

MEMORANDUM

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: December 4-5, 2025

From: STEVEN KECK, Chief Financial Officer

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

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF PROJECT COMPLETION 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 project completion for the locally-administered Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP) I-5 Golden State Chokepoint Relief project (PPNO 3189B), in Los Angeles 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 locally-administered SB 1 TCEP I-5 Golden State Chokepoint Relief project (PPNO 3189B), in Los Angeles County, for the time period as identified in the attachment.

BACKGROUND:

In May 2020, the Commission allocated \$247,000,000 for the Construction phase of the locally-administered SB 1 TCEP I-5 Golden State Chokepoint Relief project (PPNO 3189B). The project was awarded in August 2021. In accordance with SB 1 TCEP Guidelines (Guidelines), the deadline to complete the Construction Contract Acceptance for projects awarded in August 2021 is August 31, 2024. The project received an additional 18 months at the time of allocation making the deadline February 28, 2026. The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority 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
Senate Bill 1 Trade Corridor Enhancement Program**

Project Number: 1
Applicant: Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
County: Los Angeles
District: 7
PPNO: 3189B
EA: 2332E
Route: 5
Allocation Amount: \$247,000,000
Phase: Construction
Allocation Date: 05/13/2020
Allocation Resolution: TCEP-A-1920-09
Award Date: 08/23/2021
Number of Months Requested: 20 Months
Extended Deadline: 10/31/2027
Department Recommendation: Support

I-5 Golden State Chokepoint Relief project

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LA Metro) requests a 20-month time extension to complete the Construction phase of the I-5 Golden State Chokepoint Relief project. LA Metro has experienced unexpected delays in completing construction.

The project is located at Interstate 5 (I-5) and State Route (SR) 14 split, in northern Los Angeles County. The project will construct truck lanes, High-Occupancy Vehicle lanes, auxiliary lanes, soundwalls, and an Intelligent Transportation System hub station. The project will also widen seven bridges and improve access to a weigh station.

Construction was originally scheduled to begin in August 2021 but encountered a 2-month delay due to late submission of initial documentation by the contractor. Construction commenced in October 2021 and in June 2023, the project encountered quality delays in the Jointed Plain Concrete Pavement (JPCP) that impacted the construction schedule. The JPCP operations that were initially planned to begin in June 2023 did not commence until August 2023 due to the pavement mix failing to meet the required design strength. This issue was elevated through continuous Quality Assurance testing and reporting, and the contractor was formally notified to provide a contractual remedy to address the issue. Following a re-design and further testing, the JPCP median paving operations did not resume until March 2024, resulting in an overall delay of approximately nine months. The delay to this median pavement work impacted the subsequent stage construction plans by approximately 14 months. To help mitigate the delays and keep the project moving forward, elements of the next construction stage were performed concurrently. These activities led to a combined total delay of 10 months.

Construction is on-going, however, performance issues persist. Based on an evaluation of the contractor's performance trends, LA Metro anticipates the overall completion delay to be approximately 20 months. This projection is derived from an estimated 6-month contractual construction duration difference, a 10-month delay in the initial construction stage work, and an additional 4-month delay anticipated from current production and performance trends. LA Metro continues to work closely with the contractor to mitigate delays by allowing concurrent completion of remaining initial construction stage activities alongside the subsequent construction stage. With these mitigation measures, the project is now anticipated to be completed by October 2027.

Therefore, the Department is requesting a 20-month time extension to allow sufficient time to achieve Construction Contract Acceptance from February 28, 2026 to October 31, 2027.