

## MEMORANDUM

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS  
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: June 25-26, 2026

From: STEVEN KECK, Chief Financial Officer

Reference Number: 2.8c.(7), Action Item

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF PROJECT COMPLETION FOR A STATE-ADMINISTERED MULTI-FUNDED STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND SENATE BILL 1 LOCAL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (FORMULAIC) PROJECT, ON THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM, PER STIP AND LPP (FORMULAIC) GUIDELINES WAIVER 26-151**

### **ISSUE:**

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) extend the period of project completion for the State-Administered multi-funded State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) Local Partnership Program (LPP) (Formulaic) San Benito Route 156 Improvement Project (PPNO 0297), in San Benito 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 completion for the State-Administered multi-funded STIP and SB 1 LPP (Formulaic) San Benito Route 156 Improvement Project (PPNO 0297), in San Benito County, for the time period as identified in the attachment.

### **BACKGROUND:**

In December 2020, the Commission allocated \$60,010,000 in STIP funds for the Construction (CON) phase of the State-Administered multi-funded STIP and SB 1 LPP (Formulaic) San Benito Route 156 Improvement Project (PPNO 0297). As part of the allocation request, the Commission approved an additional 12 months beyond the 36-month Timely Use of Funds deadline, for a total of 48 months. In June 2021, an allocation of \$2,500,000 in LPP (Formulaic) funds for the CON phase was approved. The project was awarded in June 2022. The Department is requesting a time extension to complete construction. The attachment

shows the details of the project and the delays that have resulted in the time extension request.

Current Guidelines stipulate that the agency implementing a project request a time extension if the project will not be completed within 36 months after award. The Commission may approve a waiver to the timely use of funds deadline, one-time only, for up to 20 months.

Attachment

**Time Extension/Waiver - Project Completion  
Multi-Funded STIP and SB 1 LPP (Formulaic)**

Project Number: 1  
Applicant: Department of Transportation  
County: San Benito  
District: 05  
PPNO: 0297  
EA: 34490  
Route: 156  
Allocation Amount: \$62,510,000 (STIP \$60,010,000 and LPP (Formulaic) \$2,500,000)  
Phase: Construction and Construction Support  
Allocation Date: STIP 12/03/202 and LPP (Formulaic) 06/24/2021  
Allocation Resolution: FP-20-35 and LPP-A-2021-26  
Award Date: 06/10/2022  
Number of Months Requested: 11 Months  
Extended Deadline: 05/31/2027  
Department Recommendation: Support

**San Benito Route 156 Improvement Project**

The Department requests an 11-month time extension to complete the Construction (CON) phase for the SHOPP San Benito Route 156 Improvement Project. The Department has experienced unexpected delays in completing construction.

The project is located in San Juan Bautista, from the Alameda to 0.2 mile east of Fourth Street. The project proposes widening the street to four lanes.

The project received its State Transportation Improvement Program STIP CON phase allocation in December 2020 and the Local Partnership Program (LPP) (Formulaic) CON phase allocation in June 2021. The project was awarded in June 2022. At the time of the STIP CON phase allocation, an additional 12 months beyond the 36-month Timely Use of Funds deadline was approved, for a total of 48 months to complete construction, extending the deadline to June 30, 2026. At the time of the LPP (Formulaic) CON phase allocation, non-proportional spending was approved and all LPP (Formulaic) funds have since been expended.

Although a one-year plant establishment period was included in the project scope, construction occurred later in the season than originally anticipated. As a result, the establishment rates for the planting and re-vegetation efforts were lower than expected, requiring replanting and additional time to satisfy permit requirements and achieve plant establishment goals.

In addition, the project encountered unforeseen delays associated with the installation of a chain-link gate and fence at the San Juan Hollister Road and Union Road intersection. The gate was included in the original project design and was installed with concurrence from San Benito County (County). The gate was installed in August 2025. In November 2025, the city of Hollister's Fire Department requested removal of the installed gate and fence due to lack of

approval. Since then, additional coordination among the County, City of Hollister, and the Department to find a resolution remains ongoing. Part of the concern is that after a sight distance review potential geometric modifications were identified if the intersection were to be opened to public traffic.

Furthermore, following collisions at the newly constructed State Route 156 and Bixby Road intersection, the Department's District Traffic Office developed additional signing and striping improvements to be implemented to improve safety via a contract change order. The work associated with the change order will be completed by May 3, 2027.

These issues delayed the project's Construction Contract Acceptance date to May 2027. The project needs additional time to coordinate and resolve the gate issue, make adjustments to signing and striping, and complete the re-vegetation and planting.

Therefore, the Department is requesting an 11-month time extension to allow sufficient time to complete the CON phase activities from June 30, 2026 to May 31, 2027.