

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
LOCALLY-ADMINISTERED ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM PROJECTS,
OFF THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM, PER ATP GUIDELINES
WAIVER 25-177**

ISSUE:

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) extend the period of contract award for six locally-administered Active Transportation Program (ATP) 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 six locally-administered ATP projects, for the time periods as identified in the attachment.

BACKGROUND:

In March, May and June 2025, the Commission allocated \$48,800,000 for six locally-administered ATP projects identified in the attachment. The responsible agencies have been unable to award the contracts within six months of allocation, per ATP Guidelines (Guidelines). The attachment describes the details of the projects and the explanations for the delays. The respective agencies request an extension, and the planning agencies concur.

Current Guidelines adopted by the Commission, stipulate that the agencies implementing a project may request a time extension if the project will not be awarded within six months of allocation. The Commission may approve a waiver to the Timely Use of Funds deadline, one-time only, for up to 12 months.

Attachment

**Time Extension/Waiver – Contract Award
Active Transportation Program**

Project: 1
Applicant: Butte County
County: Butte
PPNO: 6126A
District: 3
Allocation Amount: \$6,904,000
Phase: Construction
Allocation Date: 03/21/2025
Allocation Resolution: FATP-2425-17
Number of Months Requested: 12 Months
Extended Deadline: 09/30/2026
Department Recommendation: Support

South Oroville Bike and Ped Connectivity Project

Butte County (County) requests a 12-month time extension for the period of contract award for the Construction (CON) phase of the South Oroville Bike and Ped Connectivity Project. The County has experienced delays with project design.

The project proposes to construct Class I and II bicycle lanes, curb, gutter, sidewalk, Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB), crosswalks, and driver feedback signs to improve pedestrian and bike safety.

The project plans are currently undergoing final modifications resulting from an intensive constructability review. During this review, the County received comments that needed to be addressed. These comments pertained to updating survey and control information, plan presentation, drainage and utility networks, roadway typical sections, and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) ramp presentation. The County is working to incorporate these revisions to improve clarity, address potential conflicts, and enhance overall design to finalize the design plans. Incorporating these changes is critical to ensure the project is delivered efficiently, avoids costly change orders during construction, and minimizes risk to both the contractor and the County. These revisions do not require a scope change; however, the County will need the additional time to complete the revisions and the quality control review, before the project can be advertised and awarded.

Therefore, the County is requesting a 12-month time extension for the period of contract award for the CON phase from September 30, 2025 to September 30, 2026.

Project: 2
Applicant: City of San Jose
County: Santa Clara
PPNO: 2336
District: 4
Allocation Amount: \$12,926,000
Phase: Construction
Allocation Date: 03/21/2025
Allocation Resolution: FATP-2425-17
Number of Months Requested: 12 Months
Extended Deadline: 09/30/2026
Department Recommendation: Support

Willow-Keyes Complete Streets Improvements

The City of San Jose (City) requests a 12-month time extension for the period of contract award for the CON phase of the Willow-Keyes Complete Streets Improvements project. The City has experienced delays with utility relocation coordination.

The project proposes to make bicycle and pedestrian safety improvements that include road diets to construct Class IV protected bike lanes.

The proposed scope of the project conflicts with two existing joint-use poles owned by Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E). These poles carry multiple utility services, including those of American Telephone and Telegraph (AT&T), Comcast, MCI Worldcom, and PG&E. Relocation of these poles is required prior to the start of construction activities. The City has been actively coordinating with PG&E throughout the design phase, and a formal relocation request has been submitted for the two affected locations. PG&E has provided design plans for one location and anticipates the second location to be finalized by November 2025. Utility companies can take up to nine months to complete service transfers to new poles before the existing poles can be removed. However, once both design plans are received, the City can proceed with the advertisement and contract award process. The contractor will be directed to begin work at other unaffected locations within the project limits, to ensure the City does not delay the start of construction further. The additional time is needed to provide sufficient time to continue coordinating with PG&E and to proceed with project advertisement.

Therefore, the City is requesting a 12-month time extension for the period of contract award for the CON phase from September 30, 2025 to September 30, 2026.

Project: 3
Applicant: City of Watsonville
County: Santa Cruz
PPNO: 0413A
District: 5
Allocation Amount: \$10,541,000
Phase: Construction
Allocation Date: 03/21/2025
Allocation Resolution: FATP-2425-17
Number of Months Requested: 12 Months
Extended Deadline: 09/30/2026
Department Recommendation: Support

Safer Access to Pajaro Valley High School and Beyond

The City of Watsonville (City) requests a 12-month time extension for the period of contract award for the CON phase of the Safer Access to Pajaro Valley High School and Beyond project. The City has experienced delays with utility relocation.

The project proposes to install a pedestrian bridge, sidewalk, Class IV bike lanes, high visibility crosswalks, curb extensions, and upgrade curb ramps.

The project experienced delays in November 2022, due to underground and overhead utility lines from AT&T and PG&E that need to be relocated. After the City notified the utility owners, there were additional delays due to disagreement on the existence of the lines and who had responsibility of them. A consensus was reached, and PG&E completed their relocation in early August 2025. AT&T will begin mobilizing by October 2025. Additionally, in August 2025, the City and the Department were made aware of Spectrum overhead lines that were not originally identified. The City has received the relocation plans and anticipates completion by December 2025. The City is requesting the additional time to complete the relocation to prepare the contract bid package for advertisement and award.

