

MEMORANDUM

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: August 20-21, 2026

From: STEVEN KECK, Chief Financial Officer

Reference Number: 2.8d.(2), Action Item

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF PROJECT DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURE FOR A LOCALLY-ADMINISTERED ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM PROJECT, OFF THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM, PER ATP GUIDELINES WAIVER 26-179**

ISSUE:

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) extend the period of project development expenditure for the locally-administered Active Transportation Program (ATP) Go Paradise: Skyway Link Project (PPNO 6129), for the time period as identified in the attachment?

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation recommends that the Commission extend the period of project development expenditure for the locally-administered ATP Go Paradise: Skyway Link Project (PPNO 6129), for the time period as identified in the attachment.

BACKGROUND:

In August 2023, the Commission allocated \$424,000 for the locally-administered ATP Go Paradise: Skyway Link Project (PPNO 6129). In accordance with ATP Guidelines (Guidelines), the deadline for expenditures for this project is June 30, 2026. The responsible agency has been unable to complete the project component per the Timely Use of Funds policy. The attachment describes the details of the project and the explanation for the delay.

Current Guidelines, adopted by the Commission, stipulate that the funds programmed for all components of local grant projects are available for expenditure only until the end of the second fiscal year following the year of allocation. The Commission may approve a waiver to the TUF deadline, one-time only, for up to 12 months.

Attachment

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

Project Number: 1
Applicant: Town of Paradise
County: Butte
District: 03
PPNO: 6129
Allocation Amount: \$424,000
Remaining Balance: \$246,500
Phase: Project Approval and Environmental Document
Allocation Date: 08/17/2023
Allocation Resolution Number: FATP-2324-03
Number of Months Requested: 9 Months
Extended Deadline: 03/31/2027
Department Recommendation: Support

Go Paradise: Skyway Link Project

The Town of Paradise (Town) requests a 9-month time extension for the period of project development expenditure for the Project Approval and Environmental Document (PA&ED) phase of the Go Paradise: Skyway Link Project. The Town has experienced delays with the solicitation process.

The project proposes to construct a sidewalk, a Class I multi-use path, and install Americans with Disabilities Act curb ramps.

Following the PA&ED phase allocation, the Town was unable to execute the consultant agreement until the consultant's registration required under Title 2 of the Code of Federal Regulations was active. During contract execution, the consultant transitioned from a sole proprietorship to a limited liability company, resulting in conflicting registrations that temporarily deactivated the required registration status. In June 2026, the issue was resolved and the agreement was executed.

In April 2026, during the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) review of the environmental package, revision to the Area of Potential Effects (APE) report was requested. During development of the APE, it became apparent that limited construction activities extending beyond the existing public right-of-way onto adjacent private properties for driveway conforms and grading transitions required expansion of the APE and evaluation of additional parcels for potential historic resources. Although no direct impacts to structures are proposed, expanding the APE requires additional historic resources evaluation and preparation of a Historic Resources Report before federal environmental clearance can be completed. This process began in June 2026, the reports are expected to be complete by September 2026 with SHPO concurrence by October 2026. The Town anticipates National Environmental Policy Act clearance by December 2026.

While the Town is eight years removed from the 2018 Camp Fire, recovery efforts continue to shape project delivery. The Go Paradise: Skyway Link Project is one of the Town's most significant transportation investments and a critical component of the community's long-term recovery, delivered in conjunction with Housing Urban Development Community Development Block Grant–Disaster Recovery funding. As a result, the project must satisfy multiple layers of federal environmental review, procurement, and grant compliance requirements that the Town has not previously navigated. These requirements are unique to disaster recovery funding and extend well beyond the typical environmental and delivery requirements associated with a conventional transportation project.

Therefore, the Town is requesting a 9-month time extension for the period of project development expenditure for the PA&ED phase from June 30, 2026 to March 31, 2027.