramento changing their Sacramento Valley Station master plan, which resulted in SacRT needing to complete a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) addendum to their previously approved Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration. Additionally, more time was needed to complete the CEQA addendum due to recent CEQA updates that required engagement and consultation regarding tribal resources. This CEQA addendum work took an additional six months. The CEQA addendum was adopted in June 2024. SacRT then proceeded with the Request for Proposal to award a design contract for the project. Extended negotiations due to required financial review, and discussions over awardee's proposed exceptions to SacRT's contract terms resulted in a four month delay that pushed contract award, execution and notice to proceed to November 2024. Initially, the design contractor estimated that the design would take 18 months. During design, the design contractor informed SacRT that an additional two months would be required to complete the design due to extensive coordination with the City of Sacramento, which was not initially anticipated by SacRT. Lastly, in March 2025 the Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians requested archaeological presence during the design

work to locate underground utilities, in addition to the anticipated archeological presence during the CON phase. SacRT anticipates this to add six months to the design timeline. SacRT is committed to meeting the February 28, 2027 timeline to complete all pre-construction phases and request an allocation for the CON phase for the Light Rail Realignment (Sacramento Valley Light Rail Station Realignment) component.

Therefore, SacRT is requesting a 20-month time extension for the period of project allocation for the CON phase from June 30, 2025 to February 28, 2027.