

MEMORANDUM

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: June 25-26, 2026

From: STEVEN KECK, Chief Financial Officer

Reference Number: 2.8v.(13), Action Item

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Subject: **REQUEST TO AMEND THE PERIOD OF PROJECT DEVELOPMENT
EXPENDITURE FOR A LOCALLY-ADMINISTERED ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION
PROGRAM PROJECT, OFF THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM
WAIVER 26-160, AMENDING WAIVER 25-170**

ISSUE:

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) amend the period of project development expenditure for the locally-administered Active Transportation Program (ATP) Tracks at Brea Final Phase Gap Closure project (PPNO 1303), in Orange 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 development expenditure for the locally-administered ATP Tracks at Brea Final Phase Gap Closure project (PPNO 1303), in Orange County, for the time period as identified in the attachment.

BACKGROUND:

In March 2023, the Commission allocated \$1,787,000 for the Right of Way (RW) phase of the locally-administered ATP Tracks at Brea Final Phase Gap Closure project (PPNO 1303). In August 2025, a 12-month Post-Fact project development expenditure time extension was approved for the phase. However, the local agency has not been able to complete the phase by the June 30, 2026 deadline. The attachment shows the details of the project and the delay that has resulted in this amended time extension request.

Attachment

**Amendment Time Extension/Waiver – Project Development Expenditure
Active Transportation Program**

Project Number: 1
Applicant: City of Brea
County: Orange
District: 12
PPNO: 1303
Allocation Amount: \$1,787,000
Allocation Date: 03/23/2023
Remaining Balance: \$1,700,000
Phase: Right of Way
1st Waiver: Waiver 25-170
Approved: 08/15/2025
Number of Months Requested: ~~12 Months~~ **18 Months**
Extended Deadline: ~~06/30/2026~~ **12/31/2026**
Department Recommendation: Support

Tracks at Brea Final Phase Gap Closure

The City of Brea (City) requests an additional 6 months, from 12 months to 18 months, for the period of project development expenditure for the Right of Way (RW) phase of the Tracks at Brea Final Phase Gap Closure project. The City is experiencing delays finalizing the Purchase and Sale Agreement (PSA) with the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR).

The project proposes to acquire a section of UPRR property to implement a Class I multi-use path. This project is a segment of the Orange County Transportation Authority's (OCTA) OC Loop project, which includes the OC Loop Coyote Creek Bikeway (Segment O) (PPNO 1305) and OC Loop Segment P and Q (PPNO 1309). In addition, the Tracks at Brea Final Phase Gap Closure project (PPNO 1303) has been programmed for future construction with Surface Transportation Block Grant and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program funds. The OCTA OC Loop projects will provide a seamless 66-mile regional active transportation corridor connecting Class I off-street trails and on-street bicycle facilities throughout Orange County.

In August 2025 the project received a 12-month Post-Fact project development expenditure time extension for the RW phase. This was due to ongoing negotiations of the sale of an easement from UPRR. This easement is necessary to complete a critical gap in the regional trail network and is an important component of the long-term viability of the Orange County Loop. The City has been working with UPRR for approximately 10 years to secure the necessary right of way for the project and has made substantial progress toward completing the acquisition. In May 2026, UPRR recently provided a draft PSA, which the City promptly returned with minor revisions. The Brea City Council discussed responses received from

UPRR during a closed session on June 2, 2026. After a decade of negotiations, the City and UPRR are close to finalizing the transaction. Given the significant progress made and the proximity to obtaining the signed RW Certification, this amended extension will provide adequate time to finalize the PSA and complete the certification review and approval process.

The City expects to receive the final PSA from UPRR and complete internal review by July 2026. Immediately following, the City will open escrow and begin the entitlement process and deposit the necessary funds. Concurrently, the City will commence with RW Certification. The City anticipates to submit the final executed documents and complete the RW phase by December 31, 2026.

Therefore, the City is requesting an additional six months to complete the RW phase from June 30, 2026 to December 31, 2026.