

## MEMORANDUM

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS  
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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From: STEVEN KECK, Chief Financial Officer

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF PROJECT COMPLETION FOR A  
LOCALLY-ADMINISTERED SENATE BILL 1 LOCAL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM  
(COMPETITIVE) TRANSIT PROJECT, PER LPP (COMPETITIVE) GUIDELINES  
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### **ISSUE:**

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) extend the period of project completion for the locally-administered Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) Local Partnership Program (LPP) (Competitive) NextGen Transit Signal Priority Transponders project (PPNO 5755A), in Los Angeles County, for the time period as identified in the attachment?

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

The California Department of Transportation recommends that the Commission extend the period of project completion for the locally-administered SB 1 LPP (Competitive) NextGen Transit Signal Priority Transponders project (PPNO 5755A), in Los Angeles County, for the time period as identified in the attachment.

### **BACKGROUND:**

In August 2021, the Commission allocated \$15,000,000 to the SB 1 LPP (Competitive) NextGen Transit Signal Priority Transponders project (PPNO 5755A), as identified in the attachment. The responsible agency has been unable to complete the project by the construction completion deadline. The attachment describes the details of the project and the explanation for the delay.

Current LPP (Competitive) 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 waivers to the timely use of funds deadline, one-time only, for up to 20 months.

Attachment

**Time Extension/Waiver – Project Completion  
Local Partnership Program**

Project Number: 1  
Applicant: Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority  
County: Los Angeles  
District: 07  
PPNO: 5755A  
Allocation Amount: \$15,000,000  
Phase: Construction  
Allocation Date: 08/19/2021  
Allocation Resolution: LPP-A-2122-04  
Award Date: 02/21/2023  
Number of Months Requested: 20 Months  
Extended Deadline: 10/31/2027  
Department Recommendation: Support

**NextGen Transit Signal Priority Transponders**

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LA Metro) requests a 20-month time extension for the period of project completion for the Construction (CON) phase of the NextGen Transit Signal Priority Transponders project. LA Metro has experienced delays in completing the CON phase.

The project is located in Los Angeles and includes expansion of transit signal priority throughout the NextGen Tier One high frequency bus network. Transit signal expansion will include the purchase and installation of transit signal priority transponders on the undercarriage of buses to communicate with loop detectors at intersections throughout the bus network.

LA Metro is requesting additional time to address an unforeseen challenge that has arisen with their partner at the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT). Initially, LADOT committed to reprogramming a software application within their Advanced Transportation System and Coordination technology to support this NextGen Transit Signal Priority Transponders project. The software application, referred to as the Transit Priority Manager, is a critical component that interfaces between the cloud and LADOT's underlying traffic signal control system to enable transit signal priority functionality.

In June 2023, LADOT informed LA Metro that they could not complete the Transit Priority Manager work due to staffing and budget challenges. In July 2023, LA Metro initiated a change order with its contractor to deliver the Transit Priority Manager scope instead of LADOT. LA Metro executed a contract modification to complete the Transit Priority Manager work in February 2025, and the Transit Priority Manager scope of work was completed in March 2025, which resulted in a 20-month delay. During the 20-month delay in processing the

Transit Priority Manager contract modification, work on other items in the contract continued to move forward, including other smaller systems integration tasks, configuration of Transit Signal Priority at each individual intersection, and installation of ethernet at intersections. The Transit Priority Manager work was a central component of the systems integration effort, and on the critical path for subsequent components of the project, and the delay caused much of the dependent work to also be delayed. The LA Metro team and the contractor advanced other non-dependent project components during the delay. However, the project is still behind schedule due to the 20-month delay associated with the Transit Priority Manager portion of work. The remaining scope of work is divided into three components, systems integration of the cloud Transit Signal Priority software with LADOT's Advanced Transportation System and Coordination system, installation and configuration of Transit Signal Priority for each local intersection; and installation of ethernet communication at 200 intersections. Work on system integration is currently 90 percent complete. Installation and configuration of Transit Signal Priority is dependent on completion of the system integration work but is on track for completion by the end of September 2027, and installation of ethernet communications is currently 80 percent complete, estimated for 100 percent completion by May 2026. The overall project is forecasted for completion by the end of September 2027.

Therefore, LA Metro is requesting a 20-month time extension for the period of project completion for the CON phase from February 28, 2026 to October 31, 2027.