

## MEMORANDUM

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS  
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: January 29-30, 2026

From: STEVEN KECK, Chief Financial Officer

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF PROJECT COMPLETION FOR A  
LOCALLY-ADMINISTERED STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT  
PROGRAM PROJECT, ON THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM, PER STIP  
GUIDELINES  
WAIVER 26-22**

### **ISSUE:**

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) extend the period of project completion for the locally-administered State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) I-680 Sound Walls - Capitol Expressway to Mueller project (PPNO 0521C), in Santa Clara 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 STIP I-680 Sound Walls - Capitol Expressway to Mueller project (PPNO 0521C), in Santa Clara County, for the time period as identified in the attachment.

### **BACKGROUND:**

In June 2022, the Commission allocated \$6,875,000 in Construction Capital for the locally-administered STIP I-680 Sound Walls - Capitol Expressway to Mueller project (PPNO 0521C). The project was awarded in December 2022. In accordance with STIP Guidelines (Guidelines), the deadline to complete the Construction Contract Acceptance for projects awarded in December 2022 is December 31, 2025. The local agency 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  
State Transportation Improvement Program**

Project Number: 1  
Applicant: Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority  
County: Santa Clara  
District: 4  
PPNO: 0521C  
EA: 0K030  
Route: 680  
Allocation Amount: \$6,875,000  
Phase: Construction  
Allocation Date: 06/30/2022  
Allocation Resolution: FP-21-94  
Award Date: 12/01/2022  
Number of Months Requested: 12 Months  
Extended Deadline: 12/31/2026  
Department Recommendation: Support

**I-680 Sound Walls - Capitol Expressway to Mueller project**

The Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) requests a 12-month time extension to complete the Construction phase of the I-680 Sound Walls - Capitol Expressway to Mueller project. VTA has experienced unexpected delays in completing construction.

This project is located on Interstate 680, in the City of San Jose. The project will construct soundwalls at various locations between Capitol Expressway and Mueller Avenue.

The project was awarded in December 2022, and the deadline to complete the project was anticipated to be December 2025. The soundwall construction was scheduled to be completed within one construction season. However, the project also includes a 3-year Plant Establishment Period (PEP) that was originally anticipated to be completed as a separate contract. However, per Department policy and the overall cost of the PEP, this work must remain with the initial project. Per policy, projects with PEP less than \$300,000 do not require separate contracts. This requirement was realized after the project had received its construction allocation and the opportunity to request additional time to cover the longer construction period had passed. The PEP work has commenced and is anticipated to conclude on December 16, 2026. As a result, additional time is needed to complete the PEP.

Therefore, VTA is requesting a 12-month time extension to allow sufficient time to achieve Construction Contract Acceptance from December 31, 2025 to December 31, 2026.