

MEMORANDUM

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: December 4-5, 2025

From: STEVEN KECK, Chief Financial Officer

Reference Number: 2.8b.(3), Action Item

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF CONTRACT AWARD FOR
A LOCALLY-ADMINISTERED SENATE BILL 1 TRADE CORRIDOR
ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM PROJECT, ON THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM,
PER TCEP GUIDELINES
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ISSUE:

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) extend the period of contract award for the locally-administered Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP) SR-60/Potrero Boulevard Interchange Phase II project (PPNO 1321), in Riverside 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 contract award for the locally-administered SB 1 TCEP SR-60/Potrero Boulevard Interchange Phase II project (PPNO 1321), in Riverside County, for the time period as identified in the attachment.

BACKGROUND:

In June 2025, the Commission allocated \$33,500,000 to the Construction phase of the locally-administered SB 1 TCEP SR-60/Potrero Boulevard Interchange Phase II project (PPNO 1321). In accordance with TCEP Guidelines (Guidelines), the deadline to award contracts for projects allocated in June 2025 is December 31, 2025. The Riverside County Transportation Commission is requesting a time extension for the period of contract award. The attachment shows the details of the project and the delays that have resulted in this time extension request.

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

Attachment

**Time Extension/Waiver – Contract Award
Senate Bill 1 Trade Corridor Enhancement Program**

Project Number: 1
Applicant: Riverside County Transportation Commission
County: Riverside
District: 8
PPNO: 1321
EA: 34142
Route: 60
Allocation Amount: \$33,500,000
Phase: Construction
Allocation Date: 06/27/2025
Allocation Resolution: TCEP-A-2425-26
Number of Months Requested: 5 Months
Extended Deadline: 05/31/2026
Department Recommendation: Support

SR-60/Potrero Boulevard Interchange Phase II project

The Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) requests a 5-month time extension for the period of contract award for the Construction (CON) phase of the SR-60/Potrero Boulevard Interchange Phase II project. The RCTC has experienced delays in awarding the project.

This project is located on State Route (SR) 60, at the SR 60/Potrero Boulevard Interchange, between Jack Rabbit trail and the SR 60/I-10 Junction. The project proposes a new interchange with on and off ramps. The project also proposes to construct westbound/eastbound exit ramps and westbound and eastbound loop entry ramps. The project will realign Western Knolls Avenue and remove the Western Knolls Avenue connection to SR 60.

The project was originally scheduled to advertise in June 2025, with a bid opening in July 2025. However, the schedule was revised to advertise in September 2025 and open bids in October 2025 due to the delay in obtaining the Federal Authorization (E-76).

The E-76 took longer than anticipated. Additional time was required due to longer than expected coordination efforts with Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to ensure all necessary documentation was complete and accurate before authorization could be granted. The E-76 package was completed and submitted for review on July 15, 2025. The approved E-76 was received on July 30, 2025 from FHWA and delayed advertisement by approximately 3 weeks. This impacted the schedule and made it infeasible to proceed with the originally planned advertisement in late June 2025.

The Federal Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program recently changed eligibility requirements. As a result, DBE firms have had to reapply for this designation. Potential contractors and subcontractors, that may also be DBEs, require additional time to apply for and obtain recertification. The additional time will allow DBEs to meet the new federal requirements, promoting greater participation and equity in the bidding process to award the project by May 2026. Although this has not directly impacted the project, additional time would allow for a larger bidding pool and more competitive bidding.

Therefore, the RCTC is requesting a 5-month time extension for the period of contract award for the CON phase from December 31, 2025 to May 31, 2026.