

MEMORANDUM

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: May 14-15, 2026

From: STEVEN KECK, Chief Financial Officer

Reference Number: 2.8a.(12), Action Item

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF PROJECT ALLOCATION FOR A
LOCALLY-ADMINISTERED LOCAL TRANSPORTATION CLIMATE ADAPTATION
PROGRAM PROJECT, OFF THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM,
PER LTCAP GUIDELINES
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ISSUE:

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) extend the period of project allocation for the locally-administered Local Transportation Climate Adaptation Program (LTCAP) Laguna Niguel La Paz Road project (PPNO 1322), in Orange 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 allocation for the locally-administered LTCAP Laguna Niguel La Paz Road project (PPNO 1322), in Orange County, for the time period as identified in the attachment.

BACKGROUND:

The agency will not be able to request allocation of funds by the June 30, 2026 deadline. The attachment shows the details of the project and the explanation for the delay.

The 2023 LTCAP Guidelines adopted by the Commission stipulate that funds that are programmed for all components of locally implemented grant projects are available for allocation only until the end of the fiscal year. 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 – Project Allocation
Local Transportation Climate Adaptation Program**

Project Number: 1
Applicant: City of Laguna Niguel
County: Orange
District: 12
PPNO: 1322
Allocation Amount: \$11,996,000
Phase: Construction
Number of Months Requested: 12 Months
Extended Deadline: 06/30/2027
Department Recommendation: Support

Laguna Niguel La Paz Road project

The City of Laguna Niguel (City) requests a 12-month time extension for the period of project allocation for the Construction (CON) phase of the Laguna Niguel La Paz Road project. The City experienced delays during the Project Approval and Environmental Document (PA&ED) phase.

The project proposes improving 1.6 miles of La Paz Road in the City of Laguna Niguel to address climate resiliency by reducing lanes, rehabilitating the roadway with rubberized hot mix asphalt, and mitigating slope failure by removing material and/or installing pins or a retaining wall.

The project received its PA&ED phase allocation at the March 2024 Commission meeting and the Department's Finance Letter dated May 22, 2024. The City issued the Request for Proposals (RFP) for Architectural and Engineering contracts for the PA&ED phase on June 13, 2024, with a proposal submission deadline of July 14, 2024. Unfortunately, only one proposal was received. Following Department and City policies, the RFP was reissued on August 5, 2024, with a submission deadline of September 12, 2024. Two proposals were received, so the City proceeded with fee and agreement negotiations with the best-qualified firm. The Professional Services Agreement was approved by the City Council on November 19, 2024, with a kickoff meeting held for the PA&ED phase on January 6, 2025, subsequently pushing the start of the PA&ED phase into 2025.

12-month allocation time extensions for the Plans, Specifications, and Estimate (PS&E) and Right of Way (RW) phases were granted at the May 2025 Commission meeting and are now coming in for allocation at this month's Commission meeting.

The project anticipates obtaining RW certification and completing the PS&E phase by spring 2027.

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