

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 MULTI-FUNDED SENATE BILL 1 LOCAL
PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (FORMULAIC AND COMPETITIVE) AND SENATE
BILL 1 SOLUTIONS FOR CONGESTED CORRIDORS PROGRAM TRANSIT
PROJECT, PER LPP (FORMULAIC AND COMPETITIVE) AND SCCP GUIDELINES
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ISSUE:

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) extend the period of project allocation for the locally-administered multi-funded Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) Local Partnership Program (LPP) (Formulaic and Competitive) and SB 1 Solutions for Congested Corridors Program (SCCP) Sonoma-Marin Rail Transit (SMART) Healdsburg Extension Project (PPNO 2364N), in Sonoma County, for the 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 multi-funded SB 1 LPP (Formulaic and Competitive) and SB 1 SCCP Sonoma-Marin Rail Transit (SMART) Healdsburg Extension project (PPNO 2364N), in Sonoma County, for the time period as identified in the attachment.

BACKGROUND:

The local agency will not be able to request an allocation for funds by the June 30, 2026, deadline. The attachment shows the details of the project and an explanation for the delays that have resulted in this time extension request.

Current SB 1 LPP (Formulaic and Competitive) and SB 1 SCCP Guidelines adopted by the Commission stipulate that programmed funds 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

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**Time Extension/Waiver – Project Allocation
Multi-Funded SB 1 LPP (Formulaic and Competitive) and SB 1 SCCP**

Project Number: 1
Applicant: Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit
County: Sonoma
District: 04
PPNO: 2364N
Allocation Amount: \$81,207,000 (LPP (Formulaic) \$207,000, LPP (Competitive) \$25,000,000, SCCP \$56,000,000)
Phase: Construction
Number of Months Requested: 12 Months
Extended Deadline: 06/30/2027
Department Recommendation: Support

Sonoma-Marín Rail Transit (SMART) Healdsburg Extension Project

The Sonoma–Marín Area Rail Transit (Agency) requests a 12-month time extension for the period of project allocation for the Construction (CON) phase of the Sonoma-Marín Rail Transit (SMART) Healdsburg Extension Project. The Agency has experienced unexpected delays in allocating CON.

The project will include nine miles of Class IV mainline track and a 5.5-mile extension of the active transportation SMART Pathway between Windsor and Healdsburg. Other elements of the project include a new station, six bridges, including the Russian River Rail Bridge, freight accommodating infrastructure such as station gauntlet tracks, upgrades to SMART's dispatch system and rail operations center, and new broadband capacity. It will also include 21 at-grade crossings and federally mandated Positive Train Control rail safety systems.

The project timeline has been impacted by unforeseen and unanticipated circumstances due to a delay in federal funding.

SMART was awarded \$28,000,000 in federal Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements funds for this project in September of 2023. At that time, SMART anticipated that award execution would take approximately six months, an expected pace consistent with federal grant program norms. The grant agreement has not been executed as of yet, which represents a delay of more than two years. The current target for grant execution is June 2026, but SMART has been advised that it may be delayed further. This delay has a direct and material impact on the project's construction funding timeline.

As a result of these unforeseen delays, the anticipated contract date for the first construction phase early works package is now planned for October 2026, which pushes back the date that the project will initiate the Construction phase. There is a concurrent LPP (Formulaic) Programming Amendment on this month's Commission agenda.

Therefore, the Agency 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.