

MEMORANDUM

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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From: STEVEN KECK, Chief Financial Officer

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Subject: **REQUEST TO AMEND THE PERIOD OF PROJECT COMPLETION FOR A
TRANSIT AND INTERCITY RAIL CAPITAL PROGRAM COMPONENT
WAIVER 25-147, AMENDING WAIVER 23-160**

SUMMARY:

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) amend the period of project completion for the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) (2018:10) Los Angeles Region Transit System Integration and Modernization Program (Network Integration) component (PPNO CP030), in Los Angeles County, for the time period as identified in the attachment?

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation recommends that the Commission amend the period of project completion for the TIRCP (2018:10) Los Angeles Region Transit System Integration and Modernization Program (Network Integration) component (PPNO CP030), in Los Angeles County, for the time period as identified in the attachment.

BACKGROUND:

In December 2018, the Commission allocated \$7,000,000 for Construction (CON) of the TIRCP (2018:10) Los Angeles Region Transit System Integration and Modernization Program (Network Integration) component (PPNO CP030). In October 2023, the Commission approved a 20-month time extension to complete CON, however the responsible agency has been unable to complete the component phase per the Timely Use of Funds policy. This is a request to amend the previously approved project completion time extension. The attachment describes the details of the component and the explanation for the delay.

Attachment

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

Project Number: 1
Applicant: Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
County: Los Angeles
District: 7
PPNO: CP030
Allocation Amount: \$7,000,000
Phase: Construction
Allocation Date: 12/06/2018
Award Date: 02/15/2019
1st Waiver: Waiver 23-160
Approved: October 2023
Number of Months: ~~20 Months~~ **34 Months**
Extended Deadline: ~~07/31/2025~~ **09/30/2026**
Department Recommendation: Support

**(2018:10) Los Angeles Region Transit System Integration and Modernization Program
(Network Integration)**

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) requests an additional 14 months, from 20 months to 34 months, for the period of project completion for the Construction (CON) phase of the (2018:10) Los Angeles Region Transit System Integration and Modernization Program (Network Integration) component. Metro experienced unavoidable delays in completing the CON phase.

The component proposes the development of three studies, including the Metrolink San Bernardino Line – Gold Line Task Force study, the Los Angeles County Rail Network Integration study, and the High Desert Intercity Rail Corridor (HDC) Service Development Plan (SDP).

The Network Integration component has progressed from 88 percent to 94 percent completion since the 20-month project completion time extension was approved in October 2023. At that time, only one of three studies had been completed, and the HDC project had not received corridor identification, which was necessary for the HDC SDP to be considered for review and approval by the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA). Once the HDC project received corridor identification, the HDC SDP was submitted to the FRA for comment. At that time, Metro was informed that the FRA was developing a new scope of work for the HDC SDP under the corridor ID program and could not review it until the full scope was approved by the FRA. Metro created a gap analysis to compare completed items of the HDC SDP scope of work with the new items from the FRA approved scope of work. Metro now has FRA approval on the scope of work required to complete the HDC SDP. With the additional time being requested, Metro will prepare the revised technical documents with the HDC SDP and submit a draft for FRA review in the first eight months, allow for a one-month FRA review period,

two months to revise the documents, one month for FRA back-checking, and two months for coordination to approve the final HDC SDP by September 30, 2026.

Therefore, Metro is requesting an additional 14 months for the period of project completion for the CON phase from July 31, 2025 to September 30, 2026.