

MEMORANDUM

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: June 26-27, 2025

From: STEVEN KECK, Chief Financial Officer

Reference Number: 2.8c.(5), Action Item

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF PROJECT COMPLETION FOR
TRANSIT AND INTERCITY RAIL CAPITAL PROGRAM COMPONENTS, PER
TIRCP ALLOCATION POLICY
WAIVER 25-132**

ISSUE:

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) extend the period of project completion for the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) (2018:01) Purchase Zero Emission High Capacity Buses to Support Transbay Tomorrow and Clean Corridors Plan (Facilities and Bus Charging Infrastructure) component (PPNO 2320B), in Alameda County, for the time period as identified in the attachment?

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation recommends that the Commission extend the period of project completion for the TIRCP (2018:01) Purchase Zero Emission High Capacity Buses to Support Transbay Tomorrow and Clean Corridors Plan (Facilities and Bus Charging Infrastructure) component (PPNO 2320B), in Alameda County, for the time period as identified in the attachment.

BACKGROUND:

In January of 2022, the Commission allocated \$6,000,000 for the Construction (CON) phase of the TIRCP (2018:01) Purchase Zero Emission High Capacity Buses to Support Transbay Tomorrow and Clean Corridors Plan (Facilities and Bus Charging Infrastructure) component (PPNO 2320B). The responsible agency has been unable to complete the CON phase 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 will not be completed 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 components and the explanation for the delays.

Attachment

**Time Extension/Waiver – Project Completion
Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program**

Project Number: 1
Applicant: Alameda Contra Costa Transit District
County: Alameda
District: 4
PPNO: 2320B
Allocation Amount: \$6,000,000
Phase: Construction
Allocation Date: 01/27/2022
Allocation Resolution Number: TIRCP-2122-17
Award Date: 07/26/2022
Number of Months Requested: 20 Months
Extended Deadline: 03/31/2027
Department Recommendation: Support

(2018:01) Purchase Zero Emission High Capacity Buses to Support Transbay Tomorrow and Clean Corridors Plan (Facilities and Bus Charging Infrastructure)

The Alameda Contra Costa Transit District (AC Transit) requests a 20-month time extension for the period of project completion for the Construction (CON) phase of the (2018:01) Purchase Zero Emission High Capacity Buses to Support Transbay Tomorrow and Clean Corridors Plan (Facilities and Bus Charging Infrastructure Project) component. AC Transit has experienced delays in completing the CON phase.

The project component, located in Alameda County, consists of building charging infrastructure for zero-emission buses at AC Transit's Division 2 Emeryville facility and Division 4 East Oakland facility.

To date, the CON phase of the Facilities and Bus Charging Infrastructure component is 50 percent completed. The component includes two charging facilities, Division 2 in Emeryville and Division 4 in East Oakland. AC Transit has completed one of the two charging facilities, the Division 2 Emeryville facility, which is 100 percent complete, functional, and operational. Construction work on the Division 4 charging facility has not begun and is currently at 0 percent as the agency has identified an unexpected need to locate a new powering source at the charging facility. AC Transit is actively working to resolve this issue with the design of a microgrid through another project component, Self Generation of Power at the East Oakland Facility (PPNO 2320C), allocated by the Commission in October 2024. The agency continues to make progress in delivering this infrastructure at the Division 4 East Oakland facility. Additional time is needed to continue the CON work on the battery electric bus charging infrastructure at AC Transit's Division 4 East Oakland facility.

During the CON phase, the project faced unexpected delays due to a third-party energy provider, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), that initially confirmed capacity for the

charging infrastructure at AC Transit's District 4 East Oakland facility in April 2022. In November 2022, PG&E could no longer provide power, citing a grid issue, insufficient capacity, and unavailability of grid distribution. Between November 2022 and October 2024, when the Commission allocated the Self Generation of Power at the East Oakland Facility component, AC Transit was continuing negotiations with PG&E, assessing options, and determining a path forward. After considering options, including interconnection to PG&E, not operating battery electric buses, or running fuel cell electric buses, AC Transit resolved to self-generate the power necessary for charging infrastructure at AC Transit's Division 4 East Oakland facility to be in compliance with California Air Resources Board's Innovative Clean Transit mandate and minimize further delays of the project. Completion of the Self Generation of Power component by February 2027 will allow for completion of CON for this Bus Charging Facilities component by March 2027.

Therefore, AC Transit is requesting a 20-month time extension for the period of project completion for the CON phase from July 31, 2025 to March 31, 2027.