

## MEMORANDUM

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS  
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: December 4-5, 2025

From: STEVEN KECK, Chief Financial Officer

Reference Number: 2.8v.(13), Action Item

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Subject: **REQUEST TO AMEND THE PERIOD OF PROJECT ALLOCATION FOR A  
LOCALLY-ADMINISTERED ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM PROJECT,  
OFF THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM  
WAIVER 25-219, AMENDING WAIVER 25-79**

### **ISSUE:**

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) amend the period of project allocation for the locally-administered Active Transportation Program (ATP) Hetch Hetchy Railroad Trail Project (PPNO 3570), in Tuolumne 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 allocation for the locally-administered ATP Hetch Hetchy Railroad Trail Project (PPNO 3570), in Tuolumne County, for the time period as identified in the attachment.

### **BACKGROUND:**

In May 2025, the Commission approved a 6-month project allocation time extension for the Plans, Specifications, and Estimate phase of the ATP Hetch Hetchy Railroad Trail Project (PPNO 3570). The local agency will not be able to request allocation for funds by the December 31, 2025 deadline. The attachment shows the details of the project and the explanation for the delay. The respective agency is requesting an amendment to the extension, and the regional planning agency concurs.

Current ATP Guidelines adopted by the Commission stipulate that funds programmed for all components of local grant projects are available for allocation only until the end of the fiscal year. The Commission may approve a waiver to the Timely Use of Funds deadline, one-time only, for up to 20 months.

Attachment

**Amendment Time Extension/Waiver – Project Allocation  
Active Transportation Program**

Project Number: 1  
Applicant: Groveland Community Services District  
County: Tuolumne  
District: 10  
PPNO: 3570  
Allocation Amount: \$25,000  
Phase: Plans, Specifications, and Estimate  
1st Waiver: Waiver 25-79  
Approved: May 2025  
Number of Months Requested: ~~6 Months~~ **12 Months**  
Extended Deadline: ~~12/31/2025~~ **06/30/2026**  
Department Recommendation: Support

**Hetch Hetchy Railroad Trail Project**

The Groveland Community Services District (GCSD) requests an additional 6 months, from 6 months to 12 months, for the period of project allocation for the Plans, Specifications, and Estimate (PS&E) phase of the Hetch Hetchy Railroad Trail Project. GCSD has experienced ongoing delays with environmental approval.

The project proposes to construct a Class I multi-use path connecting residential, commercial, and recreational amenities.

In December 2023, State Transportation Improvement Program funds were allocated for the Project Approval and Environmental Document (PA&ED) phase. Due to an administrative error, Tuolumne County was incorrectly identified as the recipient of the allocation and in October 2024, an allocation amendment was approved to identify Tuolumne County Transportation Commission (TCTC) as the recipient. The GCSD is the original applicant of the project; however, they do not have a Master Agreement with the Department which is required to receive allocated funds. Therefore, TCTC has partnered with GCSD to serve as a recipient. Due to the administrative error in the recipient's name, neither TCTC nor GCSD were notified of the allocation approval and consequently did not move forward in the PA&ED phase until the allocation amendment was approved in October 2024. The GCSD had expected to have the PA&ED phase completed by December 2025, however the Department notified GCSD on October 2, 2025, that additional studies were required due to a change in the Area of Potential Effect. The GCSD is currently working on the studies and they are expected to be completed by January 2026. Additionally, the Initial Site Assessment, water quality report, Section 4F and land use reports are in progress and expected to be completed by the end of November 2025. Once these the studies and reports are complete, it will take approximately four months for Department review and clearance. The GCSD is diligently working to complete these unforeseen environmental studies and allocate PS&E by the extended deadline.

Therefore, the GCSD is requesting an additional six months for the period of project allocation for the PS&E phase from December 31, 2025 to June 30, 2026.