

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 CONTRACT AWARD FOR
LOCALLY-ADMINISTERED ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM PROJECTS,
OFF THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM, PER ATP GUIDELINES
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ISSUE:

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) extend the period of contract award for three locally-administered Active Transportation Program (ATP) projects, for the time periods as identified in the attachment?

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation recommends that the Commission extend the period of contract award for three locally-administered ATP projects, for the time periods as identified in the attachment.

BACKGROUND:

In May, June, and October 2025, the Commission allocated \$13,790,000 for three locally-administered ATP projects identified in the attachment. The responsible agencies have been unable to award the contract within 6 and 12 months of allocation, per ATP Guidelines (Guidelines) and Interim Use of Funds (ITUF) Policy, respectively. The attachment describes the details of the projects and the explanations for the delays. The respective agencies request an extension, and the planning agencies concur.

Current Guidelines adopted by the Commission, stipulate that the agencies implementing a project may request a time extension if the project will not be awarded within six months of allocation. The Commission may approve a waiver to the Timely Use of Funds deadline, one-time only, for up to 12 months.

Attachment

**Time Extension/Waiver – Contract Award
Active Transportation Program**

Project: 1
Applicant: City of Los Angeles
County: Los Angeles
PPNO: 5586
District: 07
Allocation Amount: \$3,366,000
Phase: Construction
Allocation Date: 06/27/2025
Allocation Resolution: FATP-2425-26
Number of Months Requested: 12 Months
Extended Deadline: 06/30/2027
Department Recommendation: Support

Alexandria Avenue Elementary School Neighborhood Safety Improvements Project

The City of Los Angeles (City) requests a 12-month time extension for the period of contract award for the Construction (CON) phase of the Alexandria Avenue Elementary School Neighborhood Safety Improvements Project. The City has experienced delays during the pre-construction period following the CON phase allocation.

The project proposes to construct curb ramps and reconstruct existing sidewalk, install Class II and Class III bicycle lanes, pedestrian signals, make surface improvements and enhance existing crosswalks.

In June 2025, the Commission approved the 2024 and 2025 Southern California Fires Interim Timely Use of Funds (ITUF) Policy that gave an automatic 12 months to award the CON phase for Los Angeles County. The Southern California fires caused regional impacts that affected multiple elements of the project's critical path. City staff review and support capacity was also constrained by competing regional response and recovery demands. In addition to the wildfires, the project delay was compounded by reorganizing and shifting project resources to address the upcoming Olympic games. The Mayor's directive was to prioritize any project that would have a direct impact on the Olympic games. This required the coordinated efforts of staff at all levels to produce information pertinent to the mayor's request for information regarding which projects required proper funding and which projects would have direct impact on the Olympics. This put additional strain on our project partners as their work and reviews were now focused on projects with these objectives. This has led to delays in the bid package preparation, due to resource limitations and scheduling conflicts. This issue is being resolved with the creation of coordination meetings and updated schedules to minimize impacts caused by the delays. The City is requesting the maximum time allowed due to the lengthy contract award process and to allow for time contingency in the event unforeseen issues arise.

Therefore, the City is requesting a 12-month time extension for the period of contract award for the CON phase from June 30, 2026 to June 30, 2027.

Project: 2
Applicant: City of Desert Hot Springs
County: Riverside
PPNO: 1312
District: 08
Allocation Amount: \$8,975 ,000
Phase: Construction
Allocation Date: 05/16/2025
Allocation Resolution: FATP-2425-18
Number of Months Requested: 12 Months
Extended Deadline: 05/31/2027
Department Recommendation: Support

Palm Drive Improvements - I-10 to Camino Aventura

The City of Desert Hot Springs (City) requests a 12-month time extension for the period of contract award for the CON phase of the Palm Drive Improvements - I-10 to Camino Aventura project. The City has experienced delays with utility coordination.

The project proposes to construct sidewalk, bicycle lanes, ramps, medians, ramps to standards, flashing beacons, crosswalks, lighting, and traffic calming measures.

In June 2025, the Commission approved the 2024 and 2025 Southern California Fires ITUF Policy that extended the period of contract award for Riverside County. The contract award period was extended to 12 months for this project. The City has completed the final project design, however, it cannot advertise the project until after completion of the streetlight system design by Southern California Edison's (SCE). The City submitted an application to SCE in April 2024 for the necessary line drawings and plans for new streetlights in areas without existing electrical infrastructure. The project design plans were approved by the City on March 13, 2025, and at that time, SCE confirmed the City would receive the streetlight plans by July 2025. However, SCE has advised the City that additional time is needed to complete the streetlight design due to internal staffing shortages and a backlog of utility projects. As of today, the City is still awaiting completion of the SCE streetlight plans. The City cannot proceed with advertisement and award of the construction contract until the utility plans are received and included with the bid package. The City had continued to advance the project during this delay and is currently updating the Plans Specifications, and Estimate package so the project can move forward once the remaining utility design is complete. The City is maintaining active coordination with SCE including weekly updates to minimize further delay.

Therefore, the City is requesting a 12-month time extension for the period of contract award for the CON phase from May 31, 2026 to May 31, 2027.

Project: 3
Applicant: City of Stockton
County: San Joaquin
PPNO: 3539
District: 10
Allocation Amount: \$1,449,000
Phase: Construction
Allocation Date: 10/17/2025
Allocation Resolution: FATP-2526-08
Number of Months Requested: 6 Months
Extended Deadline: 10/31/2026
Department Recommendation: Support

Downtown East-West Connection (Park/Oak/Fremont)

The City of Stockton (City) requests a 6-month time extension for the period of contract award for the CON phase of the Downtown East-West Connection (Park/Oak/Fremont) project. The City has experienced delays during the pre-construction period following the CON phase allocation.

The project proposes to construct bicycle facilities and pedestrian improvements on Fremont Street, Oak Street, and Park Street between Pershing Avenue and Wilson Way in downtown Stockton.

The City experienced delays during the bid process. Bids were received on January 15, 2026; however, the lowest bidder did not follow the bidding requirements listed in the City Standards Specifications. This required review by the City attorney to clarify if the mistakes were grounds for bid rejection. After the review period ended, the City was informed on February 13, 2026 that it could move forward with award to the perspective lowest bidder. Given the current internal schedule, the award documents cannot be presented to the City Council until after June 9, 2026. The City is requesting six months to align with City Council schedule and final steps of the awarding process.

Therefore, the City is requesting a 6-month time extension for the period of contract award for the CON phase from April 30, 2026 to October 31, 2026.