

MEMORANDUM

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: October 15-16, 2026

From: STEVEN KECK, Chief Financial Officer

Reference Number: 2.8v.(6), Action Item

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Subject: **REQUEST TO AMEND THE PERIOD OF PROJECT ALLOCATION FOR
LOCALLY-ADMINISTERED ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM PROJECTS,
OFF THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM
WAIVER 26-207, AMENDING WAIVERS 25-79 AND 25-126**

ISSUE:

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) amend the period of project allocation for three locally-administered Active Transportation Program (ATP) projects, for the time periods as identified in the attachment?

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the Commission amend the period of project allocation for three locally-administered ATP projects, for the time periods as identified in the attachment.

BACKGROUND:

In May and June 2025, the Commission approved a project allocation time extension for three locally-administered ATP projects. The local agencies have not been able to request allocation for funds by the extended deadlines. The attachment shows the details of the projects and the explanation for the delays. The respective agencies request amendments to the extensions, and the regional planning agencies concur.

Current ATP Guidelines adopted by the Commission stipulate that funds programmed for all components of local grant projects are available for allocation only until the end of the fiscal year programmed. The Commission may approve a waiver to the Timely Use of Funds deadline, one-time only, for up to 20 months.

Attachment

**Amendment Time Extension/Waiver – Project Allocation
Active Transportation Program**

Project Number: 1
Applicant: City of Grass Valley
County: Nevada
District: 03
PPNO: 6124
Allocation Amount: \$900,000
Phase: Plans, Specifications, and Estimate
1st Waiver: Waiver 25-126
Approved: June 2025
Number of Months Requested: ~~15 Months~~ **20 Months**
Extended Deadline: ~~09/30/2026~~ **02/28/2027**
Department Recommendation: Support

SR 174/49/20 Roundabout and Active Transportation Safety Project

The City of Grass Valley (City) requests an additional 5 months, from 15 months to 20 months, for the period of project allocation for the Plans, Specifications, and Estimate (PS&E) phase of the SR 174/49/20 Roundabout and Active Transportation Safety Project. The City is experiencing delays completing the Project Approval and Environmental Document (PA&ED) phase.

The project proposes to construct a new oblong roundabout with high visibility crossings, install three Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs), construct a new shared-use path on roundabout perimeter, and improve one existing traffic signal.

In June 2025, the project received a 15-month time extension to allocate the PS&E phase. In October 2025, the City Council selected a modified design alternative to improve operations of the project's roundabout and limit the overall footprint. This design was presented after the design team had vetted it at two public meetings and several focus group meetings with key stakeholders and the downtown business association. Unfortunately, although City staff highlighted the limitations of the design from the beginning, there was no resistance to the design alternative presented to the City Council. City staff presented five alternatives to the City Council for consideration. There were a handful of public comments received on all the alternatives with no strong preference for any specific alternative. As a result, the City Council chose the design alternative that was the least complex and costly option. In the months that followed, business leaders started to come forward to express their concerns with the unavoidable restrictions imposed by the chosen design.

In July 2026, the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) determinations and authorization to file a Notice of Exemption (NOE) for the project were presented to the City Council for approval. Due to comments from business leaders, the City Council directed City staff to revert to a prior signalized design alternative. Consequently, numerous technical memos and project exhibits now require revisions to reflect the updated design, leading to

delays in completing environmental review. These revisions are minor, yet this has caused a delay in completing PA&ED and requesting the allocation of the PS&E and Right of Way (RW) phases. The design alternative the City is now proceeding with is principally the same as the original design proposed with the Intersection Analysis completed for the project area in 2020 and included in the Active Transportation Program (ATP) grant application. Most of the preliminary analysis is complete and finalizing design exhibits for project approval should be relatively straightforward. There is no significant difference environmentally with this change. The City has met with the Department to discuss the needed changes to environmental technical memos, and they have expressed their concurrence and support for timely turnaround and approval of the revised documents. In addition, since the ATP-funded PA&ED expenditure deadline was June 30, 2026, the City is using local funds to cover the remaining PA&ED tasks. The City is confident that the environmental review process and PA&ED phase can be completed by December 2026. The project has a concurrent allocation time extension amendment for the RW phase under this same item.

