

MEMORANDUM

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: August 20-21, 2026

From: STEVEN KECK, Chief Financial Officer

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF CONTRACT AWARD FOR A
LOCALLY-ADMINISTERED SENATE BILL 1 LOCAL PARTNERSHIP
PROGRAM (FORMULAIC) TRANSIT PROJECT, PER LPP (FORMULAIC)
GUIDELINES
WAIVER 26-174**

ISSUE:

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) extend the period of contract award for the locally-administered Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) Local Partnership Program (LPP) (Formulaic) Hi-Rail Bucket Truck Acquisition Transit project (PPNO 2365H), in Sonoma 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 SB 1 LPP (Formulaic) Hi-Rail Bucket Truck Acquisition Transit project (PPNO 2365H), in Sonoma County, for the time period as identified in the attachment.

BACKGROUND:

In December 2025, the Commission approved an allocation of \$200,000 for the Construction (CON) phase of the locally-administered SB 1 LPP (Formulaic) Hi-Rail Bucket Truck Acquisition Transit project (PPNO 2365H). The local agency has been unable to award the contract per the Timely Use of Funds deadline. The attachment shows the details of the project and the explanation for the delays that have resulted in this time extension request.

Current SB 1 LPP (Formulaic) Guidelines stipulate that the agency implementing a project request a time extension if the project will not be awarded within six months of the 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 – Contract Award
Local Partnership Program (Formulaic)**

Project Number: 1
Applicant: Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit
County: Sonoma
District: 04
PPNO: 2365H
Allocation Amount: \$200,000
Phase: Construction
Allocation Date: 12/05/2025
Allocation Resolution Number: LPP-A-2526-12
Number of Months Requested: 12 Months
Extended Deadline: 06/30/2027
Department Recommendation: Support

Hi-Rail Bucket Truck Acquisition

The Sonoma–Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART) requests a 12-month time extension for the period of contract award for the Construction (CON) phase of the Hi-Rail Bucket Truck Acquisition project. SMART has experienced delays in awarding a third-party contract.

The project will include the purchase of a hi-rail truck to conduct maintenance and inspection activities along the agency's 48 miles of track, between Larkspur and Windsor. The hi-rail truck will allow for rapid in-house response to elevated and trackside maintenance needs.

Following the CON phase allocation, SMART conducted a procurement through a State of California-vetted cooperative agreement and received two bids. Both bids came in nearly \$80,000 (20 percent) above the project's budget. The additional time being requested to award a contract will provide the agency with sufficient time to conduct a competitive procurement process to broaden the procurement to a wider pool of vendors and increase the likelihood of competition, incentivizing more competitively priced bids. It will also allow the agency to conduct outreach that targets specialty producers of hybrid road and rail vehicles to ensure they are aware of the opportunity.

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