

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 TRANSIT AND INTERCITY RAIL CAPITAL
PROGRAM COMPONENT, PER TIRCP ALLOCATION POLICY
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ISSUE:

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) extend the period of project development expenditure for the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) (2023:27) Valley Link Rail (Project Development) component (PPNO CP133), in Alameda County, for the time period as identified in the attachment?

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation recommends that the Commission extend the period of project development expenditure for the TIRCP (2023:27) Valley Link Rail (Project Development) component (PPNO CP133), in Alameda County, for the time period as identified in the attachment.

BACKGROUND:

In December 2023, the Commission allocated \$25,000,000 for the Project Approval and Environmental Document phase of the TIRCP (2023:27) Valley Link Rail (Project Development) component (PPNO CP133). The responsible agency has been unable to complete the component phase per the Timely Use of Funds (TUF) policy.

The current TIRCP Allocation Policy stipulates that the agency implementing a project component request a time extension if the project will not be completed within the specified timeline. Under the TUF policy, an extension can be requested for up to 20 months for each delivery milestone, where permissible by statute. The attachment describes the details of the component and the explanation for the delay.

Attachment

**Time Extension/Waiver – Project Development Expenditure
Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program**

Project Number: 1
Applicant: Tri-Valley – San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority
County: Alameda
District: 04
PPNO: CP133
Allocation Amount: \$25,000,000
Phase: Project Approval and Environmental Document
Allocation Date: 12/07/2023
Allocation Resolution: TIRCP-2324-32
Number of Months Requested: 12 Months
Extended Deadline: 06/30/2027
Department Recommendation: Support

(2023:27) Valley Link Rail (Project Development)

Tri-Valley – San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority (Tri-Valley) requests a 12-month time extension for the period of project development expenditure for the Project Approval and Environmental Document (PA&ED) phase of the (2023:27) Valley Link Rail (Project Development) component. Tri-Valley has experienced unexpected delays in completing the PA&ED phase.

The component consists of an 11-mile connection between the Bay Area Rapid Transit system in Dublin/Pleasanton and the Altamont Corridor Express commuter rail system in Livermore and includes a third station at Isabel Avenue in Livermore. The primary purpose of the Valley Link Rail Project is to improve connectivity within the Northern California Megaregion by providing a fast, frequent, reliable, and environmentally sustainable transit alternative mode of transportation between the Northern San Joaquin Valley and the Bay Area.

The delay in the project is primarily attributable to the current environmental clearance process for the PA&ED phase, which involves coordination with the Federal Transit Administration on National Environmental Policy Act re-evaluation and California Environmental Quality Act Addendum. This also requires Section 106 Tribal Consultation and State Historic Preservation Office Consultation, which has resulted in limitations on making specific adjustments to the region's Federal Transportation Improvement Program and Regional Transportation Plan. The PA&ED phase is 80 percent complete and anticipated to be completed within the extended timeframe. All of these listed delays contributed to approximately 12 months delay.

Therefore, Tri-Valley is requesting a 12-month time extension for the period of project development expenditure for the PA&ED phase from June 30, 2026 to June 30, 2027.