

MEMORANDUM

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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From: STEVEN KECK, Chief Financial Officer

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF PROJECT DEVELOPMENT
EXPENDITURE FOR A TRANSIT AND INTERCITY RAIL CAPITAL PROGRAM
PROJECT, PER TIRCP ALLOCATION POLICY
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ISSUE:

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) extend the period of project development expenditure for the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) (2022:16) Zero-Emission Transit Enhancement Project (12th and Imperial Rehabilitation) component (PPNO CP088E), in San Diego 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 development expenditure for the TIRCP (2022:16) Zero-Emission Transit Enhancement Project (12th and Imperial Rehabilitation) component (PPNO CP088E), in San Diego County, for the time period as identified in the attachment.

BACKGROUND:

In June 2024, the Commission allocated \$1,068,000 for the Plans, Specifications, and Estimate (PS&E) phase of the TIRCP (2022:16) Zero-Emission Transit Enhancement Project (12th and Imperial Rehabilitation) component (PPNO CP088E). The responsible agency has been unable to complete the PS&E 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 component will not be completed within the specified timeline. Under the TUF policy, an extension can be requested for up to 20 months

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

Attachment

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

Project Number: 1
Applicant: San Diego Metropolitan Transit System
County: San Diego
District: 11
PPNO: CP088E
Allocation Amount: \$1,068,000
Remaining Balance: \$90,000
Phase: Plans, Specifications, and Estimate
Allocation Date: 06/28/2024
Allocation Resolution: TIRCP-2324-69
Number of Months Requested: 20 Months
Extended Deadline: 02/29/2028
Department Recommendation: Support

(2022:16) Zero-Emission Transit Enhancement Project (12th and Imperial Rehabilitation)

The San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (SDMTS) requests a 20-month time extension for the period of project development expenditure for the Plans, Specifications, and Estimate (PS&E) phase of the Zero-Emission Transit Enhancement Project (12th and Imperial Rehabilitation) component. SDMTS has experienced unexpected delays in completing the PS&E phase.

This project component is located in downtown San Diego where it serves as a connection to SDMTS's Blue, Orange, and Green light rail trolley lines and bus routes. The project component proposes to rehabilitate the 12th and Imperial Transit Center by expanding bus bays, improvements to transit multi-modal connections, security and safety, and stormwater mitigation.

The component experienced delays due to unforeseen design conflicts in Overhead Catenary System (OCS) pole design and the City of San Diego's (City) slower than expected initiation of plan design reviews and street vacation processes. In February 2026, design plans were submitted to the City with the expectation that approval for the street vacation would be granted by June 2026, to allow for construction.

However, upon identification of OCS pole design conflicts, further investigation was required by the City to adequately resolve design modification issues and advance the project component towards full design completion. The timeline for the City's review and approval process for both design plans and street vacation request generally spans between 6 and 24 months, which is outside of SDMTS's control. Currently, approximately 90 percent of the design work is complete, with SDMTS expecting 100 percent of the design plans to be

finalized by February 2027, and approval of the design plans and street vacation permits from the City by September 2027.

To mitigate delays, SDMTS has designated a Project Manager (PM) to oversee the design efforts and facilitate close collaboration with its design consultant. The PM will maintain engagement with the City to identify and address any design conflicts and uphold ongoing communication to resolve possible emerging issues. The approval of the street vacation request and design plans by the City is a critical requirement for the PS&E completion and must be secured prior to advancing to the Construction phase of the project component. Due to the project component schedule's reliance on the City's review and approval timeline, including the essential street vacation action, SDMTS is seeking the maximum allowable time extension to ensure adequate flexibility for coordination, review, and approval.

Therefore, SDMTS is requesting a 20-month time extension for the period of project development expenditure for the PS&E phase from June 30, 2026 to February 29, 2028.