

MEMORANDUM

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: May 14-15, 2026

From: STEVEN KECK, Chief Financial Officer

Reference Number: 2.8d.(3), Action Item

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF PROJECT DEVELOPMENT
EXPENDITURE FOR LOCALLY-ADMINISTERED STATE TRANSPORTATION
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECTS, OFF THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM,
PER STIP GUIDELINES
WAIVER 26-60**

ISSUE:

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) extend the period of project development expenditure for four locally-administered State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) projects, for the time periods as identified in the attachment?

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation recommends that the Commission extend the period of project development expenditure for four locally-administered STIP projects, for the time periods as identified in the attachment.

BACKGROUND:

In June 2024, the Commission allocated \$230,000 for the four locally-administered STIP projects identified in the attachment. The responsible agencies are unable to complete the phase within the expenditure period. The attachment describes the details of the projects and the explanations for the delays.

Current STIP Guidelines adopted by the Commission stipulate that funds programmed for all components of local grant projects are available for expenditure only until the end of the second Fiscal Year following the year 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: Mariposa County
County: Mariposa
District: 10
PPNO: 3552
Allocation Amount: \$100,000
Remaining Balance: \$100,000
Phase: Plans, Specifications, and Estimate
Allocation Date: 06/27/2024
Allocation Resolution: FP-23-112
Number of Months Requested: 20 Months
Extended Deadline: 02/29/2028
Department Recommendation: Support

Harris Road Bridge project

The Mariposa County (County) requests a 20-month time extension for the period of project development expenditure for the Plans, Specifications, and Estimate (PS&E) phase of the Harris Road Bridge project. The County experienced unforeseen delays due to emergency responses.

The project proposes replacing an existing single-lane, structurally deficient bridge with a new bridge.

County staff were reassigned as a result of multiple declared emergency events, including the Oak Fire (July 2022), the Atmospheric River event (January 2023), and the Winter Storm event (March 2023). These events, and the associated response and recovery efforts, required the reallocation of limited County staff and consultant resources and resulted in delays to key preliminary engineering deliverables, including hydraulic studies, geologic investigations, and development of Geometric Alignment Drawings.

Following the Oak Fire, substantial recovery efforts were initiated, including the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE), and California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) funded cleanup and fuel reduction projects beginning in April 2024 and February 2025. These efforts are ongoing and are anticipated to continue through 2027. The scope of this work requires extensive environmental and cultural resource surveys, as well as technical studies subject to review and approval by multiple state and federal agencies.

The 2023 Atmospheric River and Winter Storm events required significant roadway repair efforts throughout 2023. While initial repairs have been completed, FEMA coordination and final repair activities remain ongoing, with completion anticipated in Fall 2026. Additional emergency projects further impacted staff availability, including the Midpines Fire Station Well emergency repair (February 2025 to June 2025), which was necessary to restore potable water and fire suppression capability, and the Ben Hur Road emergency repair (June 2025), which required immediate action to restore safe access along a Major Collector.

These emergency events were beyond the County's control and necessitated prioritization of urgent public safety and infrastructure needs. As a result, staff reassignment created downstream impacts to the completion of environmental documentation and subsequent Right of Way (RW) Certification activities required to advance the project to construction. In addition, these efforts required significant coordination with FEMA and associated administrative support.

The County is actively coordinating with its consultants to complete remaining tasks concurrently, where feasible, and to recover schedule where possible. Design refinements are also being implemented to minimize or eliminate RW impacts, which is expected to streamline the RW phase and reduce potential risks to the overall schedule.

With the requested extension, the County anticipates maintaining alignment with the programmed construction phase. The project also has a concurrent project development expenditure time extension request for the RW phase under this item on this month's Commission agenda.

Therefore, the County is requesting a 20-month time extension for the period of project development expenditure for the PS&E phase from June 30, 2026 to February 29, 2028.

Project Number: 2
Applicant: Mariposa County
County: Mariposa
District: 10
PPNO: 3552
Allocation Amount: \$30,000
Remaining Balance: \$30,000
Phase: Right of Way
Allocation Date: 06/27/2024
Allocation Resolution: FP-23-112
Number of Months Requested: 20 Months
Extended Deadline: 02/29/2028
Department Recommendation: Support

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Project Number: 3
Applicant: Mariposa County
County: Mariposa
District: 10
PPNO: 3553
Allocation Amount: \$75,000
Remaining Balance: \$75,000
Phase: Plans, Specifications, and Estimate
Allocation Date: 06/27/2024
Allocation Resolution: FP-23-112
Number of Months Requested: 20 Months
Extended Deadline: 02/29/2028
Department Recommendation: Support

Indian Peak Road Bridge project

The Mariposa County (County) requests a 20-month time extension for the period of project development expenditure for the PS&E phase of the Indian Peak Road Bridge project. The County experienced unforeseen delays due to emergency responses.

The project proposes replacing an existing single-lane, structurally deficient bridge with a new bridge.

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County: Mariposa
District: 10
PPNO: 3553
Allocation Amount: \$25,000
Remaining Balance: \$25,000
Phase: Right of Way
Allocation Date: 06/27/2024
Allocation Resolution: FP-23-112
Number of Months Requested: 20 Months
Extended Deadline: 02/29/2028
Department Recommendation: Support

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