

MEMORANDUM

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: March 19-20, 2026

From: STEVEN KECK, Chief Financial Officer

Reference Number: 2.8v.(7), Action Item

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Subject: **REQUEST TO AMEND THE PERIOD OF PROJECT COMPLETION FOR A
TRANSIT AND INTERCITY RAIL CAPITAL PROGRAM COMPONENT
WAIVER 26-44, AMENDING WAIVER 24-133**

ISSUE:

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) amend the period of project completion for the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) (2018:27) Southern California Optimized Rail Expansion (SCORE) (Supplemental Fleet Refurbishment) component (PPNO CP033), in Los Angeles County, for the time period as identified in the attachment?

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation recommends that the Commission amend the period of project completion for the TIRCP (2018:27) Southern California Optimized Rail Expansion (SCORE) (Supplemental Fleet Refurbishment) component (PPNO CP033), in Los Angeles County, for the time period as identified in the attachment.

BACKGROUND:

In October 2018, the Commission allocated \$23,160,000 for the Construction (CON) phase of the TIRCP (2018:27) Southern California Optimized Rail Expansion (SCORE) (Fleet and Facility Improvements Phase 1) component, (PPNO CP033). In June 2021, the project was split into two separate components and the Supplemental Fleet Refurbishment component received \$19,060,000. In December 2022, the Commission allocated \$8,267,000 in supplemental funds for the CON phase of the component. In August 2024, the Commission approved a 20-month time extension with a new deadline of June 30, 2026, however, the responsible agency has been unable to complete the component phase per the Timely Use of Funds policy and is now requesting a time extension amendment for the period of project completion.

The current TIRCP Allocation Policy stipulates that the agency implementing a project component can request a time extension if the project component will not be completed within the specified timeline. This request is to amend the previously approved project completion time extension. The attachment describes the details of the component and the explanation for the delay.

Attachment

**Amendment Time Extension/Waiver – Project Completion
Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program**

Project Number: 1
Applicant: Southern California Regional Rail Authority
County: Los Angeles County
District: 7
PPNO: CP033
Allocation Amount: \$19,060,000
Remaining Balance: \$2,902,530
Phase: Construction
Allocation Date: 10/18/2018
Allocation Resolution: TIRCP-1819-02
Award Date: 04/26/2018
1st Waiver: Waiver 24-133
Approved: August 2024
Number of Months Requested: ~~20 Months~~ **44 Months**
Extended Deadline: ~~06/30/2026~~ **06/30/2028**
Department Recommendation: Support

(2018:27) Southern California Optimized Rail Expansion (SCORE) (Supplemental Fleet Refurbishment)

The Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA) requests an additional 24 months, from 20 months to 44 months, for the period of project completion for the Construction (CON) phase of the (2018:27) Southern California Optimized Rail Expansion (SCORE) (Supplemental Fleet Refurbishment) component (PPNO CP033). SCRRA experienced delays in completing the CON phase of the component.

The component proposes to refurbish 19 passenger cars to supplement the current fleet including replacement of seats, remote public announcement system, and other safety enhancements.

In August 2024, a 20-month time extension was approved due to unanticipated heavy repairs required for the out-of-service cars. Since the previous time extension, four additional cars have been fully refurbished and are in service, for a total of 14 cars completed. Current delays in completing the car rehabilitation for the remaining five cars are due to challenges with procuring both interior and exterior replacement Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) parts that are now obsolete. SCRRA is currently evaluating the option of replacing the OEM parts with similar and compatible parts in compliance with OEM specifications of the existing systems and fleet. Additional time is required to conduct engineering evaluations, and to acquire the necessary parts. The cars will undergo a testing and acceptance process once delivered and SCRRA feels confident that the remaining cars will be delivered, tested, and fully accepted by June 30, 2028.

Therefore, SCRRRA is requesting an additional 24 months for the period of project completion for the CON phase from June 30, 2026 to June 30, 2028.