

Memorandum

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To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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Action Item

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF PROJECT COMPLETION FOR LOCAL BRIDGE SEISMIC RETROFIT ACCOUNT PROJECTS, PER LBSRA GUIDELINES WAIVER 13-47**

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve the request by the City of Del Mar (City) to extend the period of project completion for the Proposition 1B Local Bridge Seismic Retrofit Account (LBSRA) North Torrey Pines bridge project for twenty months, from November 30, 2013 to July 31, 2015, per LBSRA Guidelines.

ISSUE:

In March 10, 2010, the Department sub-allocated \$2,679,446 to the City for the North Torrey Pines bridge project. The City is unable to complete project construction by the deadline of November 30, 2013, and is requesting a twenty-month time extension to July 31, 2015.

BACKGROUND:

The North Torrey Pines bridge project was authorized to begin construction in March 2010. The construction contract was awarded in November 2010.

In January 2011, the City discovered that the construction of the bridge had affected the underground gas pipeline due to the additional ground pressure placed on the pipeline during construction. In February 2011, the Southern California Gas Company (SoCal Gas) investigated and determined that the safest solution was to turn off the 12-inch gas pipeline during bridge construction and temporarily widen the bridge over the pipeline. Once the bridge rehabilitation within the affected gas pipeline proximity was completed, SoCal Gas would then come in to remove and replace with a new pipe. During the timeframe that 12-inch gas line conflict was being resolved (from February 2011 to February 2012), the bridge rehabilitation and seismic retrofit progressed along with other construction activities from January 2011 through September 2013.

However, on February 2012, it was determined that the gas pipeline replacement cannot be done concurrently with the bridge work. Hence, the construction will need to halt in October 2013 and resume after the gas line is replaced. The gas pipeline replacement work was estimated to be completed by March 2014. However, SoCal Gas is now facing Buy America requirements and that completion date will likely be pushed back. The bridge construction will resume at the conclusion of the new gas pipeline installation.

In order to perform all seismic retrofit work on the historical bridge, undertake mitigation activities included in the environmental permits, mitigate unforeseen circumstances, account for weather conditions, and allow SoCal Gas time to address Buy America issues and replace the pipeline, the City is requesting the maximum twenty months beyond its original deadline of November 30, 2013 to July 31, 2015.

In May 2008, the Commission adopted the LBSRA Guidelines (Resolution LBS1B-G-0708-001), which requires the implementing agency to request a time extension if the project will not meet project completion within 36 months of the sub-allocation date. The LBSRA Guidelines stipulate that the Commission may approve a waiver to the timely use of funds deadline one-time only for up to 20 months.

In July 2007, the Commission approved Resolution LBS1B-A-0708-001, allocating \$13.5 million of LBSRA bond funds, and delegated authority to the Department to sub-allocate funds to projects.