

## MEMORANDUM

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS  
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: May 14-15, 2026

From: STEVEN KECK, Chief Financial Officer

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

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF CONTRACT AWARD FOR A  
LOCALLY-ADMINISTERED ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM PROJECT,  
OFF THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM, PER THE INTERIM TIMELY USE OF  
FUNDS POLICY - 2024 AND 2025 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FIRES  
WAIVER 26-77**

### **ISSUE:**

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) extend the period of contract award for the locally-administered Active Transportation Program (ATP) Liechty Middle and Neighborhood Elementary Schools Safety Improvement Project (PPNO 5576), for the time period as identified in the attachment?

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

The California Department of Transportation recommends that the Commission extend the period of contract award for the locally-administered ATP Liechty Middle and Neighborhood Elementary Schools Safety Improvement Project (PPNO 5576), for the time period as identified in the attachment.

### **BACKGROUND:**

In June 2025, the Commission allocated \$18,157,000 for the locally-administered ATP Liechty Middle and Neighborhood Elementary Schools Safety Improvement Project (PPNO 5576), identified in the attachment. The responsible agency has been unable to award the contract within six months of allocation, per ATP Guidelines (Guidelines). The attachment describes the details of the project and the explanation for the delay. The respective agency requests an extension, and the planning agency concurs.

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. However, in June 2025, the Commission approved the adoption of the Interim Timely Use of Funds (ITUF) Policy for the 2024 and 2025 Southern California Fires under Resolution G-25-51. A one-time waiver under the adopted ITUF Policy will be considered for projects programmed in the ATP, allowing the total time extension period to be increased to 24 months.

Attachment

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

Project: 1  
Applicant: City of Los Angeles  
County: Los Angeles  
PPNO: 5576  
District: 07  
Allocation Amount: \$18,157,000  
Phase: Construction  
Allocation Date: 06/27/2025  
Allocation Resolution: FATP-2425-26  
Number of Months Requested: 24 Months  
Extended Deadline: 06/30/2028  
Department Recommendation: Support

**Liechty Middle and Neighborhood Elementary Schools Safety Improvement Project**

The City of Los Angeles (City) requests a 24-month time extension for the period of contract award for the Construction (CON) phase of the Liechty Middle and Neighborhood Elementary Schools Safety Improvement Project. The City has experienced delays with the contract award process.

The project proposes to make safety improvements, bicycle infrastructure, and speed reduction measures.

The 2025 Southern California fires caused regional impacts that affected multiple elements of the project's critical path. City staff support, such as the City Bureau of Street Lighting, did not have engineering staff available to review and approve the City Bureau of Engineering design plans during the fire response. Without the signed and approved plans, the Plans, Specifications, and Estimate certification could not be completed. The Los Angeles County Department of Water and Power's (LADWP) engineering and construction staff were completely diverted to support the fire response for the first six months of the wildfires. LADWP staff would not review the proposed design drawings and comment on or accept the proposed relocation conflicts. As a result, the City could not issue a Notice to Owner for utility relocation and also complete all the right of way and utility issues in the Right of Way certification. Additionally, in March 2024, the City voters approved the Healthy Streets LA (HLA) ballot measure. The ballot measure mandates that the City install the City's Mobility Plan 2035 Enhanced Mobility Networks when implementing qualifying street improvements. Additional time was needed for City staff to review and assess that all scope of work was consistent with Mobility Plan 2035 and secure additional City funds and staff resources to incorporate excluded mandatory elements into the project was delayed. In addition, HLA required that the City provide publicly accessible information regarding these street improvements on an online

portal. The project was submitted to delegated City departments to conduct HLA screening, compliance review, and approval to complete the final Plans, Specifications, and Estimate phase. These delays have been resolved and a bid package is anticipated to be submitted for competitive bidding by the summer of 2026. Due to the size of the project, the City will advertise the project for an extended period to solicit better bids and the bidding process. Given the scope of the project and mandated requirements, the City's Bureau of Contract Administration will need additional time to review for contract compliance. Due to the delays that the project experienced from the 2025 Southern California fires, the City needs additional time to complete the remaining activities prior to awarding the project.

Therefore, the City is requesting a 24-month time extension for the period of contract award for the CON phase from June 30, 2026 to June 30, 2028.