

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 SENATE BILL 1 TRADE CORRIDOR
ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM PROJECT, PER TCEP 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) Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP) Broadway to Gaslamp Track Signalization and Platform Rail project (PPNO T0016), in San Diego 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 TCEP Broadway to Gaslamp Track Signalization and Platform Rail project (PPNO T0016), in San Diego County, for the time period as identified in the attachment.

BACKGROUND:

In March 2022, the Commission allocated \$33,180,000 to the Construction phase of the SB 1 TCEP Broadway to Gaslamp Track Signalization and Platform Rail project (PPNO T0016). 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 TCEP 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
Trade Corridor Enhancement Program**

Project Number: 1
Applicant: North County Transit District
County: San Diego
District: 75
PPNO: T0016
Allocation Amount: \$33,180,000
Phase: Construction
Allocation Date: 03/17/2022
Allocation Resolution: TCEP-A-2122-12
Award Date: 03/22/2022
Number of Months Requested: 20 Months
Extended Deadline: 11/30/2027
Department Recommendation: Support

Broadway to Gaslamp Track Signalization and Platform Rail project

The North County Transit District (NCTD) requests a 20-month time extension for the period of project completion for the Construction (CON) phase of the Broadway to Gaslamp Track Signalization and Platform Rail project. NCTD has experienced delays in completing the CON phase.

The project is located in Downtown San Diego along the Los Angeles-San Diego-San Luis Obispo Corridor and includes signalization of 1.1 miles of Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway (BNSF) track from the Broadway Crossing to the Fifth Avenue Crossing. The project includes construction of two new control points, a station platform, siding, track work, pedestrian crossing improvements, and landscaping. The project is also being implemented through the design-build delivery method.

The project has experienced delays through its design phase related to coordination of third-party project stakeholders. Immediately following the March 2022 allocation NCTD began holding regular meetings with the City of San Diego (City) to provide updates on the project's progress and receive feedback regarding the benefits and potential impacts. Through these meetings, the City identified the need to maintain existing active transportation pathways within the project's vicinity, including existing bike paths. After several meetings between all stakeholders, including the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), the CPUC identified safety concerns with the existing bike path located between the BNSF tracks and the trolley tracks due to increased pedestrian traffic caused by the construction of the project's new platform. After the meeting with stakeholders, NCTD and the City began coordinating with CPUC to address the safety concerns while minimizing impacts to the City's bike paths. The bike path removal coordination began in July 2022, and the utility relocation coordination

began in early 2023. In August 2025, NCTD and the City reached an agreement on appropriate mitigation to allow the removal of the existing bike paths within the project limits.

Additionally, NCTD began the coordination with the San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) regarding utility relocations necessary to complete the platform construction in early 2023. The platform design element of the overall project is at 98 percent completion. However, challenges in finding alignments for the existing high-pressure gas, electrical transmission, and electrical distribution utilities acceptable to BNSF, SDG&E, and the City, have caused further delays in completion of the platform design and commencement of construction. To date, NCTD, SDG&E, and the City are still coordinating on the new location of the existing gas line. Remaining existing utilities have been identified and will not present additional impacts to the project's construction.

If the additional time is not granted, the project schedule would be significantly impacted and construction would not be completed within the current expenditure period, as construction work is now scheduled to begin in the spring of 2026 and is anticipated to be completed in late 2027.

Therefore, NCTD is requesting a 20-month time extension for the period of project completion for the CON phase from March 31, 2026 to November 30, 2027.