

MEMORANDUM

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: October 16-17, 2025

From: STEVEN KECK, Chief Financial Officer

Reference Number: 2.8v.(7), Action Item

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Subject: **REQUEST TO AMEND THE PERIOD OF PROJECT COMPLETION FOR
A STATE HIGHWAY OPERATION AND PROTECTION PROGRAM PROJECT, AS
AN EXCEPTION TO THE SHOPP GUIDELINES
WAIVER 25-188, AMENDING WAIVER 25-52**

ISSUE:

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) amend the period of project completion for the State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) Collision Reduction project (PPNO 4785), in Placer 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 project completion for the SHOPP Collision Reduction project (PPNO 4785), in Placer County, for the time period as identified in the attachment.

BACKGROUND:

In July 2021, the Commission allocated \$6,270,000 in Construction Capital and Support for the SHOPP Collision Reduction project (PPNO 4785). In May 2025, the project received a 6-month time extension for the period of project completion. However, the Department is requesting an exception to the SHOPP Guidelines (Guidelines) for additional time. 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 Department request a time extension if the project will not be completed within 36 months after award. 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 – Project Completion for
State Highway Operation and Protection Program**

Project Number: 1
County: Placer
District: 3
PPNO: 4785
EA: 1H240
Route: 49
Allocation Amount: \$6,270,000
Phase: CON/CON Support
Allocation Date: 07/22/2021
Award Date: 05/27/2022
1st Waiver: Waiver 25-52
Approved: May 2025
Number of Months Requested: ~~6 Months~~ **9 Months**
Extended Deadline: ~~11/30/2025~~ **02/28/2026**
Department Recommendation: Support

SHOPP Collision Reduction project

The Department requests an additional three months, from six months to nine months, for the period of project completion for the Construction (CON) phase of the SHOPP Collision Reduction project. The Department has experienced unexpected delays in completing construction.

The project is located on State Route (SR) 49, in the City of Auburn (City), from south of Lincoln Way to Lincoln Way. The project will realign the roadway and construct a roundabout.

Construction began in the spring of 2022 with the anticipation of reaching Construction Contract Acceptance (CCA) by May 31, 2025. The project required coordination with the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR), Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E), Placer County Water Agency (PCWA) and the City. A Maintenance Consent Letter (MCL) from UPRR was required, and the Department worked extensively to avoid construction delays by facilitating communication between UPRR and the utility companies. In addition, utility agreements were executed between the Department, PG&E, PCWA, and the City. These utility agreements allowed the Department to issue Right of Way Certification and proceed to Ready to List in June 2021. The agreements also allowed the Department to relocate utilities for PCWA and the City during construction.

PG&E overhead utility pole relocation work specified in this project was planned to occur between December 2021 and February 2022 as stated in the project's special provisions. PG&E relocation did not proceed as scheduled due to a delay in obtaining a Right of Entry (ROE) Agreement with UPRR, and the work did not begin until April 2023, more than 14 months later than stated in the special provisions. This work continued sporadically until the last pole was removed in January 2024.

Upon PG&E completing relocation in January 2024, the Department continued construction and relocation of the water and sewer lines for PCWA and the City under what the Department believed was the Department's approved MCL. UPRR informed the Department that construction could not move forward because the utility owners would have to obtain their own MCL and ROE Agreement.

PCWA and the City applied and submitted their permits in February 2024. PCWA obtained their UPRR MCL and permit in August 2024. However, the City had yet to obtain their MCL and ROE for their sewer line relocation from the UPRR. This relocation was a critical path work item and delayed the construction activities.

The Department was working closely with the City and UPRR and anticipated resolution by June 2025. The remaining work was to be completed within six months and Construction Contract Acceptance (CCA) was anticipated to be completed by November 30, 2025. The project received a 6-month time extension in May 2025 and construction activities were anticipated to resume.

Since then, the UPRR reviews have taken longer than anticipated for the encroachment permits required for relocation of the City's sewer lines which are approximately 100 years old. The City received the UPRR permit in mid-August 2025, allowing the contractor to mobilize and begin work in early September. The work associated with the sewer line relocation accounts for most of the additional time request, combined with other items associated with the general contract, including railroad inspection and flagging, paving, traffic control, mobilization, and various minor items. The contractor has committed to extended shifts and longer work weeks to complete the project work by the end of October 2025. The additional time will also allow for the processing of all invoices, completion of project documentation, final surveying, and other necessary tasks to achieve CCA by January 2026. There is a concurrent supplemental funds allocation to complete construction on this month's Commission agenda.

Therefore, the Department is requesting an exception to the Guidelines for an additional three months to finalize CCA from November 30, 2025 to February 28, 2026.