

MEMORANDUM

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: December 4-5, 2025

From: STEVEN KECK, Chief Financial Officer

Reference Number: 2.8b.(9), Action Item

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF CONTRACT AWARD FOR A
LOCALLY-ADMINISTERED SENATE BILL 1 SOLUTIONS FOR CONGESTED
CORRIDORS PROGRAM PROJECT, OFF THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM, PER
SCCP GUIDELINES
WAIVER 25-208**

ISSUE:

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) extend the period of contract award for the locally-administered Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) Solutions for Congested Corridors Program (SCCP) Sheffield Drive to Ortega Hill Pedestrian and Bicycle Connector project (PPNO 3199), in Santa Barbara County, for the time period as identified in the attachment?

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation recommends that the Commission extend the period of contract award for the locally-administered SB 1 SCCP Sheffield Drive to Ortega Hill Pedestrian and Bicycle Connector project (PPNO 3199), in Santa Barbara County, for the time period as identified in the attachment.

BACKGROUND:

In June 2025, the Commission allocated \$2,250,000 for the Construction phase of the locally-administered SB 1 SCCP Sheffield Drive to Ortega Hill Pedestrian and Bicycle Connector project (PPNO 3199). The responsible agency is unable to award the contract within six months of allocation, per SCCP Guidelines (Guidelines). The attachment describes the details of the project and the explanation for the delays. The responsible agency requests an extension, and the planning agency concurs.

Current SB 1 SCCP Guidelines stipulate that the agencies implementing a project request a time extension if the project will not be awarded within six months of allocation. The Commission may approve a waiver to the Timely Use of Funds deadline, one-time only, for up to 12 months.

Attachment

**Time Extension/Waiver – Contract Award
Solutions for Congested Corridors Program**

Project Number: 1
Applicant: County of Santa Barbara
County: Santa Barbara
District: 5
PPNO: 3199
Allocation Amount: \$2,250,000
Phase: Construction
Allocation Date: 06/27/2025
Allocation Resolution: SCCP-A-2425-04
Number of Months Requested: 12 Months
Extended Deadline: 12/31/2026
Department Recommendation: Support

Sheffield Drive to Ortega Hill Pedestrian and Bicycle Connector project

The County of Santa Barbara (County) requests a 12-month time extension for the period of contract award for the Construction (CON) phase of the Sheffield Drive to Ortega Hill Pedestrian and Bicycle Connector project. The County has experienced unforeseen delays due to utility relocations.

The project proposes to complete a gap closure in the California Coastal Trail and Pacific Bike Route in Summerland/Montecito to improve accessibility and safety and connect existing bicycle and pedestrian facilities to existing Class I facilities.

There are overhead utility lines, including poles and guy wires, that are directly in conflict with the proposed bike path. The utility owners were informed of these conflicts and have applied for encroachment permits to move the poles and related equipment. However, this relocation work is stalled because the utility owners failed to provide the necessary encroachment policy exemption form when the encroachment permit documentation was submitted. Currently, the complete submittal has been received by the County and forwarded to the Department for review and processing. In addition, another utility owner, Sprint, has an existing pedestal power meter that interferes with the alignment for the proposed bike path. Sprint has submitted a relocation plan and permit applications for review and approval. The County anticipates approval of both encroachment permits by December 2025. Additionally, the relocation efforts for this utility require the issuance of Special Discharge and Land Use Permits by the Planning and Development Department before the County Roads Department can issue a county utility permit. This permit is expected to be issued by April 2026. The County needs additional time for the external review and approval of the necessary permits and anticipates advertising and awarding the construction contract by December 2026.

Therefore, the County is requesting a 12-month time extension for the period of contract award for the CON phase from December 31, 2025, to December 31, 2026.