

## 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 AMEND THE PERIOD OF PROJECT DEVELOPMENT  
EXPENDITURE FOR A STATE HIGHWAY OPERATION AND PROTECTION  
PROGRAM PROJECT, AS AN EXCEPTION TO THE SHOPP GUIDELINES  
WAIVER 26-91, AMENDING WAIVER 25-53**

### **ISSUE:**

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) amend the period of project development expenditure for the State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) Bridge Preservation project (PPNO 3660), in Siskiyou County, for the time period as identified in the attachment?

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the Commission amend the period of project development expenditure for the SHOPP Bridge Preservation project (PPNO 3660), in Siskiyou County, for the time period as identified in the attachment.

### **BACKGROUND:**

In May 2022, the Commission allocated \$2,130,000 in Project Development Support for the SHOPP project identified in the attachment. In accordance with SHOPP Guidelines (Guidelines), the deadline to complete the Project Approval and Environmental Document phase for the project allocated in May 2022 is May 31, 2025. The project received a prior time extension in May 2025. However, the Department is requesting an exception to the Guidelines for additional time to complete project development expenditure. The attachment shows the details of the project and the delays that have resulted in this amended time extension request.

Current Guidelines stipulate that the implementing agency request an expenditure time extension if the project phase will not be completed within 36 months of allocation for the pre-construction phases. The Commission may approve waivers to the timely use of funds deadline, one-time only, for up to 20 months.

Attachment

**Amendment Time Extension/Waiver – Project Development Expenditure for  
State Highway Operation and Protection Program**

Project Number: 1  
Applicant: Department of Transportation  
County: Siskiyou  
District: 02  
PPNO: 3660  
EA: 0H730  
Route: 96  
Allocation Amount: \$2,130,000  
Remaining Balance: \$210,000  
Phase: Project Approval and Environmental Document  
Allocation Date: 05/18/2022  
1st Waiver: Waiver 25-53  
Approved: May 2025  
Number of Months Requested: ~~12 Months~~ **20 Months**  
Extended Deadline: ~~05/31/2026~~ **01/31/2027**  
Department Recommendation: Support

**SHOPP Bridge Preservation project**

The Department requests an additional 8 months, from 12 months to 20 months, for the period of project development expenditure for the Project Approval and Environmental Document (PA&ED) phase of the SHOPP Bridge Preservation project. The Department has experienced unexpected delays in completing the PA&ED phase.

This project is on State Route 96, near Hamburg, at Scott River Bridge. The project proposes to replace the existing bridge deck and widen the bridge.

The project was originally programmed to replace and widen the bridge deck. However, after further analysis and consideration, the scope was changed to fully replace the bridge which included a retaining wall. The main concern was that the deck replacement would require extensive widening to accommodate traffic and worker safety. The team determined that a bridge replacement would provide a better life cycle cost and provide an asset that complies with all current design standards, minimizes environmental impacts, avoids costly traffic disruptions, and improves workers and public safety. As a result, the PA&ED phase was delayed approximately 12 months to accommodate the design and environmental changes, but the project was still delivered in the planned delivery year. The original date of May 31, 2025 could not be met due to the change in design strategy.

Since then, geotechnical studies for the proposed retaining wall location have delayed PA&ED by an additional eight months. The potential need for the studies was realized in February 2025, an Advance Planning Study was requested for the retaining wall in June 2025, geotechnical drilling was conducted in September 2025, and the results were provided in December 2025. The results of these studies were used to determine the wall details which were incorporated into the project description for the environmental document. These details were needed to complete environmental studies to finalize the draft environmental document. The results of the

studies were also used to assess the options between a retaining wall or rock slope protection (RSP). Determining whether RSP was needed beneath the structure or around the piers took considerable time due to the collective effort required across various functional units, which took place concurrently with the geotechnical studies for the retaining wall.

The design change strategy has resulted in extended technical studies and lengthy preparation for a more detailed environmental document. This has resulted in an 11-month delay to the PA&ED phase from October 2025 to September 2026. Due to this delay, the project delivery date has changed from Fiscal Year 2026-27 to 2027-28, to align with the 2026 SHOPP.

Therefore, the Department is requesting an exception to the Guidelines for an additional eight months to allow enough time to complete the PA&ED phase from May 31, 2026 to January 31, 2027.