

MEMORANDUM

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: August 20-21, 2026

From: STEVEN KECK, Chief Financial Officer

Reference Number: 2.8c.(9), Action Item

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF PROJECT COMPLETION FOR A
TRANSIT AND INTERCITY RAIL CAPITAL PROGRAM COMPONENT, PER
TIRCP ALLOCATION POLICY
WAIVER 26-182**

ISSUE:

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) extend the period of project completion for the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) (2020:10) West Valley Connector Bus Rapid Transit Phase 1 & Zero-Emission Bus Initiative (Mainline Improvements) component (PPNO 1232A), in San Bernardino County, for the time period as identified in the attachment?

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation recommends that the Commission extend the period of project completion for the TIRCP (2020:10) West Valley Connector Bus Rapid Transit Phase 1 & Zero-Emission Bus Initiative (Mainline Improvements) component (PPNO 1232A), in San Bernardino County, for the time period as identified in the attachment.

BACKGROUND:

In May 2023, the Commission allocated \$18,778,000 for the Construction phase of the TIRCP (2020:10) West Valley Connector Bus Rapid Transit Phase 1 & Zero-Emission Bus Initiative (Mainline Improvements) component (PPNO 1232A). The responsible agency has been unable to complete the component phase per the Timely Use of Funds (TUF) policy.

The current TIRCP Allocation Policy stipulates that the agency implementing a project component request a time extension if the project will not be completed within the specified timeline. Under TUF policy, an extension can be requested for up to 20 months for each

delivery milestone, where permissible by statute. The attachment describes the details of the component and the explanation for the delay.

Attachment

**Time Extension/Waiver – Project Completion
Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program**

Project Number: 1
Applicant: San Bernardino County Transportation Authority
County: San Bernardino
District: 08
PPNO: 1232A
Allocation Amount: \$18,778,000
Phase: Construction
Allocation Date: 05/18/2023
Allocation Resolution: TIRCP-2223-77
Award Date: 10/03/2023
Number of Months Requested: 20 Months
Extended Deadline: 06/30/2028
Department Recommendation: Support

(2020:10) West Valley Connector Bus Rapid Transit Phase 1 & Zero-Emission Bus Initiative (Mainline Improvements)

San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA) requests a 20-month time extension for the period of project completion for the Construction (CON) phase of the (2020:10) West Valley Connector Bus Rapid Transit Phase 1 & Zero-Emission Bus Initiative (Mainline Improvements) component. SBCTA has experienced unexpected delays in completing the CON phase.

The component consists of the construction of the West Valley Connector Zero-Emission Bus Rapid Transit System, including 21 stations between Pomona and Rancho Cucamonga, with transit signal priority, on-board fare options, optimized operating plans, branded shelters/canopies, security cameras, and variable message signs at these 21 stations. The overall project aims to improve network connectivity in the San Bernardino Valley and reduce congestion on the Interstate 10 and State Route 60, which run parallel to the bus rapid transit line.

The delay in completion is due to issues with a concurrent project, Rule 20A, led by Southern California Edison (SCE) along Holt Boulevard in the City of Ontario, where the widening is to be completed. The precursor of the SCE Rule 20A electric powerline undergrounding project must first be completed. The overhead power and communication line poles subject to the undergrounding by the SCE Rule 20A project physically conflict with the widened traveled way, preventing construction of grading, drainage, curb and gutter, driveway reconstruction, and completion of final traveled way pavement. The SCE Rule 20A project, located between Mountain Avenue and San Antonio Avenue along the north side of Holt Boulevard, was delayed 24 months, and construction began in March 2026. The delay was due to a dispute between SCE and the telecommunication tenants over which poles would be undergrounded.

The dispute was associated with cost sharing for construction of the underground duct bank. SBCTA first recognized this delay in June 2024 and had no control over the resolution of this dispute. The work sequencing has been changed to mitigate the project delivery time. The dispute has been resolved, and SCE is expected to complete undergrounding work in December 2026. SBCTA is therefore requesting a 20-month time extension at the August Commission Meeting to allow the contractor to resume construction for the remaining work to be completed upon the completion of the SCE Rule 20A project. These delays have prevented SBCTA's contractor from efficiently being able to complete construction work on the Mainline Improvements component.

Therefore, SBCTA is requesting a 20-month time extension for the period of project completion for the CON phase from October 31, 2026 to June 30, 2028.