

## MEMORANDUM

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS  
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: May 14-15, 2026

From: STEVEN KECK, Chief Financial Officer

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF PROJECT COMPLETION FOR A STATE-ADMINISTERED STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECT, ON THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM, PER STIP GUIDELINES WAIVER 26-58**

### **ISSUE:**

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) extend the period of project completion for the State-Administered State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) 180 West Freeway Landscaping project (PPNO 6489), in Fresno County, for the time period as identified in the attachment?

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the Commission extend the period of project completion for the State-Administered STIP 180 West Freeway Landscaping project (PPNO 6489), in Fresno County, for the time period as identified in the attachment.

### **BACKGROUND:**

In August 2021, the Commission allocated \$5,917,000 in Construction for the State-Administered STIP 180 West Freeway Landscaping project (PPNO 6489). The project was awarded in May 2022. In accordance with STIP Guidelines (Guidelines), the deadline to complete the Construction Contract Acceptance for projects awarded in May 20, 2022 is May 31, 2025. As part of the initial allocation request, the Department received an additional 12 months beyond the 36 months, extending the deadline to May 31, 2026. The Department is requesting a time extension to complete construction. The attachment shows the details of the project and the delays that have resulted in the time extension request.

Current 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 a waiver to the timely use of funds deadline, one-time only, for up to 20 months.

Attachment

## **Time Extension/Waiver – Project Completion for State Transportation Improvement Program**

Project Number: 1  
Applicant: Department of Transportation  
County: Fresno  
District: 06  
PPNO: 6489  
EA: 34235  
Route: 180  
Allocation Amount: \$5,917,000  
Phase: Construction  
Allocation Date: 08/19/2021  
Allocation Resolution: FP-21-17  
Award Date: 05/20/2022  
Number of Months Requested: 6 Months  
Extended Deadline: 11/30/2026  
Department Recommendation: Support

### **180 West Freeway Landscaping project**

The Department requests a 6-month time extension to complete the Construction phase of the 180 West Freeway Landscaping project. The Department has experienced unexpected delays in completing construction. As part of the initial allocation request, the Department received an additional 12 months beyond the 36 months, extending the deadline to May 31, 2026.

The project is located on State Route 180, in and near the City of Fresno from west of Brawley Avenue to Teilman Avenue. The project will perform highway planting.

The project began construction in July 2022 and has encountered several delays beyond the contractor's control that have impacted the overall schedule. Unfavorable weather conditions significantly affected landscape work. Extended periods of unsuitable soil moisture and temperature prevented planting and proper establishment, delaying this phase of the project for five months. In addition, the originally specified jack and bore installation method was found to be incompatible with the required pipe type for the irrigation. This required a change to horizontal drilling. The time needed to re-design the approach, secure a qualified subcontractor, and mobilize equipment resulted in approximately two months of delay. The project also experienced substantial delays in obtaining electrical service from Pacific Gas and Electric for the irrigation pumps. Despite timely coordination and submittals, the utility's extended processing and scheduling added approximately eight months to the project timeline, impacting the completion of critical components. Furthermore, the site was affected by vandalism and theft involving the booster pump cages. Replacing these components requires new fabrication and contractor mobilization, extending construction into the summer months of 2026. This may also necessitate replanting in early fall to ensure proper landscape establishment. The project will complete the remaining construction activities and anticipates reaching construction contract acceptance by November 2026.

Therefore, the Department is requesting a 6-month time extension to allow sufficient time to achieve Construction Contract Acceptance from May 31, 2026 to November 30, 2026.