

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 PROJECT COMPLETION FOR
A STATE-ADMINISTERED STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT
PROGRAM PROJECT, ON THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM, PER
STIP GUIDELINES
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ISSUE:

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) extend the period of project completion for the State-Administered State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Feather River Inn Intersection Improvement project (PPNO 3703), in Plumas 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 project completion for the State-Administered STIP Feather River Inn Intersection Improvement project (PPNO 3703), in Plumas County, for the time period as identified in the attachment.

BACKGROUND:

In January 2023, the Commission allocated \$220,000 for the Construction phase of the State-Administered Feather River Inn Intersection Improvement project (PPNO 3703). The project was awarded in June 2023. In accordance with STIP Guidelines (Guidelines), the deadline to complete the Construction Contract Acceptance for projects awarded in June 2023 is June 30, 2026. As part of the initial allocation request, the Department requested an additional 6 months beyond the 36 months, extending the deadline to December 31, 2026. Because the Department will not meet this deadline, the Department is requesting a time extension to complete construction. The attachment shows the details of the project and the delays that have resulted in the time extension request.

Current Guidelines stipulate that the agency implementing a project request a time extension if the project will not be completed within 36 months after award. The Commission may approve a waiver to the timely use of funds deadline, one-time only, for up to 20 months.

Attachment

**Time Extension/Waiver – Project Completion for
State Transportation Improvement Program**

Project Number: 1
Applicant: Department of Transportation
County: Plumas
District: 02
PPNO: 3703
EA: 3H740
Route: 70
Allocation Amount: \$220,000
Phase: Construction and Construction Support
Allocation Date: 01/26/2023
Allocation Resolution: FP-22-47
Award Date: 06/27/2023
Number of Months Requested: 12 Months
Extended Deadline: 12/31/2027
Department Recommendation: Support

Feather River Inn Intersection Improvement Project

The Department requests a 12-month time extension to complete the Construction phase for the Feather River Inn Intersection Improvement project. The Department has experienced unexpected delays in completing construction. After the January 2023 Commission meeting, project EA 3H740 was combined with State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) project EA 1H580 into one contract for construction under EA 1H58U.

The project is located in Plumas County near Blairsden from 0.4 mile east of Little Bear Road to 0.4 mile west of Route 89. The project proposes to construct a new road connection.

At the time of allocation, the original request to extend the period of project completion by an additional 6 months beyond the 36-month deadline was not included due to an administrative error. There is a concurrent allocation amendment to add the request for additional time on this month's Commission agenda. The project's delivery schedule shifted by approximately 12 months from the original December 2026 completion date due to two unforeseen sequential developments that affected the construction timeline. Early in the construction period, the State's Middle Mile Broadband Network (MMBN) was incorporated within the project limits. Because the MMBN work carries a firm statewide funding deadline of December 2026, its installation had to be prioritized. As a result, this impacted several roadway construction activities, delaying the project by approximately six months. After this integration work concluded, the onset of winter conditions at the project's high elevation location required suspending construction for roughly six months. Heavy rain, snow, and recurring landslide activity made continued work unsafe and prevented access to critical work areas until conditions were improved.

The Department continues to work diligently to minimize project delays by coordinating closely with contractors and taking proactive steps to address issues as they arise. Despite these efforts, the primary sources of delay remain outside of the Department's control, including

seasonal construction limitations, and unforeseen field conditions. A concurrent time extension request for project completion for combined SHOPP project EA 1H58U is on this month's Commission agenda.

Therefore, the Department is requesting a 12-month time extension to allow sufficient time to complete construction activities from December 31, 2026 to December 31, 2027.