

## MEMORANDUM

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS  
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: December 4-5, 2025

From: STEVEN KECK, Chief Financial Officer

Reference Number: 2.8c.(2), Action Item

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF PROJECT COMPLETION FOR A STATE-ADMINISTERED STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, ON THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM, PER STIP GUIDELINES WAIVER 25-192**

### **ISSUE:**

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) extend the period of project completion for the State-Administered State Transportation Improvement Project (STIP) Eureka/Arcata Corridor Improvement project (PPNO 0072), in Humboldt County, for the time period as identified in the attachment?

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the Commission extend the period of project completion for the State-Administered STIP Eureka/Arcata Corridor Improvement project (PPNO 0072), in Humboldt County, for the time period as identified in the attachment.

### **BACKGROUND:**

In May 2021, the Commission allocated \$58,721,000 in Construction Capital for the State-Administered STIP Eureka/Arcata Corridor Improvement project (PPNO 0072). The project was awarded in December 2022. In accordance with STIP Guidelines (Guidelines), the deadline to complete the Construction Contract Acceptance for projects awarded in December 2022 is December 31, 2025. The Department is requesting a time extension to complete construction. The attachment shows the details of the project and the delays that have resulted in the time extension request.

Current Guidelines stipulate that the agency implementing a project request a time extension if the project will not be completed within 36 months after award. The Commission may approve a waiver to the timely use of funds deadline, one-time only, for up to 20 months.

Attachment

## **Time Extension/Waiver – Project Completion for State Transportation Improvement Program**

Project Number: 1  
Applicant: Department of Transportation  
County: Humboldt  
District: 1  
PPNO: 0072  
EA: 36600  
Route: 101  
Allocation Amount: \$58,721,000  
Phase: Construction  
Allocation Date: 05/13/2021  
Allocation Resolution: FP-20-73  
Award Date: 12/29/2022  
Number of Months Requested: 20 Months  
Extended Deadline: 08/31/2027  
Department Recommendation: Support

### **Eureka/Arcata Corridor Improvement project**

The Department of Transportation (Department) requests a 20-month time extension to complete the Construction (CON) phase of the Eureka/Arcata Corridor Improvement project. The Department has experienced unexpected delays in completing construction.

The project is located on United States Highway (US) 101 in Eureka and Arcata, from Eureka Slough Bridge to Route 101/255 separation. The project will upgrade the 4-lane facility.

The project received allocation in May 2021, and the project began construction in January 2023, however the project immediately went into winter suspension. The original Construction Contract Acceptance (CCA) date was set for December 2025. However, due to unforeseen construction delays, the completion date has been revised to December 2027. The delay is primarily due to extended winter weather events, which impacted construction progress and required work to continue into an additional construction season. The project involves extensive earthwork that is heavily impacted by wet conditions. As a result of the extended weather events, the site presents unique challenges due to extremely soft and compressible soil conditions, making construction activities during the winter months difficult. In addition, the Department missed the opportunity at the time of CON phase allocation to incorporate the required time to perform and complete the 1-year Plant Establishment Period. Due to these factors the project requires additional time to complete all construction activities and reach CCA by August 2027.

Therefore, the Department is requesting a 20-month time extension to allow sufficient time to achieve CCA from December 31, 2025 to August 31, 2027.