

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 EXTEND THE PERIOD OF CONTRACT AWARD FOR A TRANSIT AND INTERCITY RAIL CAPITAL PROGRAM COMPONENT, PER TIRCP ALLOCATION POLICY WAIVER 25-179**

ISSUE:

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) extend the period of contract award for the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) (2024:19) Harbor Bay Ferry Facility Electric Float and Infrastructure Project (Universal Charging Float) component (PPNO CP162), 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 contract award for the TIRCP (2024:19) Harbor Bay Ferry Facility Electric Float and Infrastructure Project (Universal Charging Float) component (PPNO CP162), in Alameda County, for the time period as identified in the attachment.

BACKGROUND:

In March 2025, the Commission allocated \$7,000,000 for the Construction (CON) phase of the TIRCP (2024:19) Harbor Bay Ferry Facility Electric Float and Infrastructure Project (Universal Charging Float) component (PPNO CP162). The responsible agency has been unable to award the contract 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 component 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 project component and the explanation for the delay.

Attachment

**Time Extension/Waiver – Contract Award
Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program**

Project Number: 1
Applicant: San Francisco Bay Area Water Emergency Transportation Authority
County: Alameda
District: 4
PPNO: CP162
Allocation Amount: \$7,000,000
Phase: Construction
Allocation Date: 03/21/2025
Allocation Resolution: TIRCP-2425-54
Number of Months Requested: 20 Months
Extended Deadline: 05/31/2027
Department Recommendation: Support

(2024:19) Harbor Bay Ferry Facility Electric Float and Infrastructure Project (Universal Charging Float)

The San Francisco Bay Area Water Emergency Transportation Authority (WETA) requests a 20-month time extension for the period of contract award for the Construction (CON) phase of the (2024:19) Harbor Bay Ferry Facility Electric Float and Infrastructure Project (Universal Charging Float) component. WETA has experienced unanticipated delays in awarding the third-party contract.

The project component proposes to construct a universal charging float containing vessel charging equipment, internal safety systems to convert medium voltage utility power, and a lithium-ion battery energy storage system. This will help provide the necessary infrastructure to meet the high-frequency service demands of the zero emission all-electric vessels.

In December 2024, WETA received three vendor bids for the Universal Charging Float (UCF), which came in significantly over budget. These bids were between 42 and 72 percent higher than original independent cost estimates. This is due to multiple factors, including increased construction costs, tariff uncertainties, and perceived vendor risk with the overall construction of a UCF. WETA is now proposing to procure a retrofitted UCF, in place of the originally intended new UCF. The switch to a retrofitted UCF is necessary to ensure the financial viability of the project. The more limited scope has the potential to increase the number of capable bidders and competition and alleviate the timeline from the construction of the float itself, due to reduced pricing.

Therefore, WETA is requesting a 20-month time extension for the period of contract award for the CON phase from September 30, 2025 to May 31, 2027.