

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) (2023:25) Downtown Rail Extension TIRCP Project Development (Civil and Tunnel Design) component (PPNO CP131A), in San Francisco 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 (2023:25) Downtown Rail Extension TIRCP Project Development (Civil and Tunnel Design) component (PPNO CP131A), in San Francisco County, for the time period as identified in the attachment.

BACKGROUND:

In October 2023, the Commission allocated \$6,900,000 for the Plans, Specifications, and Estimate (PS&E) phase of the TIRCP (2023:25) Downtown Rail Extension TIRCP Project Development (Civil and Tunnel Design) component (PPNO CP131A). 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: Transbay Joint Powers Authority
County: San Francisco
District: 04
PPNO: CP131A
Allocation Amount: \$6,900,000
Remaining Balance: \$3,198,460
Phase: Plans, Specifications, and Estimate
Allocation Date: 10/19/2023
Allocation Resolution: TIRCP-2324-25
Number of Months Requested: 20 Months
Extended Deadline: 02/29/2028
Department Recommendation: Support

(2023:25) Downtown Rail Extension (Civil and Tunnel Design)

Transbay Joint Powers Authority (TJPA) requests a 20-month time extension for the period of project development expenditure for the Plans, Specifications, and Estimate (PS&E) phase of the (2023:25) Downtown Rail Extension TIRCP Project Development (Civil and Tunnel Design) component. TJPA has experienced unexpected delays in completing the PS&E phase.

The project will extend Caltrain's existing terminus approximately two miles into downtown San Francisco, which will connect two new stations, including the Salesforce Transit Center and a new underground station at Fourth and Townsend streets. Both Caltrain's commuter rail service and California's future High-Speed Rail services will provide passenger service on the Downtown Rail Extension (DTX). The DTX will fill the critical "last mile" gap for Peninsula commuters and travelers on the State's future high-speed rail system.

The project has been delayed primarily because the Federal Railroad Administration has rescinded a Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements award for Track and Systems Design, which has necessitated changes to the schedule. The PS&E phase is 30 percent complete and TJPA is currently evaluating the project delivery schedule to address these changes to the overall project funding plan and needs additional time to find a solution. There is a concurrent request for supplemental funds on this month's Commission agenda.

Therefore, TJPA 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.