

MEMORANDUM

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: June 26-27, 2025

From: STEVEN KECK, Chief Financial Officer

Reference Number: 2.8a.(14), Action Item

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF PROJECT ALLOCATION FOR A STATE-ADMINISTERED MULTI-FUNDED SENATE BILL 1 TRADE CORRIDOR ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM PROJECT AND STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, ON THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM, PER TCEP AND STIP GUIDELINES WAIVER 25-119**

ISSUE:

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) extend the period of project allocation for the State-Administered multi-funded Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP) and State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) RT 49 Corridor Improvements, La Barr–McKnight, SB Truck Climbing Lane project (PPNO 4117), in Nevada 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 State-Administered multi-funded SB 1 TCEP and STIP RT 49 Corridor Improvements, La Barr–McKnight, SB Truck Climbing Lane project (PPNO 4117), in Nevada County, for the time period as identified in the attachment.

BACKGROUND:

In March 2024, the Commission programmed \$21,000,000 in Construction Capital and Support for the State-Administered multi-funded SB1 TCEP and STIP RT 49 Corridor Improvements, La Barr–McKnight, SB Truck Climbing Lane project (PPNO 4117). The Department 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 explanation for the delays.

Current SB 1 TCEP and STIP Guidelines adopted by the Commission stipulate that funds programmed for all components 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 for SB 1 TCEP and 20 months for STIP.

Attachment

**Time Extension/Waiver – Project Allocation
Multi-Funded SB 1 TCEP and STIP**

Project Number: 1
Applicant: Department of Transportation
County: Nevada
District: 3
PPNO: 4117
Allocation Amount: \$21,000,000 (TCEP: \$14,615,000 and STIP: \$6,385,000)
Phase: Construction and Construction Support
Number of Months Requested: 6 Months
Extended Deadline: 12/31/2025
Department Recommendation: Support

RT 49 Corridor Improvements, La Barr–McKnight, SB Truck Climbing Lane project

The Department requests a 6-month time extension for the period of project allocation for the Construction (CON) phase of the RT 49 Corridor Improvements, La Barr–McKnight, SB Truck Climbing Lane project. The Department has experienced unexpected delays in completing this project's Ready to List (RTL) Package.

The RT 49 Corridor Improvements, La Barr–McKnight, SB Truck Climbing Lane project proposes improvements from Post Mile R10.8 to R13.3 on SR 49. The project focuses on goods movement, safety, operations, evacuation egress, reducing freight-related emissions in adjacent Assembly Bill 1550 communities, minimizing community impacts related to Interstate 80 detours, providing adequate access to Zero-Emission Bus transit infrastructure, and supporting multimodal mobility.

Two Resolutions of Necessity (RON) determinations were approved at the December 2024 Commission meeting, and a final RON package recommended at the May 2025 Commission meeting. The RON package included a longer right-of-way acquisition period due to the parcel owners' limited availability stemming from their restricted circumstances, which delayed the RON submittal until the May 2025 Commission meeting. These RON packages have, in turn, delayed final utility relocation plan approvals and execution of utility agreements. As a result, submission of the Certification 3W memorandum for Department Headquarters and Federal Highway Administration review and approvals has been delayed. These factors have pushed the project's Ready to List (RTL) date to early October 2025.

Therefore, the Department is requesting a 6-month time extension for the period of project allocation for the CON phase from June 30, 2025 to December 31, 2025.