

MEMORANDUM

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: January 29-30, 2026

From: STEVEN KECK, Chief Financial Officer

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

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF PROJECT COMPLETION FOR A STATE-ADMINISTERED MULTI-FUNDED STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND SENATE BILL 1 LOCAL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (COMPETITIVE) PROJECT, ON THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM, PER STIP AND LPP (COMPETITIVE) GUIDELINES WAIVER 26-05**

ISSUE:

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) extend the period of project completion for the State-Administered multi-funded State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) Local Partnership Program (LPP) (Competitive) SR99/Commercial Ave Interchange Project (PPNO 6940), in Tulare 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 State-Administered multi-funded STIP and SB 1 LPP (Competitive) SR99/Commercial Ave Interchange Project (PPNO 6940), in Tulare County, for the time period as identified in the attachment.

BACKGROUND:

In August 2022, the Commission allocated \$16,400,000 (\$7,400,000 in STIP and \$9,000,000 in LPP) in Construction Capital for the State-Administered multi-funded STIP and SB 1 LPP (Competitive) SR99/Commercial Ave Interchange Project (PPNO 6940). The project was awarded in January 2023. In accordance with STIP and SB 1 LPP (Competitive) Guidelines (Guidelines), the deadline to complete the Construction Contract Acceptance for projects awarded in January 2023 is January 31, 2026. The Department 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
Multi-funded STIP and SB 1 LPP (Competitive)**

Project Number: 1
Applicant: Department of Transportation
County: Tulare
District: 6
PPNO: 6940
EA: 0U880
Route: 99
Allocation Amount: \$16,400,000 (\$7,400,000 STIP and \$9,000,000 LPP (Competitive))
Phase: Construction Capital and Construction Support
Allocation Date: 08/18/2022
Allocation Resolution: FP-22-16 and LPP-A-2223-07
Award Date: 01/23/2023
Number of Months Requested: 16 Months
Extended Deadline: 05/31/2027
Department Recommendation: Support

SR99/Commercial Ave Interchange Project

The Department requests a 16-month time extension to complete the Construction phase of the SR99/Commercial Ave Interchange Project. The Department has experienced unexpected delays in completing construction.

The project is located on State Route 99 (SR 99), near the City of Tulare at Commercial Avenue and SR 99 between north of Avenue 200 overcrossing and Paige Avenue overcrossing. The project will construct a new interchange and construct northbound and southbound auxiliary lanes.

The construction of this project began in September 2023. However, the contractor submitted a Request for Information which informed the Department that their subcontractor's application for a pile driving permit has been denied. Due to the project's proximity to the local Medford Field airport and the height of the construction equipment, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) became part of the approval process. This denial was due to the missed permit and the absence of an Aeronautical Study Number (ASN) from the FAA, which is a required component for permit approval. The ASN was then provided by the FAA on January 9, 2024. As a result, the project faced a delay of three months.

The project has also experienced schedule impacts of six months due to required stage construction plan revisions, weather-related disruptions, and traffic restrictions caused by adjacent and conflicting construction activities for project EA 06-36024. The Department worked with the contractor to accelerate work where possible, and the project is anticipated to complete the remaining work within nine months excluding the drainage-related activities.

To accommodate the drainage system work, the Department is requesting additional time. The additional time accounts for a 5-month winter suspension, with drainage work expected to commence in spring 2027 and be completed within 2 months following mobilization.

Therefore, the Department is requesting a 16-month time extension to allow sufficient time to achieve Construction Contract Acceptance from January 31, 2026 to May 31, 2027.