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Memorandum

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 ALLOCATION ON-SYSTEM STIP PROJECTS, PER STIP GUIDELINES WAIVER-14-26

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) extend the period of project allocation for nine on-system projects for the time periods specified on the attached document.

ISSUE:

The attached document identifies nine projects totaling \$100,682,000 programmed in the 2012 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) in Fiscal Year 2013-14. The implementing agencies will not be ready to request an allocation of funds by the June 30, 2014 deadline. The attachment shows the details of the projects and the explanation for the delays. The project sponsors have requested an extension, and the regional planning agencies concur.

BACKGROUND:

Current STIP Guidelines, Resolution G-13-07, stipulate that funds programmed for all components of local grant projects or Caltrans construction and construction support costs are available for allocation only until the end of the fiscal year identified in the STIP. For local grant projects, the local agency must invoice Caltrans for these costs no later than 180 days after the fiscal year in which the final expenditure occurred. The Commission may approve a waiver to the timely use of funds deadline for allocation one time only for up to 20 months in accordance with Section 14529.8 of the Government Code.

	Dist-Co-Rte Implementing Agency PPNO Project Description	Program/Year Extension Amount By Component (\$ in thousands) PA&ED (Project Approval & Environmental Document) PS&E (Plans, Specifications and Estimates) R/W (Right of Way) CON ENG (Construction Engineering) CON (Construction) TOTAL	Number of Months Requested Extended Deadline CT Recommendation
1	01-Men-1 City of Fort Bragg PPNO: 01-4498 Hwy 1 Circulation & Safety Improvements along the Pacific Coast Bike Route	RIP / 13-14 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$2,586 \$2,586	6 months 12/31/2014
<p>Currently a total of \$2,586,000 in Regional Improvements Program funds are programmed to the Hwy 1 Circulation & Safety Improvements project for construction in Fiscal Year 2013-14.</p> <p>This project is located in Fort Bragg's historic downtown along Route 1. The project will enhance the Pacific Coast Bike Route and improve pedestrian travel along and across Route 1. The City of Fort Bragg (City) proposes to delay the construction allocation in order to complete the environmental work needed prior to the start of construction. In April 2013, the City undertook performing the environmental work on the project leaving plenty of time to get it completed before the construction allocation however; they were not given the CEQA lead by the Department. And while the Department took the lead, it wasn't until December 2013, that they were actually able to start working on it.</p> <p>Additionally, the City was getting help through the Department from District 01 Local Assistance personnel; however, since the project lies within the State highway system, the City was later informed that they would need to address special requirements for projects that are on State Right of Way. The Department is now providing this assistance for Capital On-System projects and is currently working with the City on a cooperative agreement.</p> <p>Although the Department expects both CEQA and NEPA to be completed by the end of June 2014, additional time may be needed to finalize these documents. Additionally, time is needed to finalize the cooperative agreement with the City as well as time for the Department to review and comment on PS&E that was not initially anticipated by the City. Based on these delays, an additional six months will be needed.</p> <p>The Mendocino Council of Governments concurs with this request.</p>			
2	03-Var-Var Department of Transportation PPNO: 03-4625 Wildlife Movement Study at various locations in Placer, Nevada, Yuba and Sierra Counties.	IIP / 13-14 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$130 \$502 \$632	5 months 11/30/2014
<p>Currently a total of \$632,000 in Interregional Improvement Program funds are programmed to the District 3 Wildlife Movement Study for construction (\$502,000) and construction support (\$130,000) in Fiscal Year 2013-14.</p> <p>Initially the Department planned on doing the environmental studies; however, later it was determined that other state and federal agency participation, including the Department of Fish and Wildlife, were required. And while a cooperative agreement had been initiated, it was then determined that an interagency agreement between the Department and the Department of Fish and Wildlife and other agencies were needed instead. And while this process had taken longer than anticipated, all stakeholders are now fully engaged and their roles defined. Additional time is needed to finalize the Interagency agreement and establish a Service contract. Based on these requirements, the Department is requesting a five-month time extension.</p>			

