

## **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS  
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

**CTC Meeting:** August 20-21, 2026

**From:** STEVEN KECK, Chief Financial Officer

**Reference Number:** 2.8b.(2), Action Item

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**Subject:** **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF CONTRACT AWARD FOR A  
LOCALLY-ADMINISTERED STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT  
PROGRAM RAIL PROJECT, PER STIP GUIDELINES  
WAIVER 26-171**

### **ISSUE:**

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) extend the period of contract award for the locally-administered State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Link Union Station Phase A Component of the Southern California Optimized Rail Expansion (SCORE) Program-Main Construction Contract Rail project (PPNO 9882), in Los Angeles 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 locally-administered STIP Link Union Station Phase A Component of the SCORE Program-Main Construction Contract Rail project (PPNO 9882), in Los Angeles County, for the time period as identified in the attachment.

### **BACKGROUND:**

In January 2026, the Commission allocated \$60,820,000 for the Construction phase of the locally-administered STIP Link Union Station Phase A Component of the SCORE Program-Main Construction Contract Rail project (PPNO 9882). The responsible agency has been unable to award the contract per the Timely Use of Funds (TUF) policy.

Current STIP Guidelines stipulate that the agency implementing a project request a time extension if the contract will not be awarded within six months of allocation. The Commission may approve a waiver to the TUF deadline, one-time only, for up to 20 months. The attachment describes the details of the project and the explanation for the delay.

Attachment

**Time Extension/Waiver – Contract Award  
State Transportation Improvement Program**

Project Number: 1  
Applicant: Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority  
County: Los Angeles  
District: 75  
PPNO: 9882  
Allocation Amount: \$60,820,000  
Phase: Construction  
Allocation Date: 01/30/2026  
Allocation Resolution: MFP-25-05  
Number of Months Requested: 12 months  
Extended Deadline: 07/31/2027  
Department Recommendation: Support

**Link Union Station Phase A Component of the SCORE Program-Main Construction Contract**

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LA Metro) requests a 12-month time extension for the period of contract award for the Construction (CON) phase of the Link Union Station Phase A Component of the SCORE Program-Main Construction Contract project. LA Metro has experienced unexpected delays in awarding the contract for the CON phase.

The overall project will convert the Los Angeles Union Station to a run-through track station from a stub-end station to improve throughput capacity for commuter/intercity rail and accommodate future High-Speed Rail.

Allocated CON phase funds will support main construction contract tasks including utility relocations, platform modifications, a southwest fire truck access turnaround, and a southeast fire truck access turnaround. These activities will be conducted as part of the Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC) delivery method and will require work adjacent to active tracks and platforms owned and operated by LA Metro, Southern California Regional Rail Authority, and Los Angeles - San Diego - San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency.

Additional time is needed to obtain an unexpected Temporary Construction Easement (TCE) on the site property, owned by the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA). Despite LA Metro conducting a constructability review of the project site, prior to allocation of the State Transportation Improvement Program shares, the need for an additional TCE, specifically for the construction of the sound wall described in the Early Works Package activities, was not identified by either LA Metro or the HACLA until June 2026 because the final construction planning and contractor coordination, consistent with CMGC delivery

methodology, revealed additional temporary construction easement requirements and a greater level of third-party coordination than had been anticipated during the original project schedule. Obtaining a TCE will require additional negotiations between both entities prior to awarding the construction contract. LA Metro estimates it will take approximately 12 months to perform sequential and interdependent activities to resolve contract award delay including approximately 4 months to complete the appraisal process, approximately 3 months to negotiate easement terms with HACLA, approximately 2.5 months to obtain HACLA Board approval, and approximately 2.5 months to incorporate revisions and execute agreements.

Therefore, LA Metro is requesting a 12-month time extension for the period of contract award for the CON phase from July 31, 2026 to July 31, 2027.