

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 STATE-ADMINISTERED MULTI-FUNDED SENATE BILL 1 TRADE CORRIDOR ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM AND STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECT, ON THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM, PER TCEP AND STIP GUIDELINES WAIVER 25-120**

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) Fix 5 Cascade Gateway / I-5 Improvements Shasta project (PPNO 3597), in Shasta and Tehama Counties, 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 Fix 5 Cascade Gateway / I-5 Improvements Shasta project (PPNO 3597), in Shasta and Tehama Counties, for the time period as identified in the attachment.

BACKGROUND:

The Department 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 that have resulted in this time extension request.

Current SB 1 TCEP and STIP Guidelines adopted by the Commission stipulate that funds programmed for all components of local grant projects are available for allocation only until the end of the fiscal year programmed. The Commission may approve waivers 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: Shasta and Tehama
District: 2
PPNO: 3597
Allocation Amount: \$75,480,000 (TCEP: \$70,399,000 and STIP: \$5,081,000)
Phase: Construction and Construction Support
Number of Months Requested: 20 Months
Extended Deadline: 02/28/2027
Department Recommendation: Support

Fix 5 Cascade Gateway / I-5 Improvements Shasta

The Department requests a 20-month time extension for the period of project allocation for the Construction (CON) phase of the Fix 5 Cascade Gateway / I-5 Improvements Shasta project. The Department is experiencing delays with the design phase and environmental clearance.

The project proposes to add a third through lane in the median as a “truck only” lane in each direction, construct four auxiliary lanes, widen seven bridges, install an Advanced Lane Management System in the northbound direction including three overhead sign structures, and install two 350 kw Electric Vehicle Chargers for trucks and other vehicles.

On April 1, 2025, during the design phase review, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) requested modifications to the “truck-only” lane strategy. The new managed lane strategy requested by FHWA requires updates to several key deliverables including traffic modeling to proceed with traffic operations and safety requirements. The new managed lane strategy will be a “managed lane for part-time truck only operation”. In addition, the requested changes to the project require amendments to multiple documents such as environmental documentation, estimate certification, and specifications to reflect revised modeling and the new implementation strategy that cannot be completed by end of the fiscal year. After traffic modeling outcomes, the Initial Study may elevate to an Environmental Impact Report, requiring up to 20 months to complete. This work will proceed concurrently with other updates to project documentation.

Therefore, the Department 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.