

## 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 AMEND THE PERIOD OF CONTRACT AWARD FOR A STATE HIGHWAY OPERATION AND PROTECTION PROGRAM PROJECT, ON THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM, PER SHOPP GUIDELINES WAIVER 25-191, AMENDING WAIVER 25-96**

### **ISSUE:**

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) amend the period of contract award for the State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) Mobility project (PPNO 2027J), in Alameda 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 Mobility project (PPNO 2027J), in Alameda County, for the time period as identified in the attachment.

### **BACKGROUND:**

In December 2024, the Commission allocated \$70,100,000 in Construction (CON) Capital for the SHOPP Mobility project (PPNO 2027J). In accordance with the SHOPP Guidelines (Guidelines), the deadline to award contracts for projects allocated in December 2024 is June 30, 2025. In June 2025, the project received a 4-month contract award time extension for the CON phase, extending the deadline to October 31, 2025. 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 this 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 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

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

Project Number: 1  
County: Alameda  
District: 4  
PPNO: 2027J  
EA: 2Q740  
Route: 880  
Phase: Construction  
Allocation Amount: \$70,100,000  
Allocation Date: 12/06/2024  
1st Waiver: Waiver 25-96  
Approved: June 2025  
Number of Months Requested: ~~4 Months~~ **7 Months**  
Extended Deadline: ~~10/31/2025~~ **01/31/2026**  
Department Recommendation: Support

**SHOPP Mobility project**

The Department requests an additional three months from four months to seven months for the period of contract award for the Construction (CON) phase of the SHOPP Mobility project. The Department experienced delays in awarding the project.

The project is on Routes 80,101, 880, and 980 at various locations in Alameda, San Francisco, and San Mateo counties. The project proposes to install and upgrade Transportation Management System (TMS) elements including Closed Circuit Television cameras, Vehicle Detection Systems, Changeable Message Signs, ramp meters, and fiber optic cable.

Initially, the Department received the CON phase allocation in December 2024 and planned to award the project by June 30, 2025. The advertisement and subsequent award were delayed due to coordination efforts with overlapping projects, and redesign of proposed signage systems.

This project involves installing a fiber optic system and upgrading the TMS across multiple counties. After receiving the CON allocation, one of the overlapping projects was found to include bridge joint repairs that would sever the fiber optic system being installed under this proposed project. Other conflicts were identified with the proposed sign structure on the Bay Bridge. The sign structure design had to be modified to avoid bridge cabling. Since the project was designed using an Architectural and Engineering consultant and they are the Engineer of Record, this required additional coordination for the revisions to be made. This resulted in a six week delay since the contract with the consultant had expired and required reissuance. The Department addressed these

issues and advertised the project on April 28, 2025. Since the project requires specialized contractors, an extended advertisement period was used and bid opening was scheduled for mid-June. However, the project received over 45 bidder inquiries, mostly regarding the fiber optic line installation. As a result, the Department was issuing addenda to provide installation clarity. To provide bidders time to adjust their bids, the bid opening was scheduled for July 31, 2025. Therefore, additional time to award the project was requested.

Since then, due to the nature of the project scope and specialty of the involved work, the project received more bidder inquiries that resulted in addenda. As a result, the bid opening deadline was adjusted out to August 21, 2025 to accommodate the addenda, provide more time to prospective bidders, and attract more specialized contractors. Additional time is needed to address the bid inquiries, process and review bidders, and award the project.

Therefore, the Department is requesting an exception to the Guidelines for an additional three months to allow sufficient time to award the contract from October 31, 2025 to January 31, 2026.