

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: June 25, 2015

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Action Item

From: NORMA ORTEGA
Chief Financial Officer

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF PROJECT ALLOCATION FOR
LOCALLY-ADMINISTERED STIP PROJECTS, PER STIP GUIDELINES
WAIVER 15-30**

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) extend the period of project allocation for the projects listed on the attached document for the time periods shown.

ISSUE:

The attached document identifies eight projects totaling \$22,590,000 that are programmed in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) in Fiscal Year 2014-15. The agencies will not be able to request an allocation of funds by the June 30, 2015 deadline. The attachment shows the details of the projects and the explanation for the delays. The project sponsors are requesting extensions, and the regional planning agencies concur.

BACKGROUND:

Current STIP Guidelines, Resolution G-13-07, adopted by the Commission stipulate that funds that are programmed for all components of local grant projects or for Department construction costs are available for allocation only until the end of the fiscal year identified in the STIP. The Commission may approve a waiver to the timely use of funds deadline one time only for up to 20 months in accordance with Section 14529.8 of the Government Code.

Attachment

**Time Extension/Waiver – Project Allocation Deadline
Local Streets and Roads Projects**

Project #	Applicant County PPNO Project Description Reason for Project Delay	Extension Amount (\$ in thousands) PA&ED (Project Approval & Environment Document) PS&E (Plans, Specifications & Estimates) R/W (Right of Way) CON (construction) TOTAL	Number of Months Requested Extended Deadline CT Recommendation
1	Tehama County Tehama County PPNO: 02-2333 Jewett Creek Bridge Replacement at Kirkwood Road Project	\$0 \$15 \$0 \$0 \$15	9 Months 03/31/2016 Support
<p>Tehama County (County) is requesting a nine-month time extension to the Plans, Specifications and Estimates phase of the Jewett Creek Bridge Replacement at Kirkwood Road project. The County has experienced unanticipated delays during the environmental phase.</p> <p>The County has combined the Jewett Creek Bridge Replacement at Kirkwood Road project with the Jewett Creek Bridge Replacement at Columbia Avenue project (project #2 below) and planned to award the project under one contract. However, the completion of the in-depth Feasibility Study for the Jewett Creek Bridge Replacement at Columbia Avenue project took longer than expected causing a six-month delay. The County has received the biological opinion and anticipates NEPA clearance by October 2015. To allow for any unforeseen delays and to advertise this project in a single contract with the Jewett Creek Bridge at Columbia project, the County is requesting an additional five months. Therefore, the County is requesting a nine-month time extension from June 30, 2015 to March 31, 2016.</p>			
2	Tehama County Tehama County PPNO: 02-2334 Jewett Creek Bridge Replacement at Columbia Avenue Project	\$0 \$15 \$0 \$0 \$15	9 Months 3/31/2016 Support
<p>Tehama County (County) is requesting a nine month time extension to the Plans, Specifications and Estimates phase of the Jewett Creek Bridge Replacement at Columbia Avenue project. The County has experienced unanticipated delays during environmental phase.</p> <p>The County has combined the Jewett Creek Bridge Replacement at Kirkwood Road project with the Jewett Creek Bridge Replacement at Columbia Avenue project and intends to award the project under one contract. The completion of the in-depth Feasibility Study for the Jewett Creek Bridge Replacement at Columbia Avenue project took longer than expected causing a six-month delay. The County has received the biological opinion and anticipates NEPA clearance by October 2015. To allow for any unanticipated delays and to advertise this project in a single contract with the Jewett Creek Bridge at Columbia project, the County is requesting an additional five months. Therefore, the County is requesting a nine-month time extension from June 30, 2015 to March 31, 2016.</p>			
3	City of Portola Plumas County PPNO: 02-2480 Road A15 Reconstruction Phase II	\$0 \$0 \$0 \$2,880 \$2,880	2 Months 08/31/2015 Support
<p>The City of Portola (City) is requesting a two-month time extension to the construction (CON) phase of the Road A15 Reconstruction Phase II project. The City has experienced unanticipated delays during approval of final plans.</p> <p>The City anticipated requesting a CON allocation in June 2015. The project requires approval from the Division of Architect (DSA). The project plans were submitted to the DSA office in March 2015. The estimated timeline for review and approval is mid-June 2015. The DSA has indicated that they will not be able to approve the plans in time for the June allocation deadline. The City anticipates receiving approval by July 2015. Therefore, the City is requesting a two-month time extension from June 30, 2015 to August 31, 2015.</p>			