Therefore, the City is requesting an additional five months to allocate the PS&E phase from September 30, 2026 to February 28, 2027.

Project Number: 2
Applicant: City of Grass Valley
County: Nevada
District: 03
PPNO: 6124
Allocation Amount: \$225,000
Phase: Right of Way
1st Waiver: Waiver 25-126
Approved: June 2025
Number of Months Requested: ~~15 Months~~ **20 Months**
Extended Deadline: ~~09/30/2026~~ **02/28/2027**
Department Recommendation: Support

SR 174/49/20 Roundabout and Active Transportation Safety Project

The City of Grass Valley (City) requests an additional 5 months, from 15 months to 20 months, for the period of project allocation for the RW phase of the SR 174/49/20 Roundabout and Active Transportation Safety Project. The City is experiencing delays completing the PA&ED phase.

The project proposes to construct a new oblong roundabout with high visibility crossings, install three RRFBs, construct a new shared-use path on roundabout perimeter, and improve one existing traffic signal.

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Therefore, the City is requesting an additional five months to allocate the RW phase from September 30, 2026 to February 28, 2027.

Project Number: 3
Applicant: City of Pomona
County: Los Angeles
District: 07
PPNO: 6167A
Allocation Amount: \$11,305,000
Phase: Construction
1st Waiver: Waiver 25-79
Approved: May 2025
Number of Months Requested: ~~16 Months~~ **20 Months**
Extended Deadline: ~~10/31/2026~~ **02/28/2027**
Department Recommendation: Support

San Jose Creek Multi-Use Bikeway in the City of Pomona

The City of Pomona (City) requests an additional 4 months, from 16 months to 20 months, for the period of project allocation for the Construction (CON) phase of the San Jose Creek Multi-Use Bikeway in the City of Pomona project. The City is experiencing delays completing the environmental document and final approvals on the design plan.

The project proposes to construct a bicycle and pedestrian greenway along San Jose Creek.

The San Jose Creek is under the jurisdiction of the United States Army Corps of Engineers and Los Angeles County Flood Control District. In May 2025, the project received a 16-month time extension to allocate the CON phase to complete CEQA clearance and design plans, complete the Baseline Agreement, and receive Right of Way Certification. The City had anticipated allocation of the CON phase by October 2026. However, the City experienced additional delays. In May 2025, the draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) was nearing completion, but additional information regarding the drainage system that required work within the San Jose Creek Channel needed to be added to the CEQA analysis. During this same time, the City discovered the Assembly Bill 52 tribal consultation process was not completed. Upon sending notices, one tribe requested consultation and has been satisfied. The City submitted the draft IS/MND for review in late October 2025. Between October 2025 and February 2026, due to safety concerns raised by the public, additional lighting plans were developed and added to the project and CEQA analysis. In May 2026, the draft IS/MND was issued for public review and the final was prepared and adopted by the City Council in August 2026.

The City has completed appraisals and is currently in the negotiation phase with property owners. Right of Way Certification is anticipated to be complete by February 2027. In addition, the Baseline Agreement is in progress with LA Metro. The anticipated execution date is December 2026. The project team has regular follow-up meetings with the approving agencies and provides status reports to the City on a regular basis. The City wants to complete the construction of this project well before the Summer Olympics so that it can be used as an alternative source of travel into the games at the Fairplex. The City has had turnover in staff that manage the project and has had to shift many projects internally to keep the project

moving. The City is in the final stage and in communication with the Department, and the County to obtain Right of Way Certification to advertise the project. The City is requesting the additional time to complete the remaining tasks to request the CON phase allocation.

Therefore, the City is requesting an additional four months to allocate the CON phase from October 31, 2026 to February 28, 2027.