Therefore, the City is requesting a 12-month time extension for the period of contract award for the CON phase from September 30, 2025 to September 30, 2026.

Project: 4
Applicant: City of Jurupa Valley
County: Riverside
PPNO: 1291
District: 8
Allocation Amount: \$3,110,000
Phase: Construction
Allocation Date: 05/16/2025
Allocation Resolution: FATP-2425-18
Number of Months Requested: 12 Months
Extended Deadline: 11/30/2026
Department Recommendation: Support

Jurupa Valley Mira Loma Area SRTS Sidewalk Gap Closure

The City of Jurupa Valley (City) requests a 12-month time extension for the period of contract award for the CON phase of the Jurupa Valley Mira Loma Area SRTS Sidewalk Gap Closure project. The City has experienced delays with the contract award process.

The project proposes to complete a network of new sidewalks, crosswalks, RRFBs, and solar beacons near schools that provide safe passage for students.

The City has experienced delays with water meter utility relocations. These relocations need to be completed before the project can begin construction of the sidewalks and related paving work. The design for the utility work is expected to be complete by October 2025. The design will undergo review by the water district and City staff. After review, the relocation work will be advertised. This process is anticipated to be completed by March 2026. In addition, the City has had unexpected staff departures which has increased workload. Design work on the project is advancing, however the design timeline has slowed. The City anticipates finalizing plans by April 2026 and complete the contract award process by August 2026. The City needs the additional time to complete the utility relocations, pre-construction activities, and address any contingencies that might occur to deliver this project on schedule within the extended timeframe.

Therefore, the City is requesting a 12-month time extension for the period of contract award for the CON phase from November 30, 2025 to November 30, 2026.

Project: 5
Applicant: City of Desert Hot Springs
County: Riverside
PPNO: 1312
District: 8
Allocation Amount: \$8,975,000
Phase: Construction
Allocation Date: 05/16/2025
Allocation Resolution: FATP-2425-18
Number of Months Requested: 12 Months
Extended Deadline: 11/30/2026
Department Recommendation: Support

Palm Drive Improvements - I-10 to Camino Aventura

The City of Desert Hot Springs (City) requests a 12-month time extension for the period of contract award for the CON phase of the Palm Drive Improvements - I-10 to Camino Aventura project. The City has experienced delays with a partnering agency.

The project proposes to construct a buffered traffic signal, medians, sidewalks, crosswalks, streetlights, ADA curb ramps, curb and gutters, a Class II bicycle lane, and flashing beacons at bus stops.

The City has experienced delays with Southern California Edison (SCE) for completion of the streetlight system design. The City submitted its application to SCE in April 2024 for the necessary line drawings and plans for new street lights in areas without existing electrical infrastructure. SCE originally expected to have these plans complete by September 2024, however due to internal struggles with workload and staffing, the date was revised to July 2025. Based on this information, the City approved the signal and control plans in March 2025, and submitted an allocation request for the CON phase at the June 2025 Commission meeting. Subsequently in July 2025, SCE informed the City that due to continued internal staffing shortages and a backlog of utility projects, they require an additional 16 weeks to complete these plans. Completion of SCE's streetlight plans is essential to finalizing the construction bid package. The City cannot release the construction Request for Proposal or proceed with contract award until these plans are received. The City has updated its timeline and expects to advertise the construction contract by the end of summer 2026. The SCE Public Affairs Liaison has been leading meetings between SCE and City staff to ensure the 16-week commitment is met. The City has incorporated additional buffer time for contingencies given the complexity and scale of the utility work and the potential for further delays beyond the City's control.

Therefore, the City is requesting a 12-month time extension for the period of contract award for the CON phase from November 30, 2025 to November 30, 2026.

Project: 6
Applicant: San Diego Association of Governments
County: San Diego
PPNO: 11
District: 1533
Allocation Amount: \$6,344,000
Phase: Construction
Allocation Date: 06/27/2025
Allocation Resolution: FATP-2425-26
Number of Months Requested: 12 Months
Extended Deadline: 12/31/2026
Department Recommendation: Support

Bayshore Bikeway Barrio Logan Phase 2: Intersection Safety Improvements

San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) requests a 12-month time extension for the period of contract award for the CON phase of the Bayshore Bikeway Barrio Logan Phase 2: Intersection Safety Improvements project. SANDAG has experienced delays finalizing the bid package.

The project proposes to install advanced preemption systems, ADA-compliant sidewalks, wider medians, pavement markings, chain link fence, and traffic signal modification.

The project is located adjacent to active railroad operations and trolley tracks, requiring integration of rail safety standards, signal system upgrades, roadway modifications, specialized flagging, and bikeway design into a single construction package. The bid package must also comply with requirements from the Department, the Federal Highway Administration, State and federal environmental clearance, and the Build America Buy America Act provisions. In addition, the project will not have federal obligation authority until funding is restored at the start of the 2025-26 federal fiscal year. These issues have delayed the finalization of the bid package and impacted SANDAG's ability to advertise the project for competitive bidding. The requested time extension is necessary to accommodate delays in obtaining required approvals from the Department for the Invitation for Bids, the Authorization to Proceed, and the construction bid package. These approvals are critical milestones that must be completed prior to advertisement and award of the construction contract. Despite ongoing coordination with the Department, the review and approval process has taken longer than originally anticipated due to the complexity of the project materials and the volume of submittals currently under review statewide.

Therefore, SANDAG is requesting a 12-month time extension for the period of contract award for the CON phase from December 31, 2025 to December 31, 2026.