

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 DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURE FOR LOCALLY-ADMINISTERED LOCAL TRANSPORTATION CLIMATE ADAPTATION PROGRAM PROJECTS, OFF THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM, PER LTCAP GUIDELINES WAIVER 26-130**

ISSUE:

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) extend the period of project development expenditure for five locally-administered Local Transportation Climate Adaptation Program (LTCAP) projects, for the time periods as identified in the attachment?

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the Commission extend the periods of project development expenditure for five locally-administered LTCAP projects, for the time periods as identified in the attachment.

BACKGROUND:

In January 2024, January 2024, June 2024, March 2024, and March 2024, the Commission allocated \$14,750,000 for the five locally-administered LTCAP projects identified in the attachment. The agencies will not be able to complete the phase within the expenditure period. The attachment describes the details of the projects and the explanations for the delays.

Current LTCAP Guidelines adopted by the Commission stipulate that funds that are programmed for all components of local grant projects are available for expenditure only until the end of the second fiscal year following the year of allocation. 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 Development Expenditure
Local Transportation Climate Adaptation Program**

Project Number: 1
Applicant: Mendocino County
County: Mendocino
District: 01
PPNO: 4888
Allocation Amount: \$6,000,000
Remaining Balance: \$3,700,000
Phase: Project Approval and Environmental Document
Allocation Date: 01/26/2024
Allocation Resolution: LTCAP-A-2324-01
Number of Months Requested: 12 Months
Extended Deadline: 06/30/2027
Department Recommendation: Support

Redmeyer Road Extension project

Mendocino County (County) requests a 12-month time extension for the period of project development expenditure for the Project Approval and Environmental Document (PA&ED) phase of the Redmeyer Road Extension project. The County experienced additional delays in completing the PA&ED phase.

The project proposes constructing a 2-lane road with paved shoulders to extend Redmeyer Road as well as a local bridge structure over the Russian River.

The project experienced delays due to an additional unanticipated study and impacted access to the project site during the PA&ED phase. The additional study resulted in findings of cultural significance, requiring an extended Phase 2 field study. The process for this study will take substantial time to develop a plan, have the plan reviewed by the Department and the Tribal government, obtain approval for testing, and schedule fieldwork during appropriate windows, in coordination with archaeologists, property owners, Tribal monitors, and equipment operators. After completion of the field work, additional time will be needed to conduct the approved testing, which must be completed in a specialized laboratory in Florida. Results of the testing will require further coordination with the Department and Tribal government to determine next steps based on the findings.

The project anticipates obtaining California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) by March 2027, needing additional time thereafter to finalize the remaining PA&ED activities. There is a concurrent request for a 12-month allocation time extension amendment for the Plans, Specifications, and Estimate (PS&E) phase on this month's Commission agenda.

Therefore, the County is requesting a 12-month time extension for the period of project development expenditure for the PA&ED phase from June 30, 2026 to June 30, 2027.

Project Number: 2
Applicant: Mendocino County
County: Mendocino
District: 01
PPNO: 4889
Allocation Amount: \$6,000,000
Remaining Balance: \$4,980,000
Phase: Project Approval and Environmental Document
Allocation Date: 01/26/2024
Allocation Resolution: LTCAP-A-2324-01
Number of Months Requested: 12 Months
Extended Deadline: 06/30/2027
Department Recommendation: Support

Brooktrails Second Access project

Mendocino County (County) requests a 12-month time extension for the period of project development expenditure for the PA&ED phase of the Brooktrails Second Access project. The County experienced additional delays in completing the PA&ED phase.

The project proposes constructing a 2-lane road with paved shoulders as a second access to the Brooktrails Township.

The project experienced delays due to intensive coordination with the main landowner to gain site access and alignment approval during the PA&ED phase. After gaining access to the site and performing field studies, additional alignments were developed that addressed the landowner's concerns. Steep topography and limited local road connection locations have led to difficult alignment analyses. Three alignments are currently being considered, but each has significant challenges as well as the need for continued coordination with the landowner, landowner's legal team, landowner's engineering expert, County Supervisor, County Department of Transportation staff, County Counsel, and engineering consultants. Additionally, during the initial project development and field studies, the County was made aware of potential environmentally and culturally sensitive areas, which requires coordination with archaeologists and Tribal government.

The project anticipates obtaining CEQA by June 2027 and NEPA by June 2026. There is a concurrent request for a 12-month allocation time extension amendment for the PS&E phase on this month's Commission agenda.

Therefore, the County is requesting a 12-month time extension for the period of project development expenditure for the PA&ED phase from June 30, 2026 to June 30, 2027.

Project Number: 3
Applicant: Town of Paradise
County: Butte
District: 03
PPNO: 3890
Allocation Amount: \$1,770,000
Remaining Balance: \$1,518,000
Phase: Project Approval and Environmental Document
Allocation Date: 06/28/2024
Allocation Resolution: LTCAP-A-2324-05
Number of Months Requested: 12 Months
Extended Deadline: 06/30/2027
Department Recommendation: Support

Roe Road Phase 2 project

The Town of Paradise (Town) requests a 12-month time extension for the period of project development expenditure for the PA&ED phase of the Roe Road Phase 2 project. The Town experienced additional delays in completing the PA&ED phase.

