

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
LOCALLY-ADMINISTERED LOCAL TRANSPORTATION CLIMATE ADAPTATION
PROGRAM PROJECTS, OFF THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM,
PER LTCAP GUIDELINES
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ISSUE:

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) extend the period of project allocation for two locally-administered Local Transportation Climate Adaptation Program (LTCAP) projects, for the time periods as identified in the attachment?

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the Commission extend the period of project allocation for two locally-administered LTCAP projects, for the time periods as identified in the attachment.

BACKGROUND:

The agencies will not be able to request allocation of funds by the June 30, 2025 deadline. The attachment shows the details of the projects and the explanations for the delays.

The 2023 LTCAP Guidelines adopted by the Commission stipulate that funds that are programmed for all components of locally implemented grant projects are available for allocation only until the end of the fiscal year. 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
Local Transportation Climate Adaptation Program**

Project Number: 1
Applicant: Mendocino County
County: Mendocino
District: 1
PPNO: 4888
Allocation Amount: \$6,000,000
Phase: Plans, Specifications, and Estimate
Number of Months Requested: 12 Months
Extended Deadline: 06/30/2026
Department Recommendation: Support

Redmeyer Road Extension project

Mendocino County (County) requests a 12-month time extension for the period of project allocation for the Plans, Specifications, and Estimate (PS&E) phase of Redmeyer Road Extension project. The County experienced delays during the Project Approval and Environmental Document (PA&ED) phase.

The project proposes constructing a 2-lane road with paved shoulders to extend Redmeyer Road as well as a local bridge structure over the Russian River.

During the PA&ED phase, the Department required an extended phase 1 study be completed due to the location and the possibility of encountering cultural resources. This additional study extended the schedule due to the length of the study area needed, intrusion into private property requiring permission to enter (PTE), field work to complete the study, and environmental permits to perform the field work for the study. Additionally, the 2024-2025 rain season resulted in high flows in the nearby Russian River, resulting in delays getting to the site to start the geotechnical and environmental studies. Finally, unanticipated stakeholder concerns were raised by a property owner and a local business about the initial roadway alignment. Coordination with those stakeholders caused delays, but ultimately, the County finalized and proceeded with an agreeable alignment, shifting slightly north of the initial proposal in order to minimize impacts to a private property.

The project anticipates obtaining the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) clearances by June 2026.

Therefore, the County is requesting a 12-month time extension for the period of project allocation for the PS&E phase from June 30, 2025 to June 30, 2026.

Project Number: 2
Applicant: Mendocino County
County: Mendocino
District: 1
PPNO: 4889
Allocation Amount: \$6,000,000
Phase: Plans, Specifications, and Estimate
Number of Months Requested: 12 Months
Extended Deadline: 06/30/2026
Department Recommendation: Support

Brooktrails Second Access project

Mendocino County (County) requests a 12-month time extension for the period of project allocation for the PS&E phase of the Brooktrails Second Access project. The County experienced delays during the PA&ED phase.

The project proposes constructing a 2-lane road with paved shoulders as a second access to the Brooktrails Township.

The project originally included two alignment alternatives. After discussions between nearby landowners and the County, two additional alignment alternatives were added for consideration, increasing the amount of effort and therefore time to evaluate all four alternatives for viability. Four landowner coordination meetings have been held between October 2024 and April 2025 to get feedback on the alternatives as well as communicate the CEQA and NEPA processes. The Padula Trust owner, which is the landowner most impacted by the alternatives, was given the opportunity to review and comment on the geometric approval drawings. A PTE for environmental and engineering technical studies was also given to the landowner, however they have yet to sign. The PTE is currently the critical path item, which the County is working towards with the landowner.

The project anticipates obtaining CEQA and NEPA clearances by June 2026.

Therefore, the County is requesting a 12-month time extension for the period of project allocation for the PS&E phase from June 30, 2025 to June 30, 2026.