

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 DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURES FOR LOCALLY-ADMINISTERED ON-SYSTEM STIP PROJECTS, PER STIP GUIDELINES WAIVER-14-20**

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission) extend the period of project development expenditures for two locally administered State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) on-system projects for the time periods specified on the attached document. The City of Goleta and the Amador County Transportation Commission concurs.

ISSUE:

The attached document identifies two projects with allocations totaling \$6,336,000. The local agencies will not complete project expenditures by the June 30, 2014 deadline. The attachment shows the details of the projects and the explanation for the delays. The regional planning agencies concur with the requested time extensions.

BACKGROUND:

Current STIP Guidelines, Resolution G-13-07, stipulate that funds programmed are available for expenditure only until the end of the second fiscal year following allocation. The Commission may approve a waiver to the timely use of funds deadline for expenditures one time only for up to 20 months in accordance with Section 14529.8 of the Government Code.

Attachment

**Time Extension/Waiver – Project Development Expenditure Deadline
Locally-Administered On-System STIP Projects**

Project #	Applicant County PPNO Project Description Reason for Project Delay	Phase Allocation Amount Balance Remaining	Allocation Date Resolution Number Number of Months Requested Extended Deadline CT Recommendation
1	City of Goleta Santa Barbara County PPNO: 05-4611 Fowler Road and Ekwill Street Extension	PS&E Allocated: \$980,000 Balance: \$292,000 R/W Allocated: \$3,581,000 Balance: \$3,581,000	2/22/2012 FP-11-36 11 months 5/31/2015 11 months
<p>This project requires a coastal permit from the California Coastal Commission and a Coastal Development Permit from the City of Santa Barbara. The coastal permits are proving to be very time consuming, with multiple reviews and design revisions. The City of Goleta does not expect to be on the Coastal Commission agenda until the Fall of 2014. The City expects that conditions of the permit will require further design modifications that could require six more months after the Coastal Commission meeting. Therefore, the City requests a time extension of 11 months for PS&E project development expenditures.</p> <p>The project requires extensive Right of Way acquisitions. However, due to design revisions based on feedback from Coastal Commission staff, Right of Way acquisition has been delayed. All of the offers have been made, but none had been accepted as of late April. It is anticipated that some of the acquisitions may require condemnation. Therefore, the City requests a time extension of 11 months for Right of Way project development expenditures.</p> <p>The Santa Barbara County Association of Governments concurs with this request.</p>			
2	Amador County Transportation Commission Amador County PPNO: 10-2454 Pine Grove Improvements	PA&ED Allocated: \$1,775,000 Balance: \$1,424,000	8/10/2011 FP-11-11 20 months 2/29/2016 20 months
<p>This project is on Route 88, which serves as the main street through the town of Pine Grove on a historic community corridor. The Amador County Transportation Commission (ACTC) has undertaken an exhaustive alternatives analysis in order to eliminate “fatally flawed” alternatives and identify a preferred alternative. This process has required time-consuming stakeholder outreach, technical analysis, and design refinement in order to meet California Environmental Quality Act and National Environmental Policy Act requirements. Additionally, ACTC exhausted all of the programmed federal Demonstration and Regional Surface Transportation Program funds before spending the allocated RIP funds. ACTC’s consultant is scheduled to complete PA&ED in February of 2015.</p> <p>Upon completion of PA&ED, ACTC expects to have cost savings that ACTC would like to use for the PS&E phase in accordance with Section 54 of the 2014 STIP Guidelines. PS&E is currently programmed with \$1,610,000 of Regional Improvement Program (RIP) funds in Fiscal Year 2015-16. By extending the deadline for PA&ED expenditures, ACTC will be able to start PS&E work as soon as PA&ED is completed, and ACTC will be able to request a smaller RIP PS&E allocation. Therefore, ACTC requests the maximum time extension of 20 months through February 29, 2016.</p>			