The project proposes constructing 1.2 miles of a new two-lane roadway with Class II bike lanes for day-to-day operations that can be utilized for emergency response and evacuations if needed and vegetation management on Roe Road from South Libby Road to Clark Road/State Route 191, and installing storm drain facilities, a bridge over Clear Creek, and a traffic signal at Clark Road/State Route 191.

Beginning April 2025, the Town began conversations with the Department and the Commission regarding the potential need for a project scope change that was unanticipated at the time of program application. During this time, the consultants paused their work to prevent unnecessary work that might require future revision while conversations were ongoing, which caused several months of delay. Significant Right of Way (RW) considerations also influenced the project schedule early on due to steep terrains and public feedback, including by impacted landowners. Approximately 30 alignment alternatives and multiple public meetings during the PA&ED phase added several more months of delay, affecting the completion of the PA&ED phase.

The project anticipates needing additional time to obtain CEQA, NEPA, and RW certification as well as additional time thereafter to finalize the remaining PA&ED activities. The Town has concurrent requests for additional allocation time extensions for the Plans, Specifications, and Estimate (PS&E), Right of Way (RW), Construction (CON) phases on this month's Commission agenda.

Therefore, the Town is requesting a 12-month time extension for the period of project development expenditure for the PA&ED phase from June 30, 2026 to June 30, 2027.

Project Number: 4
Applicant: City of Moreno Valley
County: Riverside
District: 08
PPNO: 1332
Allocation Amount: \$700,000
Remaining Balance: \$661,718
Phase: Project Approval and Environmental Document
Allocation Date: 03/22/2024
Allocation Resolution: LTCAP-A-2324-03
Number of Months Requested: 12 Months
Extended Deadline: 06/30/2027
Department Recommendation: Support

Moreno MDP Line K and Reche Canyon Detention-Debris Basin project

The City of Moreno Valley (City) requests a 12-month time extension for the period of project development expenditure for the PA&ED phase of the Moreno MDP Line K and Reche Canyon Detention-Debris Basin project. The City experienced delays in completing the PA&ED phase.

The project proposes constructing a detention-debris basin and 8,000 linear feet of new storm drain pipeline to provide flood protection within Moreno Valley.

Due to the scope and location of the project, significant coordination has been required between the City and Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District). After the City issued its request for proposals for consultant services, the review of the proposals took longer than originally anticipated, as the proposals needed to meet the requirements of both the City and the District. Ultimately, a proposal was accepted that satisfied both the City and the District, and a kickoff meeting was held in January 2025. Due to the delayed start of the consultant contract, the spring 2025 window to conduct the biological studies for CEQA and NEPA clearances was missed and had to be pushed back to spring 2026. This missed window caused the City to need additional time to complete environmental work and expend the available funds.

The project anticipates obtaining CEQA and NEPA clearances in winter 2026 and RW Certification by late spring 2027, needing additional time thereafter to finalize the remaining PA&ED activities. There are concurrent requests for a 12-month allocation time extension amendment for the RW phase and a 12-month allocation time extension for the CON phase on this month's Commission agenda. The PS&E phase is funded by the District and is running concurrently with the RW phase.

Therefore, the City is requesting a 12-month time extension for the period of project development expenditure for the PA&ED phase from June 30, 2026 to June 30, 2027.

Project Number: 5
Applicant: Mariposa County
County: Mariposa
District: 10
PPNO: 3646
Allocation Amount: \$280,000
Remaining Balance: \$137,605
Phase: Project Approval and Environmental Document
Allocation Date: 03/22/2024
Allocation Resolution: LTCAP-A-2324-03
Number of Months Requested: 6 Months
Extended Deadline: 12/31/2026
Department Recommendation: Support

Mariposa County Fournier Road project

Mariposa County (County) requests a 6-month time extension for the period of project development expenditure for the PA&ED phase of the Mariposa County Fournier Road project. The County experienced additional delays in completing the PA&ED phase.

The project proposes installing a new bridge over the lowest part of Fournier Road and supporting work on the attached roadway in the unincorporated community of Mariposa.

The project experienced delays due to natural disasters and their resultant effects impacting the project, staff, and site access. Subsequently, reviews of several of the studies are being done by outside agencies and taking longer than historically shown. The review of the Preliminary Environmental Study took approximately 12 weeks to receive approval where it normally takes only two to four weeks. Additionally, NEPA compliance requires a Section 7 consultation with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. The results of the regulatory reviews as well as the interagency coordination are unknown and also out of the County's control, delaying the CEQA and NEPA processes. Although the County has no control over these outside reviews, they are continually checking in with these agencies, communicating regularly and responding promptly to any requests, to keep the project progressing timely.

The project anticipates obtaining CEQA by June 2026 and NEPA by late 2026, needing additional time thereafter to finalize the remaining PA&ED activities. There are concurrent requests for a 6-month allocation time extension amendment for the PS&E and RW phases, and a 12-month allocation time extension for the CON phase on this month's Commission agenda.

Therefore, the County is requesting an additional 6-month time extension for the period of project development expenditure for the PA&ED phase from June 30, 2026 to December 31, 2026.