

MEMORANDUM

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: June 25-26, 2026

From: STEVEN KECK, Chief Financial Officer

Reference Number: 2.8a.(9), Action Item

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF PROJECT ALLOCATION FOR
LOCALLY-ADMINISTERED SENATE BILL 1 LOCAL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM
(FORMULAIC) PROJECTS, OFF THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM, PER
LPP (FORMULAIC) GUIDELINES
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ISSUE:

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) extend the period of project allocation for three locally-administered Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) Local Partnership Program (LPP) (Formulaic) projects, for the time periods as identified in the attachment?

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the Commission extend the period of project allocation for three locally-administered SB 1 LPP (Formulaic) projects, for the time periods as identified in the attachment.

BACKGROUND:

The local agencies will not be able to request allocation for funds by the June 30, 2026, deadline. The attachment shows the details of the projects and the explanation for the delays. The respective agencies are requesting time extensions, and the regional planning agencies concur.

Current SB 1 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: City of El Cerrito
County: Contra Costa
District: 04
PPNO: 2365Q
Allocation Amount: \$800,000
Phase: Construction
Number of Months Requested: 12 Months
Extended Deadline: 06/30/2027
Department Recommendation: Support

Richmond Street Complete Streets Improvements Project

The City of El Cerrito (City) requests a 12-month time extension for the period of project allocation for the Construction (CON) phase of the Richmond Street Complete Streets Improvements Project. The City experienced unforeseen delays during Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) review process.

The project proposes to rehabilitate pavement, manage vehicle speeds, improve safety and comfort for bicyclists and pedestrians, ensure accessibility in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, and meet all stormwater treatment requirements.

This project includes funding from the SS4A program, which means that Right of Way (RW) Certification documentation must be reviewed and approved by the California Department of Transportation. The SS4A program is relatively new, and the Department is still refining the documentation and approval requirements associated with it. After the project submitted the RW Certification documentation using standard forms, the Department requested revisions. As a result, additional time is needed to complete the RW Certification process. Coordination with other jurisdictions participating in the SS4A program has shown that delays of up to 12 months are common during this approval phase.

Therefore, the City 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.

Project Number: 2
Applicant: County of San Bernardino
County: San Bernardino
District: 08
PPNO: 1341
Allocation Amount: \$2,625,000
Phase: Plans, Specifications, and Estimate
Number of Months Requested: 12 Months
Extended Deadline: 06/30/2027
Department Recommendation: Support

National Trails Highway Bridge Replacements, Dagget-Yermo Road to Goffs Road project

The County of San Bernardino (County) requests a 12-month time extension for the period of project allocation for the Plans, Specifications, and Estimate (PS&E) phase of the National Trails Highway Bridge Replacements, Daggett-Yermo Road to Goffs Road project. The County experienced unforeseen delays during the environmental review process.

The project proposes to replace 30 bridges along the National Trails Highway from the Town of Daggett to Amboy Road, via Route 66.

The project faced delays due to a series of significant hold-ups in the environmental review process. This extended the timeline required to complete the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Completing biological and cultural resource surveys involved obtaining multiple Permits for Permission-to-Enter across 30 bridge sites. Several properties required full access due to their potential for protected biological and cultural resources. Initially, property owners were unresponsive, which caused substantial delays in securing access. Consequently, the surveys could not be conducted until September 2025.

In addition, hydraulic analyses were necessary to determine rock slope protection limits, raised roadway and bridge profiles, as well as the lengths of the bridges. This information was not available until February 2026. Final design details were provided between February and March 2026. After receiving this information, environmental documents and technical studies required revisions to reflect updated impact footprints, further extending the schedule. Moreover, the project must complete various required federal and state environmental reviews before CEQA and NEPA can be approved. These reviews occur in a specific order, include mandatory timeframes, and cannot commence until the environmental surveys and technical studies are finished. Required reviews include consultations on endangered species and cultural resources, which involve coordination with Native American tribes and historic preservation groups; multiple internal departmental review cycles; Federal Section 4(f) review; the Department's review of the joint CEQA and NEPA document; and a public review. Given these factors, the County needs additional time to advance the project.

Therefore, the County is requesting a 12-month time extension for the period of project allocation for the PS&E phase from June 30, 2026 to June 30, 2027.

Project Number: 3
Applicant: City of Imperial
County: Imperial
District: 11
PPNO: 1618
Allocation Amount: \$115,000
Phase: Construction
Number of Months Requested: 12 Months
Extended Deadline: 06/30/2027
Department Recommendation: Support

Aten Boulevard Rehabilitation Project between Old SR-86 and the West Right-of-Way Line of the Southern Pacific Railroad project

The City of Imperial (City) requests a 12-month time extension for the period of project allocation for the CON phase of the Aten Boulevard Rehabilitation Project between Old SR-86 and the West Right-of-Way Line of the Southern Pacific Railroad project. The City experienced unforeseen challenges in its Engineering Division.

The project proposes to rehabilitate Aten Boulevard by grinding down the road surface by two inches. This will be followed by a composite overlay system, which includes a leveling course, an Asphalt-Rubber Aggregate Membrane, and a final layer of hot mix asphalt. Also, the project will involve the installation of new thermoplastic striping, wayfinding markers, and bike lanes.

During July and August 2025, the City's Engineering Division experienced significant staffing losses, temporarily leaving the division without any active engineering personnel. This created delays in the administration and delivery of the project. Following these vacancies, additional time was required to recruit and fill key positions. A new Project Manager was hired at the end of October 2025, a Construction Project Coordinator was hired in February 2026, and an Engineering Technician was hired in April 2026. Throughout this recruitment and re-staffing period, the Engineering Division did not have sufficient capacity to advance all capital projects concurrently. As a result, progress on the project was delayed, including consultant direction, plan review comments, cost estimate updates, utility conflict coordination, and preparation of the construction allocation package. With staffing now substantially restored, the City has resumed advancing the project and is actively working toward completing all remaining prerequisites. The additional time will provide sufficient time to secure allocation, advertise, award, and proceed to construction.

Therefore, the City 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.