

## MEMORANDUM

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS  
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: June 25-26, 2026

From: STEVEN KECK, Chief Financial Officer

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF PROJECT ALLOCATION FOR A  
LOCALLY-ADMINISTERED SENATE BILL 1 LOCAL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM  
(FORMULAIC) TRANSIT PROJECT, PER LPP (FORMULAIC) GUIDELINES  
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### **ISSUE:**

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) extend the period of project allocation for the locally-administered Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) Local Partnership Program (LPP) (Formulaic) Vermont Transit Corridor project (PPNO 6502), in Los Angeles 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 allocation for the locally-administered SB 1 LPP (Formulaic) Vermont Transit Corridor project (PPNO 6502), in Los Angeles County, for the time period as identified in the attachment.

### **BACKGROUND:**

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

Current LPP (Formulaic) Guidelines adopted by the Commission stipulate that funds programmed for all components of local grant projects are available for allocation only until the end of the fiscal year programmed. 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 Partnership Program (Formulaic)**

Project Number: 1  
Applicant: Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority  
County: Los Angeles  
District: 07  
PPNO: 6502  
Allocation Amount: \$81,061,000  
Phase: Construction  
Number of Months Requested: 12 Months  
Extended Deadline: 06/30/2027  
Department Recommendation: Support

**Vermont Transit Corridor**

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LA Metro) requests a 12-month time extension for the period of allocation for the Construction (CON) phase of the Vermont Transit Corridor project (PPNO 6502). LA Metro has experienced unforeseen delays in preparation for allocation due to extended coordination, review, and optimization work that took longer than expected.

The project proposes to build 12.4 miles of all-day side-running dedicated bus lanes and enhance 26 stations at 13 locations along Vermont Avenue between Sunset Boulevard and 120th Street. The project is intended to provide a high-quality transit alternative and address the mobility needs of the Vermont Corridor's historically underserved and underinvested communities, including alleviating existing transit and multimodal network challenges.

LA Metro experienced complex third-party coordination with multiple agencies including the City and County of Los Angeles, and Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. Negotiations amongst multiple agencies to resolve technical alignments and infrastructure conflicts took an additional three months longer than expected. In addition, LA Metro also spent four months conducting additional value engineering after design and coordination activities revealed unforeseen cost and constructability considerations requiring further review to maintain alignment with available funding sources. This review was necessary to refine project specifications, identify cost-saving measures, and avoid potential fiscal imbalances.

Pre-construction planning revealed the need for additional construction and access requirements, including additional necessary Temporary Construction Easement, which added time for approvals and coordination causing further delay. To overcome and reduce risk of further delays, LA Metro implemented intensive coordination with external agencies, performed cost reviews and optimization, refined project design and specifications, and continues to

address construction access requirements. Currently, LA Metro is on schedule to complete design by the end of March 2027, subsequently prepare and advertise construction, and award with an anticipated start of construction work by the end of June 2027.

Therefore, LA Metro 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.