

MEMORANDUM

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: October 15-16, 2026

From: STEVEN KECK, Chief Financial Officer

Reference Number: 2.8b.(3), Action Item

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF CONTRACT AWARD FOR A
LOCALLY-ADMINISTERED ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM PROJECT,
OFF THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM, PER ATP GUIDELINES
WAIVER 26-198**

ISSUE:

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) extend the period of contract award for the locally-administered Active Transportation Program (ATP) Downtown Long Beach Walkable Corners project (PPNO 5865A), in Los Angeles County, for the time period as identified in the attachment?

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation recommends that the Commission extend the period of contract award for the locally-administered ATP Downtown Long Beach Walkable Corners project (PPNO 5865A), in Los Angeles County, for the time period as identified in the attachment.

BACKGROUND:

In May 2026, the Commission allocated \$6,675,000 for the locally-administered ATP Downtown Long Beach Walkable Corners project (PPNO 5865A). The responsible agency has been unable to award the contract within six months of allocation, per ATP Guidelines (Guidelines). The attachment describes the details of the project and the explanation for the delay. The respective agency requests an extension, and the planning agency concurs.

Current Guidelines adopted by the Commission, stipulate that the agencies implementing a project may request a time extension if the project will not be awarded within six months of allocation. The Commission may approve a waiver to the Timely Use of Funds deadline, one-time only, for up to 12 months.

Attachment

**Time Extension/Waiver – Contract Award
Active Transportation Program**

Project Number: 1
Applicant: City of Long Beach
County: Los Angeles
PPNO: 5865A
District: 07
Allocation Amount: \$6,675,000
Phase: Construction
Allocation Date: 05/15/2026
Allocation Resolution: FATP-2526-21
Number of Months Requested: 12 Months
Extended Deadline: 11/30/2027
Department Recommendation: Support

Downtown Long Beach Walkable Corners

The City of Long Beach (City) requests a 12-month time extension for the period of contract award for the Construction (CON) phase of the Downtown Long Beach Walkable Corners (DTWC) project. The City has experienced delays awarding the project.

The project proposes to construct pedestrian refuge islands and bulb outs throughout Downtown Long Beach.

The DTWC project area overlaps physically with a separate City infrastructure project, the Decoupling project, which encompasses complete street improvements on 5th, 6th, and 7th Streets tied to the Shoemaker Bridge replacement and the City's initiative ahead of the 2028 Olympics. The Decoupling project is not funded from the Active Transportation Program (ATP) project and is managed independently of the DTWC project. However, because both projects share the same corridor, their construction activities must be carefully sequenced so that improvements built under one project are not later disturbed or rendered obsolete by construction under the other.

After the CON allocation, the project management staff were informed that the Decoupling project's construction would be postponed until after the 2028 Olympics. This postponement was unforeseen by the current DTWC project team and was not known during the design phase. Additionally, once the Decoupling project postponement became known, the DTWC's design team began assessing the design to determine how DTWC's construction could be responsibly phased within the shared corridor, identifying which portions of DTWC's improvements could proceed independently of the Decoupling project ahead of the

pre-Olympics construction moratorium, and which would need to follow afterward. This additional coordination and design work is necessary to avoid constructability issues and prepare revised contract documentation.

Furthermore, DTWC project's construction is funded in part through the Los Angeles Metro's (LA Metro) Metro Active Transport, Transit and First/Last Mile (MAT) program grant, which is programmed in 2027, ahead of the project's previously anticipated construction start. To meet the ATP award deadline, rather than wait for the funds' original LA Metro MAT 2027 programming date, the City requested a letter of no prejudice from LA Metro, which allows the City to advertise, award, and begin construction ahead of that original schedule. Pursuing and securing this letter requires additional coordination time that would not otherwise have been necessary had the City been able to proceed on LA Metro's original funding timeline.

The City expects the LA Metro letter of no prejudice to be approved in October 2026, at which point the full funding package, including both ATP and LA Metro MAT funds, will go before the City Council for formal appropriation. Once funding is appropriated, the City will finalize bid documents and advertise the project in November 2026. Bid evaluation is expected to run through December 2026 and the City Council authorization to award is anticipated by March 2027. However, given the complexity of the level of coordination and the current City Council meeting schedule, the City is requesting a 12-month time extension.

Therefore, the City is requesting a 12-month time extension for the period of contract award for the CON phase from November 30, 2026 to November 30, 2027.