

## MEMORANDUM

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS  
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: August 14-15, 2025

From: STEVEN KECK, Chief Financial Officer

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Subject: **REQUEST TO AMEND THE PERIOD OF CONTRACT AWARD FOR A STATE HIGHWAY OPERATION AND PROTECTION PROGRAM PROJECT, AS AN EXCEPTION TO THE SHOPP GUIDELINES WAIVER 25-160, AMENDING WAIVER 25-22**

### **ISSUE:**

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) amend the period of contract award for the State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) Bridge Preservation project (PPNO 3276), in San Joaquin County, for the time period as identified in the attachment?

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the Commission amend the period of contract award for the SHOPP Bridge Preservation project (PPNO 3276), in San Joaquin County, for the time period as identified in the attachment.

### **BACKGROUND:**

In August 2024, the Commission allocated \$5,802,000 in Construction Capital (CON) for the SHOPP Bridge Preservation project (PPNO 3276). In accordance with the SHOPP Guidelines (Guidelines), the deadline to award contracts for projects allocated in August 2024 is February 28, 2025. In March 2025, the project requested and received a contract award time extension as identified in the attachment, with a new deadline of August 31, 2025. However, the Department is requesting an exception to the Guidelines for additional time to award the project. The attachment shows the details of the project and the delays that have resulted in the amended time extension request.

Current Guidelines stipulate that the agency implementing a project request a time extension if the project will not be awarded within one Commission meeting after expiration. Expiration of construction funds occurs six months after a project receives its CON allocation. The Commission may approve waivers to the timely use of funds deadline, one-time only, for up to 20 months.

Attachment

**Amendment Time Extension/Waiver – Contract Award for  
State Highway Operation and Protection Program**

Project Number: 1  
County: San Joaquin  
District: 10  
PPNO: 3276  
EA: 1H360  
Route: 4  
Phase: Construction  
Allocation Amount: \$5,802,000  
Allocation Date: 08/16/2024  
1st Waiver: Waiver 25-22  
Approved: March 2025  
Number of Months Requested: ~~6 Months~~ **8 Months**  
Extended Deadline: ~~08/31/2025~~ **10/31/2025**  
Department Recommendation: Support

**SHOPP Bridge Preservation project**

The Department requests an additional two months, from six months to eight months, for the period of contract award for the Construction (CON) phase of the SHOPP Bridge Preservation project. The Department has experienced unexpected delays in awarding the project.

The project is on State Route (SR) 4, near Discovery Bay, at Old River Bridge No. 29-0045. The project will install walers, place polyester concrete overlay, paint steel bridge, and remove an abandoned garage.

Initially, the project received its CON allocation in August 2024, was advertised in September 2024, and bids opened in November 2024. The project received three bids above the Engineer's Estimate (EE). The Department evaluated the bidding results and after discussions with bidders, determined that adjustments to the order of work to align with 8-hour work windows, and repackaging and re-advertising the project was the best course of action. These changes resulted in making the project schedule more efficient and cost-effective for the contractors. The Department is anticipating re-advertising and awarding the project in time to begin construction in September 2025, which aligns with the construction window set by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's 1600 permit allowing work between September and March.

The Department re-advertised the project and held bid opening on May 7, 2025. The contract received six bids, of which the lowest bid is 24.6 percent above the EE. The five remaining bids range from 37.2 to 66.7 percent over the EE. The total construction capital required to award to the lowest bidder exceeded the amount available from allocated and G-12 funds. As a result, there is a concurrent supplemental funds request on this month's Commission agenda.

Following supplemental allocation, the award process is expected to take an additional two months.

Therefore, the Department is requesting an exception to the Guidelines for an additional two months to allow for sufficient time to award the contract, from August 31, 2025 to October 31, 2025.