

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 AMEND THE PERIOD OF PROJECT COMPLETION FOR STATE HIGHWAY OPERATION AND PROTECTION PROGRAM PROJECTS, AS AN EXCEPTION TO THE SHOPP GUIDELINES WAIVER 26-28, AMENDING WAIVERS 24-176 AND 25-23**

ISSUE:

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) amend the period of project completion for two State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) projects, for the time periods as identified in the attachment?

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the Commission amend the period of project completion for two SHOPP projects, for the time periods as identified in the attachment.

BACKGROUND:

In March 2021 and October 2021, the Commission allocated \$50,056,000 in Construction Capital and Support for the two SHOPP projects. The projects have received previous time extensions for the period of project completion. However, the Department is requesting an exception to the SHOPP Guidelines (Guidelines) for additional time. The attachment shows the details of the projects and the delays that have resulted in the amended time extension requests.

Current Guidelines stipulate that the Department 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

**Amendment Time Extension/Waiver – Project Completion for
State Highway Operation and Protection Program**

Project Number: 1
County: Los Angeles
District: 7
PPNO: 4985
EA: 32680
Route: 210
Allocation Amount: \$23,511,000
Phase: CON/CON Support
Allocation Date: 03/25/2021
Award Date: 12/23/2021
1st Waiver: Waiver 24-176
Approved: December 2024
Number of Months Requested: ~~16 Months~~ **18 Months**
Extended Deadline: ~~04/30/2026~~ **06/30/2026**
Department Recommendation: Support

SHOPP ADA Curb Ramps project

The Department requests an additional 2 months, from 16 months to 18 months, for the period of project completion for the Construction (CON) phase of the SHOPP ADA Curb Ramps project. The Department has experienced unexpected delays in completing construction.

This project is located on State Route (SR) 210 in various cities, from west of Sunland Boulevard to Base Line Road. The project proposes to reconstruct curb ramps to meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards, install Accessible Pedestrian Signals, and relocate pull boxes and traffic signal poles. This project is being delivered using the Design-Build (DB) method.

Initially, this project was awarded in December 2021 and was proposed to be completed within 900 working days (WDs), equating to 4-5 construction seasons. The construction allocation should have included language to extend the project completion deadline in alignment with the construction seasons. However, this is one of the initial projects being delivered through this DB method and the additional time request was inadvertently missed. During project progress checks, it was determined that an additional 16 months would be required to complete the project. This included the initial WDs, and allowances for weather and claim delays. The Department anticipated completing the project and reaching Construction Contract Acceptance (CCA) by April 2026.

Since the start of the project, substantial completion has been achieved. The project punch list tasks were wide ranging in type and location. Punch list items are scattered across 15 different jurisdictions along SR 210, including the City of Los Angeles, La Crescenta, Montrose, La Canada Flintridge, Pasadena, Arcadia, Monrovia, Duarte, Irwindale, Azusa, Citrus, Glendora, San Dimas, La Verne, and Claremont. There were a total of 228 ADA ramp locations, and the majority of the punch list items have since been addressed. However, due to recent cold

weather, re-striping of damaged thermoplastic striping at crosswalks cannot be performed until overnight temperatures exceed 55 degrees. Completing the striping will need to be postponed to late March and April, when higher temperatures are expected.

Therefore, the Department is requesting an exception to the Guidelines for an additional two months to complete construction from April 30, 2026 to June 30, 2026.

Project Number: 2
County: San Joaquin
District: 10
PPNO: 3146
EA: 1C330
Route: 205
Allocation Amount: \$26,545,000
Phase: CON/CON Support
Allocation Date: 10/13/2021
Award Date: 04/05/2022
1st Waiver: Waiver 25-23
Approved: March 2025
Number of Months Requested: ~~12 Months~~ **20 Months**
Extended Deadline: ~~04/30/2026~~ **12/31/2026**
Department Recommendation: Support

SHOPP Transportation Management Systems project

The Department requests an additional 8 months, from 12 months to 20 months, for the period of project completion for the CON phase of the SHOPP Transportation Management Systems project. The Department has experienced unexpected delays in completing construction.

This project is located on SR 205, in the City of Tracy, from Byron Road Undercrossing to Paradise Road Overcrossing. The project will install ramp meters and other Transportation Management System (TMS) elements.

Initially, the project was awarded in April 2022 and was expected to reach CCA by April 2025. The project proposed to install ramp meters and TMS elements along SR 205 and included ramp widening at the Sugar Spur Railroad (SSR) overhead bridge owned by Holly Commerce (HC). Prior to beginning work on the overhead bridge, shoring plans required approval from the rail line owner. HC contracted with Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) to assist with plan reviews of their facilities. The contractor's shoring plan for the SSR overhead was submitted for review and was found to encroach on the railroad's minimum operating clearance. Resolving the shoring issue with the railroad company resulted in a 6-month delay to the project. In addition to the shoring plan, the project had an ongoing issue with the shoring design for the footing. Several revisions were submitted to HC and UPRR for approval. In January 2025, the latest submittal was returned with several comments requiring minor revisions. The Department reviewed the remaining work, and the construction schedule required approximately 12 months to complete at that time.

Since then, the Department has continued to actively engage UPRR and has submitted over 15 revisions to receive approval. The number of revisions delayed the completion until mid-February 2026. The approval was delayed due to differences in engineering opinions between the Department and UPRR.

The contractor's schedule indicates that one year of construction work remains. This work consists of bridge and roadway construction, which cannot be performed during winter months

due to anticipated temperatures in the allowed paving windows being too low. As a result, a winter suspension may occur at the end of 2026 and through the beginning of 2027, with final construction activities potentially resuming in the spring of 2027. Given this situation, the project requires additional time beyond the current deadline. The Department will work with the contractor to minimize construction duration to help complete the project within the extended timeframe. Since the remaining activities include paving that is susceptible to low temperatures, there is a possibility that the construction schedule could be impacted. The Department will continue to actively monitor the project and keep the Commission staff informed of the status. The Department will work closely with the contractor and look for opportunities to accelerate construction operations. At this time, both the capital and capital outlay support budgets remain in good standing, and no additional funding needs are currently anticipated.

Therefore, the Department is requesting an exception to the Guidelines for an additional 8 months to allow sufficient time to complete construction from April 30, 2026 to December 31, 2026.