

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 CONTRACT AWARD FOR A TRANSIT AND INTERCITY RAIL CAPITAL PROGRAM COMPONENT, PER TIRCP ALLOCATION POLICY WAIVER 26-138**

ISSUE:

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) extend the period of contract award for the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) (2022:12) Expanding Transit Services and Introducing Zero-Emission Fleets on California's North Coast (Service Bays) component (PPNO CP101E), in Humboldt County, for the time period as identified in the attachment?

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation recommends that the Commission extend the period of contract award for the TIRCP (2022:12) Expanding Transit Services and Introducing Zero-Emission Fleets on California's North Coast (Service Bays) component (PPNO CP101E), in Humboldt County, for the time period as identified in the attachment.

BACKGROUND:

In June 2025, the Commission allocated \$813,000 for the Construction phase of the TIRCP (2022:12) Expanding Transit Services and Introducing Zero-Emission Fleets on California's North Coast (Service Bays) component (PPNO CP101E). The implementing agency is unable to award the third-party contract, per the Timely Use of Funds (TUF) policy.

The current TIRCP Allocation Policy stipulates that the agency implementing a project component requests a time extension if the contract will not be awarded within the specified timeline. Under the TUF policy, an extension can be requested for up to 20 months for each

delivery milestone, where permissible by statute. The attachment describes the details of the project component and the explanation for the delay.

Attachment

**Time Extension/Waiver – Contract Award
Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program**

Project Number: 1
Applicant: Humboldt Transit Authority
County: Humboldt
District: 01
PPNO: CP101E
Allocation Amount: \$813,000
Phase: Construction
Allocation Date: 06/27/2025
Allocation Resolution: TIRCP-2425-74
Number of Months Requested: 12 Months
Extended Deadline: 06/30/2027
Department Recommendation: Support

(2022:12) Expanding Transit Services and Introducing Zero-Emission Fleets on California’s North Coast (Service Bays)

Humboldt Transit Authority (HTA) requests a 12-month time extension for the period of contract award for the Construction (CON) phase of the (2022:12) Expanding Transit Services and Introducing Zero-Emission Fleets on California’s North Coast (Service Bays) component. HTA has experienced unanticipated delays in awarding the third-party contract for the CON phase.

The project component proposes design and construct modifications to three existing HTA maintenance bays. Specifically, retrofitting the maintenance bays to hydrogen technologies code allowing HTA staff to maintain and service the anticipated hydrogen fuel cell electric bus fleet.

In June 2025, the Commission allocated \$813,000 for the CON phase of the component. However, during the pre-construction process it was determined that the retrofit work would require an estimated six to nine additional months to complete. The extended construction timeline coincides with the scheduled construction of the Hydrogen Infrastructure component (PPNO CP101A), which will begin in the summer of 2026. With both project components overlapping, the combined impact on yard space and facility operations would be significant. Given the need to maintain safety and uninterrupted transit operations throughout the hydrogen station construction, HTA cannot allocate additional yard space for the retrofit of the Service Bays component at this same time. If HTA allocates space for both components, it will have constrain operational capacity beyond acceptable limits and create unsafe working conditions. As a result, HTA is requesting that the Service Bays component be delayed, ensuring continued safe and efficient operations during the hydrogen station construction period. The component will be rescheduled for construction at a future timeframe when adequate space and operational flexibility are available.

Therefore, HTA is requesting a 12-month time extension for the period of contract award for the CON phase from June 30, 2026 to June 30, 2027.