

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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Action Item

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Chief Financial Officer

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Subject: REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF PROJECT DEVELOPMENT
EXPENDITURES FOR LOCALLY-ADMINISTERED STIP TRANSIT PROJECTS, PER
STIP GUIDELINES
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RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve a 20-month extension for the period of project development expenditures, to February 28, 2017, for the Coast Daylight/Caltrain Extension Track Improvements project (PPNO 1971), in Monterey County.

ISSUE:

In June 2013, the Commission approved Resolution MFP-12-09 allocating \$200,000 to the Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) for the Coast Daylight/Caltrain Extension Track Improvements project. Completion of the Project Approval and Environmental Document phase has been delayed due to unforeseen circumstances. Initially, TAMC was working towards completing the environmental review for both the Salinas-San Luis Obispo and the Salinas-San Jose corridor segments simultaneously. However, under the direction of the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), the environmental review for the Salinas-San Jose segment cannot commence until the first environmental document for the Salinas-San Luis Obispo is complete. As a result, no funds have been expended on the Salinas-San Jose environmental review. It is anticipated that the FRA will grant permission to proceed with the second environmental document by the summer of 2015, at which time TAMC can secure a consultant and begin work immediately. In coordination with FRA and the Department; drafting, circulating and finalizing the Salinas-San Jose environmental document is expected to take at least 20 months.

Therefore, TAMC requests a 20-month time extension for the period of project development expenditures to February 28, 2017.

BACKGROUND:

Current STIP Guidelines, Resolution G-13-07, stipulate that funds allocated for local project development or right of way costs must be expended by the end of the second fiscal year following the fiscal year in which the funds were allocated. 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.