

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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Action Item

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD FOR PROJECT DEVELOPMENT
EXPENDITURES FOR LOCALLY ADMINISTERED STATE TRANSPORTATION
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM RAIL PROJECTS, PER STIP GUIDELINES
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RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) extend the period of project development expenditures by 20 months, to February 28, 2017, for the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Oakland to San Jose Double Track – Phase II Rail Project (Project) (PPNO 2090), in Alameda and Santa Clara Counties.

ISSUE:

On March 5, 2013, the Commission approved Resolution MFP-12-10, allocating \$3,350,000 in locally administered STIP Rail funds for Design and environmental documentation of this Project.

Delays have occurred in the area of negotiation between the local agency, the Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority (CCJPA), and the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR), the owner of a large segment of the Project. Negotiations between the CCJPA and the UPRR became linked to the overall objectives of the Northern California High Speed/Passenger Rail Blended Service Plan, which proposed a new subset of projects that do not meet the original planning and allocated funding objectives. The change in the subset of projects is under evaluation and negotiations; this has caused delays in beginning the work in that area.

The CCJPA remains actively engaged with UPRR to seek clarification on the acceptable scope of the subprojects to design and provide environmental clearance. When the CCJPA agrees on the scope of the subprojects as a whole, the CCJPA will move forward to complete the project development expenditures.

The CCJPA has completed negotiations with Caltrain, the owner of the southern 2.5 miles of the Project. This portion of the Project is moving forward.

Therefore, the Department is requesting a time extension of 20 months to complete the project development expenditures.

BACKGROUND:

Current STIP guidelines 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.