3	<p>05-Var-Var Department of Transportation</p> <p>PPNO: 05-2272 Develop and install 22 outdoor interpretive displays at five Vista Points</p>	<p>IIP / 13-14</p> <p>\$0 \$0 \$0 \$390 \$693 \$1,083</p>	<p>4 months</p> <p>10/31/2014</p>
<p>Currently a total of \$1,083,000 in Interregional Improvement Program funds are programmed to the District 5 Vista Point Interpretive Displays for construction (\$693,000) and construction support (\$390,000) in Fiscal Year 2013-14.</p> <p>The project is expected to be “ready to list” by June 30, 2014. The R/W Certification has already been completed. In response the emergency drought declaration by the Governor, the Landscape Architecture project staff was redirected to work on three Director’s Order contracts between February and April of this year. In addition, being a non-conventional highway work, there were last minute challenges in developing some of the uncommon specifications and contract items. These factors have resulted in a delay in timely completion of the PS&E package. In order to account for any unanticipated further delays, the Department is requesting a four-month time extension.</p>			
4	<p>06-Tul-216 Department of Transportation</p> <p>PPNO: 06-0106Y Install landscaping along the newly widened Houston Avenue</p>	<p>RIP / 13-14</p> <p>\$0 \$0 \$0 \$50 \$580 \$630</p>	<p>9 months</p> <p>03/31/2015</p>
<p>Currently a total of \$630,000 in Regional Improvements Program funds are programmed to the Houston Avenue Landscaping project for construction (\$580,000) and construction support (\$50,000) in Fiscal Year 2013-14.</p> <p>Both the parent project (PPNO 0106) and the adjacent locally funded Visalia Unified School District parking lot reconstruction project have experienced extensive unforeseen revisions during the construction phase. Utility conflicts have resulted in redesigning the drainage systems for these projects. These changes have delayed the completion of Design for this follow-up landscaping project as this project has to be compatible with the finished adjacent projects. Due to these delays in completing the adjacent projects, the Department is requesting a nine-month time extension.</p> <p>The Tulare County Association of Governments concurs with this request.</p>			
5	<p>06-Kin-198 Department of Transportation</p> <p>PPNO: 06-4330Y Replacement of planting on Route 198 at 19th Avenue</p>	<p>RIP / 13-14</p> <p>\$0 \$0 \$0 \$102 \$1,022 \$1,124</p>	<p>6 months</p> <p>12/31/2014</p>
<p>Currently a total of \$1,124,000 in Regional Improvements Program funds are programmed to the 19th Avenue Interchange Landscaping project for construction (\$1,022,000) and construction support (\$102,000) in Fiscal Year 2013-14.</p> <p>This project will install landscaping along the 19th Avenue Interchange. This split-off landscape project was scheduled to begin construction just after the completion of the parent project (PPNO 4330). However, in response to the Governor’s emergency drought declaration, the Department has decided to delay this project in order to start highway planting during the rainy season. The Department is requesting a six-month time extension.</p> <p>The Kings County Association of Governments concurs with this request.</p>			

6	<p>07-LA-5 Department of Transportation</p> <p>PPNO: 07-2808 Widen with HOV and mixed flow lanes from Artesia Boulevard to Coyote Creek Overcrossing</p>	<p>RIP / 13-14</p> <p>\$0 \$0 \$0</p> <p>\$19,690 \$0 \$19,690</p>	<p>12 months</p> <p>06/30/2015</p>
<p>A total of \$19,690,000 in Regional Improvements Program funds are programmed on the I-5 Carpool Lane-Orange County Line to I-605 project (Segment 2) for construction engineering in Fiscal Year 2013-14.</p> <p>This is an extremely complex project with significant commercial property takings. There are 65 properties impacted by the project that include about 27 full takings of multi-million dollar properties and 38 partial impacts. The Department has been working to obtain all the necessary rights, but in many cases, settlements have not been reached. Consequently, the Department is seeking Resolutions of Necessity (RON) on a very high number of parcels, and these RONs have led to a substantial condemnation workload. An additional 12 months is needed to move occupants out of the condemned properties and demolish the building improvements before the State can certify the project for advertising.</p> <p>The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority concurs with this request.</p>			
7	<p>08-SBd-15 Department of Transportation</p> <p>PPNO: 08-0174L Reconstruct three interchanges between Mojave Drive north of Stoddard Wells Road and upgrade roadway standards</p>	<p>IIP+RIP / 13-14</p> <p>\$0 \$0 \$0</p> <p>\$8,698 \$63,240 \$71,938</p>	<p>6 months</p> <p>12/31/2014</p>
<p>Currently a total of \$23,564,000 in Regional Improvements Program (RIP) and \$48,374,000 in Interregional Improvement Program (IIP) funds are programmed to the Route 15 widening (Phase 2) project for construction (\$23,564,000 RIP and \$39,676,000 IIP) and construction support (\$8,698,000 IIP) in Fiscal Year 2013-14.</p> <p>The process to obtain the various permits (Sections 401, 404 and 1602), signing of the utility agreement with the Southern Edison, approval of the Public Utility Commission application and the acquisition of some of the easement parcels has taken longer than originally planned for. Due to these delays, the Department is requesting a six-month time extension.</p> <p>The San Bernardino Associated Governments concurs with this request.</p>			
8	<p>08-SBd-15 Department of Transportation</p> <p>PPNO: 08-0175N Gateway enhancements from Mojave Drive to Stoddard Wells Road</p>	<p>IIP / 13-14</p> <p>\$0 \$0 \$0</p> <p>\$400 \$1,446 \$1,846</p>	<p>6 months</p> <p>12/31/2014</p>
<p>For construction purposes, this landscape enhancements project will be combined with the mainline widening project (PPNO 0174L, Project 6 on this list). Due to delays in completing that project, the Department is also requesting a six-month time extension.</p> <p>The San Bernardino Associated Governments concurs with this request.</p>			

9	10-Sta-132 City of Modesto PPNO: 10-0944M Construct a 4-lane freeway/expressway from SR99 just south of Kansas Avenue west to near Dakota Avenue	RIP / 13-14 \$0 \$1,153 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$1,153	20 months 02/28/2016
<p>Currently a total of \$1,153,000 in Regional Improvements Program (RIP) funds are programmed to the Route 132 Expressway, Phase 1 project for the PS&E phase in Fiscal Year 2013-14.</p> <p>The California Department of Toxic Substance Control is reviewing the Department's Remedial Action Plan (RAP) and has not yet provided their comments. Once completed, the RAP will be incorporated into the draft Environmental Document. Due to the delays in getting the RAP approved and subsequent Department's environmental review process after the plan is approved, the city of Modesto is requesting a 20-month time extension.</p> <p>The Stanislaus Council of Governments concurs with this request.</p>			