

MEMORANDUM

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: October 16-17, 2025

From: STEVEN KECK, Chief Financial Officer

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF CONTRACT AWARD FOR STATE HIGHWAY OPERATION AND PROTECTION PROGRAM PROJECTS, ON THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM, PER SHOPP GUIDELINES WAIVER 25-171**

ISSUE:

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) extend the period of contract award for three State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) 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 contract award for three SHOPP projects, for the time periods as identified in the attachment.

BACKGROUND:

In March and May 2025, the Commission allocated \$56,852,000 in Construction (CON) Capital for three SHOPP projects. In accordance with the SHOPP Guidelines (Guidelines), the deadline to award contracts for projects allocated in March 2025 and May 2025 is September 30, 2025 and November 30, 2025, respectively. The Department is requesting time extensions for the period of contract award. The attachment shows the details of each project and the delays that have resulted in these time extension requests.

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 CON 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

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

Project Number: 1
County: Tehama
District: 2
PPNO: 3707
EA: 3H770
Route: 99
Allocation Amount: \$40,900,000
Phase: Construction
Allocation Date: 03/21/2025
Allocation Resolution: FP-24-66
Number of Months Requested: 3 Months
Extended Deadline: 12/31/2025
Department Recommendation: Support

SHOPP Roadway Preservation project

The Department requests a 3-month time extension for the period of contract award for the Construction (CON) phase of the SHOPP Roadway Preservation project. The Department experienced delays in awarding the project.

The project is located near Los Molinos, from Butte County line to south of Los Molinos Creek Bridge. The project will rehabilitate pavement, upgrade guardrail and Transportation Management System elements, upgrade pedestrian facilities to Americans with Disabilities Act standards, rehabilitate drainage systems, and widen shoulders.

The project was advertised in June 2025 and bid opening was held in August 2025. The project received several bidder inquiries and triggered the issuance of multiple addenda. These addenda required additional bid items, specification updates, temporary traffic control system and lane closure chart modifications. These changes required multiple Project Development Team meetings with Traffic Management, Traffic Safety, Design, Construction, and other functional units to ensure that the proposed changes address all issues properly. The delay affected the bid opening date by three weeks in August 2025 and extended the award date by three weeks in September 2025. Additional time is needed to award the project.

Therefore, the Department is requesting a 3-month time extension to award a contract from September 30, 2025 to December 31, 2025.

Project Number: 2
County: Kern
District: 6
PPNO: 6982
EA: 0X770
Route: 43
Allocation Amount: \$9,042,000
Phase: Construction
Allocation Date: 05/16/2025
Allocation Resolution: FP-24-75
Number of Months Requested: 5 Months
Extended Deadline: 04/30/2026
Department Recommendation: Support

SHOPP Roadway Preservation project

The Department requests a 5-month time extension for the period of contract award for the CON phase of the SHOPP Roadway Preservation project. The Department experienced delays in awarding the project.

The project is located in Wasco, from Route 46 to south of Gromer Avenue. The project will improve safety by constructing a roundabout to reduce the number and severity of collisions.

This SHOPP project was combined into one construction contract with an adjacent non-SHOPP project, which is under the control of the California High Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA). Extensive coordination is needed between the Department, CHSRA, and the Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad company. Typically, funding would have been received by May 2025 through a simple procedure of the CHSRA committee. However, due to the recent significant loss of federal funding, CHSRA executive management analyzed all projects in which construction had not commenced, to determine if they aligned with CHSRA's current priorities. In late August 2025, CHSRA took action to fund their portion of the combined project. As a result, the advertisement was delayed and the Department had to adjust the schedule accordingly. The project is now expected to advertise by October 2025. Due to the complexity of the project, this time extension will allow time to coordinate and resolve issues, extend the bid opening and award the contract by February 2026.

Therefore, the Department is requesting a 5-month time extension to award a contract from November 30, 2025 to April 30, 2026.

Project Number: 3
County: Merced
District: 10
PPNO: 3506
EA: 1M170
Route: 140
Allocation Amount: \$6,910,000
Phase: Construction
Allocation Date: 05/13/2025
Allocation Resolution: SHOPP Safety Resolution G-03-10
Number of Months Requested: 4 Months
Extended Deadline: 03/31/2026
Department Recommendation: Support

SHOPP Roadway Preservation project

The Department requests a 4-month time extension for the period of contract award for the CON phase of the SHOPP Roadway Preservation project. The Department experienced delays in awarding the project.

The project is near Planada, from west of Plainsburg Road to Sutter Street. The project proposes to implement intersection control improvements by constructing a single-lane roundabout with pedestrian crossings and drainage improvements.

The project advertised in July 2025, and numerous bid inquires resulted in the need for addenda; notably, alternative construction strategies for structural section pavement and associated impacts. Evaluation by the Department's design and construction teams resulted in a revised approach, which reduced construction risk, improved constructability, and increased bidding competition. Subsequently, the team elected to revise the bid documents and issue an addendum reflecting the changes.

To allow contractors adequate time to review the revised plans and adjust their bids accordingly, the bid opening date has been extended to October 2025. This extension ensures a fair process and opportunity for all potential bidders. The extension of the bid opening is not anticipated to impact the overall contract completion schedule. Construction is not anticipated to begin until spring 2026, as initial critical path work relies on favorable weather conditions. Additional time is requested to accommodate the addendum process and extended bid timeline.

Therefore, the Department is requesting a 4-month time extension to award a contract from November 30, 2025 to March 31, 2026.