

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 EXTEND THE PERIOD OF PROJECT DEVELOPMENT
EXPENDITURE FOR A STATE-ADMINISTERED STATE TRANSPORTATION
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECT, ON THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM,
PER STIP GUIDELINES
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ISSUE:

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) extend the period of project development expenditure for the State-Administered State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Widen Conventional Highway (Segment 4) project (PPNO 4353), in Los Angeles 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 development expenditure for the State-Administered STIP Widen Conventional Highway (Segment 4) project (PPNO 4353), in Los Angeles County, for the time period as identified in the attachment.

BACKGROUND:

In June 2020, the Commission allocated \$26,400,000 in project development support for the RW Capital phase of the STIP Widen Conventional Highway (Segment 4) project (PPNO 4353). In accordance with STIP Guidelines (Guidelines), the deadline to complete the Right of Way (RW) Capital phase for projects allocated in June 2020 is June 30, 2026. The project will not be able to meet the deadline, and the Department is requesting an expenditure time extension for the RW Capital phase. The attachment shows the details of the project and the delays that have resulted in the time extension request.

Pursuant to the Guidelines, funds allocated for project development costs for the RW Capital phase must be completed within 72 months of allocation. 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 Development Expenditure
State Transportation Improvement Program**

Project Number: 1
Applicant: Department of Transportation
County: Los Angeles
District: 07
PPNO: 4353
EA: 28600
Route: 138
Allocation Amount: \$26,400,000
Remaining Balance: \$26,331,500
Phase: Right of Way Capital
Allocation Date: 06/24/2020
Allocation Resolution: FP-19-94
Number of Months Requested: 20 Months
Extended Deadline: 02/29/2028
Department Recommendation: Support

Widen Conventional Highway (Segment 4) project

The Department requests a 20-month time extension for the period of project development expenditure for the Right of Way (RW) Capital phase of the Widen Conventional Highway (Segment 4) project. The Department experienced unexpected delays in completing the project's RW Capital phase.

The project is located on State Route (SR) 138, in Littlerock from 70th Street East to 77th Street East. The project proposes to install sidewalks, curb ramps, traffic calming measures, a traffic signal at 77th Street East, drainage improvements, and bike lanes.

During the RW phase, the original scope included widening SR 138 from two to four lanes through the Littlerock community, which required substantial RW acquisitions. However, based on feedback and concerns from community stakeholders, the scope was revised to minimize impacts on adjacent properties and avoid acquiring multi-family residential units. This led to several design modifications to address local concerns while still meeting the project's core objectives. As a result, updates to the roadway alignment, drainage systems, and multimodal features were necessary. This delayed the finalization of RW requirements and completion of mapping. The RW appraisal maps, required for acquisition, were finalized in September 2025. Acquisition efforts are currently underway.

The number and extent of revisions were not anticipated and has resulted in prolonging acquisition efforts. Additional time is needed to complete the RW Capital phase including acquisition of 56 parcels. The anticipated RW Certification date is August 2027, which extends beyond the current construction program year of Fiscal Year 2026-27. To address this, a request has been submitted to shift the construction allocation to 2027-28, providing a congruent schedule to complete the RW activities. Additional time is needed to ensure all RW requirements are met, with the contract acceptance anticipated by February 2028.

Therefore, the Department is requesting a 20-month time extension for the period of project development expenditure to allow enough time to finalize the RW Capital phase from June 30, 2026 to February 29, 2028.