

MEMORANDUM

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: June 25-26, 2026

From: STEVEN KECK, Chief Financial Officer

Reference Number: 2.8v.(5), Action Item

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Subject: **REQUEST TO AMEND THE PERIOD OF PROJECT ALLOCATION FOR A
LOCALLY-ADMINISTERED SENATE BILL 1 SOLUTIONS FOR CONGESTED
CORRIDORS PROGRAM RAIL PROJECT
WAIVER 26-146, AMENDING WAIVER 25-73**

ISSUE:

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) amend the period of project allocation for the locally-administered Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) Solutions for Congested Corridors Program (SCCP) Camarillo Station Improvements Rail project (PPNO 6219), in Ventura County, for the time period as identified in the attachment?

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation recommends that the Commission amend the period of project allocation for the locally-administered SB 1 SCCP Camarillo Station Improvements Rail project (PPNO 6219), in Ventura County, for the time period as identified in the attachment.

BACKGROUND:

In May 2025, the Commission approved a 12-month time extension for the period of project allocation for the Construction (CON) phase of the SB 1 SCCP Camarillo Station Improvements Rail project (PPNO 6219). 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 SB 1 SCCP Guidelines stipulate that funds programmed for the CON phase 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

**Amendment Time Extension/Waiver – Project Allocation
Solutions for Congested Corridors Program**

Project Number: 1
Applicant: City of Camarillo
County: Ventura
District: 07
PPNO: 6219
Allocation Amount: \$7,920,000
Phase: Construction
1st Waiver: Waiver 25-73
Approved: May 2025
Number of Months Requested: ~~12 Months~~ **20 Months**
Extended Deadline: ~~06/30/2026~~ **02/28/2027**
Department Recommendation: Support

Camarillo Station Improvements

The City of Camarillo (City) requests an additional 8 months, from 12 months to 20 months for the period of project allocation for the Construction (CON) phase of the Camarillo Station Improvements Rail project. The City experienced delays during the design phase.

The City will construct a pedestrian undercrossing at the Camarillo Rail Station, which will improve train operations and enhance station access and mobility for riders. The Camarillo Rail Station serves multiple users, including Amtrak Pacific Surfliner and Metrolink passengers, and provides connections to Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC) intercity service and Camarillo Area Transit local bus service. Overall, this project supports safer and more efficient pedestrian movement while improving connectivity across regional transit services.

In May 2025, the Commission approved a 12-month time extension for the period of project allocation for the CON phase of this project, due to delays in the delivery of the Plans, Specifications, and Estimate (PS&E) phase. Coordination to get concept approval from Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) began on March 24, 2022 and was approved on November 4, 2022 after various reviews, and requests for additional justification. These initial review cycles added significant time to project development and contributed to delays independent of the City's efforts.

The project has encountered unique third-party coordination challenges. Because rail undercrossing projects are not a standard item in the UPRR Public Projects Manual, the project required:

- Technical variance from UPRR's Public Projects Manual to address temporary shoring within the Minimum Construction Clearance Envelope and supplemental feasibility analyses, which include UPRR requested supplemental Project Study Report (PSR) documentation and overcrossing evaluation (July 18, 2024 through July 17, 2025), and the Track Closure Memorandum process (March 2, 2026 through May 1, 2026).
- Iterative rounds of review following initial concept and PSR approvals, which includes 15 percent concept plan review and approval (September 15, 2025 through October 17, 2025); California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) coordination which began on December 22, 2025 with a virtual meeting held on January 7, 2026; and a Field Diagnostic meeting held on February 11, 2026. Thirty percent design submittal, rejection and resubmittal cycles began on December 23, 2025, with a rejection on January 29, 2026. Resubmittal occurred on May 4, 2026, and approval occurred on June 3, 2026, with conditions to be addressed in 60 percent design submittal.

These non-routine requirements extended the project development timeline beyond typical durations. While the City has continued to advance design, coordinate diagnostic meetings with UPRR and the CPUC, and address all conditions required to proceed to the next phase of design, prolonged periods of limited UPRR responsiveness between December 2024 and March 2025 combined with the complexity of railroad-mandated analyses and multiple supplemental submittals delayed critical reviews and pushed final allocation readiness beyond the current deadline.

The City anticipates completing PS&E and Right of Way Certification by January 2027 and requesting the CON allocation at the March 2027 Commission meeting.

Based on current progress and anticipated resolution of outstanding UPRR conditions, additional time is required to allow the project to advance in an orderly and efficient manner consistent with Commission expectations.

Therefore, the City requests an additional eight months, for the period of project allocation for the CON phase from June 30, 2026 to February 28, 2027.