

Memorandum

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To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: March 20, 2014

Reference No.: 2.8b.(1)
Action Item

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF CONTRACT AWARD FOR PROPOSITION 1B LOCAL BRIDGE SEISMIC RETROFIT ACCOUNT PROJECTS, PER LBSRA GUIDELINES WAIVER 14-07**

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) extend the period of contract award for the Proposition 1B Local Bridge Seismic Retrofit Account (LBSRA) projects on the attached document.

ISSUE:

The Department sub-allocated \$318,281 for the seismic retrofit of six locally-administered Proposition 1B LBSRA projects identified on the attachment. The responsible agencies have been unable to award the contracts within six months of sub-allocation. The attachment describes the details of the projects and the explanations for the delays. The respective agencies are requesting extensions and the planning agencies concur.

BACKGROUND:

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 be awarded within six 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.

Attachment

Time Extension/Waiver – Project Contract Award Deadline
 Local Bridge Seismic Retrofit Program

Project #	Applicant County Project Description Reason for Project Delay	Extension Amount <i>Construction Only</i>	Sub-Allocation Date Federal ID Number Number of Months Requested Extended Deadline CT Recommendation
1	California Department of Water Resources San Bernardino County Ranchero Street and California Aqueduct Bridge No: 54C0449	\$28,675	09/04/2013 6248(006) 6 Months 09/30/2014 Support
<p>DWR is requesting a six-month time extension to the period of contract award for the Ranchero Street and California Aqueduct bridge project. DWR has experienced delays in awarding the project due to the bat and swallow nesting season, which is from mid-February through September 1 according to the California Department of Fish and Game.</p> <p>DWR has revised the contract award schedule in order to avoid coinciding with the spring nesting season for bats and swallows. DWR anticipates advertising the project in May 2014. The bid opening and legal division review will be from June 2014 through August 2014. DWR expects to award the project by early September 2014. Therefore, DWR is requesting a six-month extension to September 30, 2014.</p>			
2	California Department of Water Resources San Bernardino County Mesquite Street and California Aqueduct Bridge No: 54C0451	\$23,229	09/04/2013 6248(007) 6 months 09/30/2014 Support
<p>DWR is requesting a six-month time extension to the period of contract award for the Mesquite Street and California Aqueduct bridge project. DWR has experienced delays in awarding the project due to the bat and swallow nesting season, which is from mid-February through September 1 according to the California Department of Fish and Game.</p> <p>DWR has revised the contract award schedule in order to avoid coinciding with the spring nesting season for bats and swallows. DWR anticipates advertising the project in May 2014. The bid opening and legal division review will be from June 2014 through August 2014. DWR expects to award the project by early September 2014. Therefore, DWR is requesting a six-month extension to September 30, 2014.</p>			
3	California Department of Water Resources San Bernardino County Maple Avenue and California Aqueduct Bridge No: 54C0452	\$28,675	09/04/2013 6248(008) 6 months 09/30/2014 Support
<p>DWR is requesting a six-month time extension to the period of contract award for the Maple Avenue and California Aqueduct bridge project. DWR has experienced delays in awarding the project due to the bat and swallow nesting season, which is from mid-February through September 1 according to the California Department of Fish and Game.</p> <p>DWR has revised the contract award schedule in order to avoid coinciding with the spring nesting season for bats and swallows. DWR anticipates advertising the project in May 2014. The bid opening and legal division review will be from June 2014 through August 2014. DWR expects to award the project by early September 2014. Therefore, DWR is requesting a six-month extension to September 30, 2014.</p>			

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4	California Department of Water Resources San Bernardino County Goodwin Drive and California Aqueduct Bridge No: 54C0495	\$12,592	09/04/2013 6248(009) 6 months 09/30/2014 Support
<p>The DWR is requesting a six-month time extension to the period of contract award for the Goodwin Drive and California Aqueduct bridge project. DWR has experienced delays in awarding the project due to the bat and swallow nesting season, which is from mid-February through September 1 according to the California Department of Fish and Game.</p> <p>DWR has revised the contract award schedule in order to avoid coinciding with the spring nesting season for bats and swallows. DWR anticipates advertising the project in May 2014. The bid opening and Legal Division review will be from June 2014 through August 2014. DWR expects to award the project by early September 2014. Therefore, DWR is requesting a six-month extension to September 30, 2014.</p>			
5	California Department of Water Resources San Bernardino County Duncan Road and California Aqueduct Bridge No: 54C0496	\$17,400	09/04/2013 6248(010) 6 months 09/30/2014 Support
<p>The DWR is requesting a six-month time extension to the period of contract award for the Duncan Road and California Aqueduct bridge project. DWR has experienced delays in awarding the project due to the bat and swallow nesting season, which is from mid-February through September 1 according to the California Department of Fish and Game.</p> <p>DWR has revised the contract award schedule in order to avoid coinciding with the spring nesting season for bats and swallows. DWR anticipates advertising the project in May 2014. The bid opening and legal division review will be from June 2014 through August 2014. DWR expects to award the project by early September 2014. Therefore, DWR is requesting a six-month extension to September 30, 2014.</p>			
6	City of Indio San Bernardino County South Bound Indio Boulevard Bridge No: 56C0283	\$207,710	09/09/2013 5275(013) 12 months 03/31/2015 Support
<p>The City of Indio (City) is requesting a 12-month time extension to the period of contract award for the South Bound Indio Boulevard bridge project. After opening bid packages, it was discovered that all bids were higher than the City's estimate. With the bids coming in significantly higher than federal and state authorized construction amounts, the City rejected all bids and will re-advertise once additional funds are authorized.</p> <p>The City received authorization for construction in September 2013 and advertised in November 2013. Bids were opened and reviewed in January 2014. The lowest bidder was higher than the City's cost estimate for the project. All bids will be formally rejected in March 2014. The City is estimating four months, from April 2014 through July 2014, to request additional funding from the Department and Federal Highway Administration. The City plans to re-advertise at the end of July 2014, and to open the bid process in September 2014. The City expects to award the project by November 2014. The City is requesting an additional four months from December 2014 through March 2015 to allow for any unforeseen bidding issues. Therefore, the City is requesting a 12-month extension to March 31, 2015.</p>			