

## MEMORANDUM

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS  
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: October 15-16, 2026

From: STEVEN KECK, Chief Financial Officer

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

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Subject: **REQUEST TO AMEND THE PERIOD OF PROJECT DEVELOPMENT  
EXPENDITURE FOR A STATE HIGHWAY OPERATION AND PROTECTION  
PROGRAM PROJECT, AS AN EXCEPTION TO THE SHOPP GUIDELINES  
WAIVER 26-204, AMENDING WAIVER 23-171**

### **ISSUE:**

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) amend the period of project development expenditure for the State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) Bridge Preservation project (PPNO 0100V), in Del Norte County, for the time period as identified in the attachment?

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the Commission amend the period of project development expenditure for the SHOPP Bridge Preservation project (PPNO 0100V), in Del Norte County, for the time period as identified in the attachment.

### **BACKGROUND:**

In December 2017, the Commission allocated \$650,000 in Right of Way (RW) Support for the SHOPP Bridge Preservation project (PPNO 0100V), in Del Norte County. In accordance with SHOPP Guidelines (Guidelines), the deadline to complete the RW Support phase was December 31, 2023. The project received a previous time extension in December 2023. However, the Department is requesting an exception to the Guidelines for additional time to complete project development. The attachment shows the details of the project and the delays that have resulted in this amended time extension request.

Current Guidelines stipulate that the implementing agency request an expenditure time extension if the project phase will not be completed within 72 months of allocation for the pre-construction phases. The Commission may approve waivers to the timely use of funds deadline, one-time only, for up to 20 months.

Attachment

**Amendment Time Extension/Waiver – Project Development Expenditure for  
State Highway Operation and Protection Program**

Project Number: 1  
Applicant: Department of Transportation  
County: Del Norte  
District: 01  
PPNO: 0100V  
EA: 43640  
Route: 101  
Allocation Amount: \$650,000  
Remaining Balance: \$49,000  
Phase: Right of Way Support  
Allocation Date: 12/07/2017  
1st Waiver: Waiver 23-171  
Approved: December 2023  
Number of Months Requested: ~~34 Months~~ **48 Months**  
Extended Deadline: ~~10/31/2026~~ **12/31/2027**  
Department Recommendation: Support

**SHOPP Bridge Preservation project**

The Department requests an additional 14 months, from 34 months to 48 months, for the period of project development expenditure for the Right of Way (RW) Support phase of the SHOPP Bridge Preservation project. The Department experienced delays in completing the project's RW Support phase.

This project is located on United States Highway 101, near Crescent City, from 0.3 mile south to 0.4 mile north of Smith River at the Dr. Ernest M. Fine Memorial Bridge (Bridge No. 01-0020), also known as Dr. Fine Bridge. The project proposes to replace the bridge.

A 34-month time extension request for the RW Support phase was approved in December 2023, extending the Timely Use of Funds deadline to October 31, 2026. The contractor implemented an accelerated construction schedule to complete the remaining work in 2025, including 24-hour operations seven days per week. However, environmental constraints associated with in-water work windows, along with the loss of a construction season due to anomalies and corrective actions required to repair multiple deep foundation piles, prevented completion during the 2025 construction season. Temporary bridge removal work remained and could not be completed until the 2026 in-water work season.

Although the project is on track to complete bridge construction in early October 2026, the plant establishment period is scheduled to end December 31, 2027. The remaining work involves nine Temporary Construction Easements that require ongoing support.

Therefore, the Department is requesting an exception to the Guidelines for an additional 14 months to allow enough time to complete the RW Support phase, from October 31, 2026 to December 31, 2027.