

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 CONTRACT AWARD FOR A TRANSIT AND INTERCITY RAIL CAPITAL PROGRAM COMPONENT, PER TIRCP ALLOCATION POLICY WAIVER 25-131**

ISSUE:

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) extend the period of contract award for the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) (2022:21) Sonoma Regional Bus and Rail Connectivity Improvements (Purchase 4 Electric Buses) component (PPNO CP100A), in Sonoma County, for the time period as identified in the attachment?

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation recommends that the Commission extend the period of contract award for the TIRCP (2022:21) Sonoma Regional Bus and Rail Connectivity Improvements (Purchase 4 Electric Buses) component (PPNO CP100A), in Sonoma County, for the time period as identified in the attachment.

BACKGROUND:

In January 2025, the Commission allocated \$1,178,000 for the Construction (CON) phase of the TIRCP (2022:21) Sonoma Regional Bus and Rail Connectivity Improvements (Purchase 4 Electric Buses) component (CP100A). The responsible agency has been unable to award a third-party contract per the Timely Use of Funds (TUF) policy.

The current TIRCP Allocation Policy stipulates that the agency implementing a project component request a time extension if the project component will not be awarded within the specified timeline. Under the TUF policy, an extension can be requested for up to 20 months for each delivery milestone, where permissible by statute. The attachment describes the details of the project component and the explanation for the delays.

Attachment

**Time Extension/Waiver – Contract Award
Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program**

Project Number: 1
Applicant: Sonoma County Transit
County: Sonoma
District: 4
PPNO: CP100A
Allocation Amount: \$1,178,000
Phase: Construction
Allocation Date: 01/31/2025
Allocation Resolution: TIRCP-2425-46
Number of Months Requested: 8 Months
Extended Deadline: 03/31/2026
Department Recommendation: Support

(2022:21) Sonoma Regional Bus and Rail Connectivity Improvements (Purchase 4 Electric Buses)

Sonoma County Transit (SCT) requests an 8-month time extension for the period of contract award for the Construction (CON) phase of the (2022:21) Sonoma Regional Bus and Rail Connectivity Improvements (Purchase 4 Electric Buses) component. SCT has experienced unanticipated delays in awarding the third-party contract.

The project component proposes to purchase four 40-foot battery-electric buses from Gillig LLC, which will be deployed by SCT throughout its service area in Sonoma County. The new battery electric buses will enhance transit connectivity and support ridership growth.

In January 2025, the Commission allocated \$1,178,000 for the CON phase of the component. However, in early April 2025, Gillig LLC informed SCT that they were pausing proposals for buses due to federal tariffs, thus hampering SCT's anticipated execution of the third-party contract by June 2025. Currently the project component is estimated to be ten percent complete. SCT plans on funding this component with local Transportation Development Act funds and signing a third-party contract with Gillig LLC by February 28, 2026. Delivery of the buses is then expected by January 2028 with project closeout in April 2028.

Therefore, SCT is requesting an 8-month time extension for the period of contract award for the CON phase from July 31, 2025 to March 31, 2026.