

## MEMORANDUM

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS  
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: January 29-30, 2026

From: STEVEN KECK, Chief Financial Officer

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

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Subject: **REQUEST TO AMEND THE PERIOD OF PROJECT ALLOCATION FOR  
A STATE HIGHWAY OPERATION AND PROTECTION PROGRAM PROJECT, AS  
AN EXCEPTION TO THE SHOPP GUIDELINES  
WAIVER 26-16, AMENDING WAIVER 25-43**

### **ISSUE:**

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) amend the period of project allocation for the State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) Safety Improvement project (PPNO 3466), in Merced 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 project allocation for the SHOPP Safety Improvement project (PPNO 3466), in Merced County, for the time period as identified in the attachment.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The Department will not be able to request an allocation of funds by the previously approved deadline as detailed in the attachment. Current SHOPP Guidelines stipulate that the Commission may approve waivers to the Timely Use of Funds deadline, one-time only, for up to 20 months. This request is to provide an exception per the SHOPP Guidelines.

Attachment

**Amendment Time Extension/Waiver - Project Allocation  
State Highway Operation and Protection Program**

Project Number: 1  
County: Merced  
District: 10  
PPNO: 3466  
EA: 1K620  
Allocation Amount: \$5,678,000  
Phase: Construction and Construction Support  
1st Waiver: Waiver 24-125  
Approved: August 16, 2024  
2nd Waiver: Waiver 25-43  
Approved: March 21, 2025  
Number of Months Requested: ~~14 months~~ ~~19 months~~ **20 months**  
Extended Deadline: ~~8/31/2025~~ ~~1/31/2026~~ **2/28/2026**  
Department Recommendation: Support

**EA 10-1K620 (Project ID: 1019000059): Mer-59, PM 13.6**

The Department requests an amendment for an additional 1 month, from 19 months to 20 months, for the allocation of the Construction (CON) and CON Support phases of the SHOPP Safety Improvement project near the city of Merced.

The Commission approved an amended 19-month time extension for this safety project allocation at the March 2025 Commission meeting that will expire on January 31, 2026. The prior amended request was necessary to finalize negotiations for one remaining parcel and to complete the utility plans for the relocation maps that are still pending from the city and utility companies. Currently, the utility relocation plans from several utility owners are pending but nearing final approval. Additionally, the Resolution of Necessity for the remaining parcel requires a Right-of-Way Certification 3W, which is pending review and approval from the Federal Highway Administration. This continued challenge is expected to delay the CON and CON Support delegated authority allocations to February 2026.

Therefore, the Department is requesting an exception to the SHOPP Guidelines, for an additional one month to allocate CON and CON Support phases from January 31, 2026 to February 28, 2026.