

MEMORANDUM

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: March 19-20, 2026

From: STEVEN KECK, Chief Financial Officer

Reference Number: 2.8b.(6) Action Item

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Subject: **POST-FACT REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF CONTRACT AWARD FOR A TRANSIT AND INTERCITY RAIL CAPITAL PROGRAM COMPONENT WAIVER 26-47**

ISSUE:

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve a Post-Fact time extension request to extend the period of contract award for the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) (2024:21) Bridging Rail Initiatives, Technology, and Education (BRITE) (The Rail Academy of Central California (TRACC)) component (PPNO CP163D), in San Joaquin County, for the time period as identified in the attachment?

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the Commission approve a Post-Fact time extension request to extend the period of contract award for the TIRCP (2024:21) Bridging Rail Initiatives, Technology, and Education (BRITE) (The Rail Academy of Central California (TRACC)) component (PPNO CP163D), in San Joaquin County, for the time period as identified in the attachment.

BACKGROUND:

In June 2025, the Commission allocated \$300,000 for the (2024:21) Bridging Rail Initiatives, Technology, and Education (BRITE) (The Rail Academy of Central California (TRACC)) component (PPNO CP163D). The responsible agency has been unable to award the contract per the Timely Use of Funds (TUF) policy.

The current TIRCP Allocation Policy stipulates that the agency implementing a project component request a time extension if the project component will not be awarded within the specified timeline. In accordance with the TIRCP Allocation Policy, the deadline to award contracts for projects allocated in June 2025 was December 31, 2025. Under the TUF policy, an extension can be requested for up to 20 months for each delivery milestone, where permissible

by statute. The attachment describes the details of the component and the explanation for the delays.

Attachment

**Post-Fact Time Extension/Waiver – Contract Award
Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program**

Project Number: 1
Applicant: San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission
County: San Joaquin
District: 10
PPNO: CP163D
Allocation Amount: \$300,000
Phase: Construction
Allocation Date: 06/27/2025
Allocation Resolution: TIRCP-2425-74
Number of Months Requested: 5 Months
Extended Deadline: 05/31/2026
Department Recommendation: Support

(2024:21) Bridging Rail Initiatives, Technology, and Education (BRITE) (The Rail Academy of Central California (TRACC))

The San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission (SJRRRC) requests a 5-month Post-Fact time extension for the period of contract award for the Construction (CON) phase of the (2024:21) Bridging Rail Initiatives, Technology, and Education (BRITE) (The Rail Academy of Central California (TRACC)) component. SJRRRC has experienced delays in awarding the contract for the CON phase.

The component proposes to provide educational and economic opportunities to underserved communities in San Joaquin County and neighboring areas by providing a streamlined education program to prepare the community for high-paying job opportunities in the Railroad industry.

A pre-existing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between SJRRRC and Sacramento City College, along with other funding sources, enabled The Rail Academy of Central California instruction to begin in January 2024. After allocation in June 2025, SJRRRC was required to amend the preexisting MOU to comply with the Timely Use of Funds (TUF) policy. SJRRRC staff worked with Sacramento City College to amend the third-party contract before the deadline of December 27, 2025. The new MOU was sent to Sacramento City College for review and signature in December 2025, requiring multiple signatures from district-level and legal teams. District-level staff were unable to sign before their winter break beginning on December 22, 2025 and did not return until January 2, 2026.

SJRRRC did not submit a contract award time extension request to the Department prior to the TUF deadline because they did not anticipate any delays in signature from Sacramento City College.

Additional time is being requested to allow sufficient time to fully execute the funding agreement, which is currently two months past the TUF deadline. The Department is confident that the funding agreement with SJRRC will be fully executed by the end of May 2026, allowing SJRRC to amend the MOU by May 31, 2026.

Therefore, SJRRC is requesting a 5-month Post-Fact time extension for the period of contract award for the CON phase from December 31, 2025 to May 31, 2026.