

MEMORANDUM

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: October 15-16, 2026

From: STEVEN KECK, Chief Financial Officer

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF CONTRACT AWARD FOR A STATE HIGHWAY OPERATION AND PROTECTION PROGRAM PROJECT, ON THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM, PER SHOPP GUIDELINES WAIVER 26-191**

ISSUE:

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) extend the period of contract award for the State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) Safety Improvements project (PPNO 2766Y), in San Luis Obispo County, for the time period as identified in the attachment?

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the Commission extend the period of contract award for the SHOPP Safety Improvements project (PPNO 2766Y), in San Luis Obispo County, for the time period as identified in the attachment.

BACKGROUND:

In March 2026, the Commission allocated \$843,000 to the Construction (CON) Capital and CON Support phases of the SHOPP Safety Improvements project (PPNO 2766Y). In accordance with the SHOPP Guidelines (Guidelines), the deadline to award contracts for projects allocated in March 2026, is September 30, 2026. The Department is requesting a time extension for the period of contract award. The attachment shows the details of the project and the delays that have resulted in this time extension request.

Current Guidelines stipulate that the agency implementing a project, request a time extension if the project will not be awarded within one Commission meeting after expiration. Expiration of CON funds occurs six months after a project receives its CON phase allocation. The Commission may approve waivers to the timely use of funds deadline, one-time only, for up to 20 months.

Attachment

**Time Extension/Waiver – Contract Award for
State Highway Operation and Protection Program**

Project Number: 1
County: San Luis Obispo
District: 05
PPNO: 2766Y
EA: 1J781
Route: 101
Allocation Amount: \$843,000
Phase: Construction
Allocation Date: 03/20/2026
Allocation Resolution: FP-25-82
Number of Months Requested: 2 Months
Extended Deadline: 11/30/2026
Department Recommendation: Support

Safety Improvements project

The Department requests a 2-month time extension for the period of contract award for the Construction (CON) phase of the Safety Improvements project. The Department experienced delays in awarding the project.

The project is located near Paso Robles, from north of Exline Road to south of Monterey Road. The scope of work is landscape mitigation for a separate safety project (EA 05-1J780).

During Fiscal Year 2025-26 the Department was required to manage other competing priorities and this project could not be posted and awarded. As the project entered active processing in 2026-27, additional time was required to update the submittal redlines and ensure all advertisement material meets the technical and commercial standards. In addition, it is anticipated that there will be time required to finalize the award process, after the bid opening. To provide briefing to the unsuccessful bidders and to ensure commercial compliance can be time-consuming activities before the contract award.

The Department took reasonable steps to mitigate delays, including revising documentation promptly, responding to the bidders' inquiries, and maintaining ongoing readiness for advertisement. However, additional time is required to complete advertisement, bidding, bid evaluation and contract award.

Therefore, the Department is requesting a 2-month time extension to award a contract from September 30, 2026 to November 30, 2026.