

MEMORANDUM

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: October 15-16, 2026

From: STEVEN KECK, Chief Financial Officer

Reference Number: 2.8c.(4), Action Item

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF PROJECT COMPLETION FOR A STATE-ADMINISTERED MULTI-FUNDED STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND SENATE BILL 1 LOCAL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (COMPETITIVE AND FORMULAIC), ON THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM, PER STIP AND SB 1 LPP (COMPETITIVE AND FORMULAIC) GUIDELINES WAIVER 26-197**

ISSUE:

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) extend the period of project completion for the State-Administered multi-funded State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) Local Partnership Program (LPP) (Competitive and Formulaic) US 101 Hearn Avenue Regional Multimodal Interchange project (PPNO 0785C), in Sonoma 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 multi-funded STIP and SB 1 LPP (Competitive and Formulaic) US 101 Hearn Avenue Regional Multimodal Interchange project (PPNO 0785C), in Sonoma County, for the time period as identified in the attachment.

BACKGROUND:

In August 2023, the Commission allocated \$17,000,000 for Construction Capital and Construction Support of the State-Administered multi-funded STIP and SB 1 LPP (Competitive and Formulaic) US 101 Hearn Avenue Regional Multimodal Interchange project (PPNO 0785C). The construction contract was awarded on November 17, 2023.

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 STIP and SB 1 LPP (Competitive and Formulaic) Guidelines stipulate that the agency implementing a project may 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
Multi-funded STIP and SB 1 LPP (Competitive and Formulaic)**

Project Number: 1
Applicant: Department of Transportation
County: Sonoma
District: 04
PPNO: 0785C
EA: 4A130
Route: 101
Allocation Amount: \$17,000,000 (STIP: \$3,400,000; (LPP (Competitive): \$8,600,000;
LPP (Formulaic): \$5,000,000)
Phase: Construction and Construction Support
Allocation Date: 08/17/2023
Allocation Resolution: FP-23-21 and LPP-A-2324-08
Award Date: 11/17/2023
Number of Months Requested: 8 Months
Extended Deadline: 07/31/2027
Department Recommendation: Support

US 101 Hearn Avenue Regional Multimodal Interchange project

The Department requests an 8-month time extension to complete the Construction phase for the US 101 Hearn Avenue Regional Multimodal Interchange project. The Department has experienced unexpected delays in completing construction.

The project is located in the City of Santa Rosa, at the United States Highway (US) 101/Hearn Avenue interchange, along Hearn Avenue from Corby Avenue to Santa Rosa Avenue. The project scope includes replacing the Hearn Avenue overcrossing to increase vertical clearance over US 101 and provide two vehicle lanes in each direction, a median, sidewalks, and Class II and Class IV bikeways. Additional improvements include widening the southbound US 101 off-ramp with turning lanes at Corby Avenue, adding lanes at the Hearn Avenue intersections with Corby Avenue and Santa Rosa Avenue, and providing Americans with Disabilities Act elements and protected intersection facilities for bicycle crossings and detection.

The construction contract was awarded in November 2023, with 679 working days and an anticipated Construction Contract Acceptance (CCA) date in November 2026. The project encountered delays of approximately six months due to extended review and approval of the Critical Path Method baseline schedule. In addition, environmental restrictions on tree removal during the bird nesting season, winter suspension of work due to wet grade conditions, and irrigation items were more extensive than anticipated. The delay had a cascading effect on remaining work that cannot commence until critical components are completed.

To mitigate the delays, the Department accelerated construction and opened the facility to traffic in November 2025, before full contract completion. Although the facility is open to traffic, approximately 250 working days of plant establishment remain, along with punch list items and contract closeout activities.

Additional time is needed to complete the remaining plant establishment and associated work and achieve CCA by July 31, 2027.

Therefore, the Department is requesting an 8-month time extension to allow sufficient time to complete construction activities from November 30, 2026 to July 31, 2027.