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4	Marin County Marin County PPNO: 04-2128D North Civic Center Drive Improvements Project	\$0 \$0 \$0 \$407 \$407	6 Months 12/31/2015 Support
<p>Marin County (County) is requesting a six-month time extension to the construction (CON) phase of the North Civic Center Drive Improvements project. The County has experienced unanticipated delays during the environmental phase.</p> <p>The County anticipated requesting a CON allocation in June 2015. The County has submitted the environmental documents for approval. However, the project also requires approval by the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO). The final SHPO concurrence is anticipated by June 2015 with NEPA approval to follow. The County anticipates NEPA approval and endeavors to request CON allocation by August 2015. To allow for any unforeseen delays to the NEPA approval, the County is requesting an additional four months. Therefore, the County is requesting a six-month extension for the CON phase of the project to December 31, 2015.</p>			
5	City of Napa Napa County PPNO: 04-2130F California Boulevard Roundabouts Project	\$0 \$0 \$431 \$0 \$431	14 Months 08/31/2016 Support
<p>The City of Napa (City) is requesting a 14-month time extension to the Right of Way (R/W) phase of the California Boulevard Roundabout project. The City has experienced unanticipated delays during the environmental phase of the project.</p> <p>The City's project originally included two roundabouts. In April 2014, the Department notified the City of their intent to construct a roundabout at an intersection adjacent to the City's roundabouts. The City and the Department determined that the three roundabouts should be delivered concurrently. Since the environmental process was ongoing, the third location had to be incorporated into the studies. The City and the Department pursued a Cooperative Agreement to combine the three roundabouts into one project. In August 2014, the City experienced an earthquake that added to the delay in the decision to combine the projects. The formulation of the Cooperative Agreement and the complications of the earthquake have delayed the project by 14 months. The City is therefore requesting a 14-month extension to August 31, 2016.</p>			
6	City of Goleta Santa Barbara County PPNO: 05-1840A Cathedral Oaks Landscaping Enhancement project	\$0 \$0 \$0 \$325 \$325	12 Months 06/30/2016 Support
<p>The City of Goleta (City) is requesting a 12-month time extension to the construction (CON) phase of the Cathedral Oaks Landscaping Enhancement project. The City has experienced unanticipated delays during the environmental phase.</p> <p>The Cathedral Oaks Landscaping Enhancement project falls within the same area of a recently completed project. The City recently completed a STIP project that met the environment requirement. The City assumed this project would have the same environment requirement. However, the City was informed that a new environmental document was required. As a result, the completion of a separate environmental document will delay the project by six months. Further, the City intended to use recently installed water meters. However, the City must now use reclaimed water instead. To use the reclaimed water facilities, the City will need to connect to the existing system. The additional water lines necessitate an encroachment permit, which will delay the project by about four months. Therefore, to allow for any unanticipated delays, the City is requesting a 12-month time extension for the CON phase of the project to June 30, 2016.</p>			

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7	Tuolumne County Tuolumne County PPNO: 10-0235 Mono Way Operational & Safety Improvements Project	\$0 \$80 \$0 \$0 \$80	20 Months 02/28/2017 Support
<p>The County of Tuolumne (County) is requesting a 20-month time extension to the Plans, Specifications and Estimates phase of the Mono Way Operational & Safety Improvements project. The County has experienced unanticipated delays during the Project Approval and Environmental Document and Right of Way phases.</p> <p>The County anticipated State Route 108 to be relinquished in October 2013. The relinquishment was finalized by the Commission in July 2014. The County has since started the Preliminary Design required for the Environmental and Cultural Studies. The County anticipates beginning the NEPA studies in November 2015. In addition, the Environmental and Cultural Studies are expected to be completed within 12 months in November 2016. The total delay anticipated is 17 months. To allow for any unforeseen delays, the County is requesting an additional three months. Therefore, the County is requesting a 20-month extension from June 30, 2015 to February 28, 2017.</p>			
8	San Diego Association of Governments San Diego County PPNO: 11-7421W Inland Rail Trail Phases (2-4) Project	\$0 \$0 \$0 \$18,437 \$18,437	20 Months 02/28/2017 Support
<p>The San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) is requesting a 20-month time extension to the construction phase of the Inland Rail Trail Phases (2-4) project. SANDAG has experienced unanticipated delays during the Right of Way (R/W) phase of the project.</p> <p>SANDAG experienced a delay to the project due to acquiring R/W easements and completing utility relocations. SANDAG has been working with the North County Transit District (NCTD) for 24 months and it is in the process of obtaining the necessary R/W easements. NCTD determined that a Federal Transit Administration (FTA) approval is required before easements can be granted. NCTD anticipates providing the easement by early 2016. SANDAG has also been working with San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) on issues related to utility relocations. SDG&E anticipates completing relocation by Winter 2016. The project has been delayed by approximately 18 months. To allow for unanticipated delays SANDAG is requesting an additional two months. Therefore, SANDAG is requesting a 20-month time extension from June 30, 2015 to February 28, 2017.</p>			