

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 COMPLETION FOR LOCAL BRIDGE SEISMIC RETROFIT ACCOUNT, PER LBSRA GUIDELINES WAIVER 12-62**

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve the request by the City of Los Angeles (City) to extend the period of project completion for the North Main Street and Los Angeles River project for 20 months, from December 31, 2012 to August 31, 2014, per LBSRA Guidelines.

ISSUE:

In July 2007, the Commission approved Resolution LBS1B-A-0708-001, allocating \$13.5 million in LBSRA bond funds, and delegated authority to the Department to sub-allocate funds to projects. The Department sub-allocated \$965,295 to the City for the North Main Street and Los Angeles River project. The City is unable to complete project construction by the deadline of December 31, 2012, and is requesting a 20-month time extension to August 31, 2014.

BACKGROUND:

While excavating the bridge deck in January 2011, the contractor encountered an unknown Department of Water and Power (DWP) electrical duct bank. The duct bank consisted of seven 4-inch diameter conduits encased in concrete. The presence of this duct bank interfered with and complicated the proposed bridge retrofit.

In addition, the north and south sides of the bridge decks contain known electrical duct banks that were unexpectedly found to be encased in concrete. The encasement of these additional duct banks further interfered with construction completion.

In order to account for all three electrical duct banks, an engineering analysis was performed. The analysis found that these duct banks served nearby businesses and residents. The City determined that the most cost-effective choice was to relocate the duct banks. The discussions began with DWP regarding modification of the bridge project to account for the encased south and north side duct banks. The City has since begun discussions with the contractor to resume

construction on September 4, 2012. The project will have been delayed 20 months due to unforeseen electrical duct bank conflicts. Therefore, the City is requesting a 20-month extension to complete the construction contract by August 31, 2014.

In May 2008, the Commission adopted the LBSRA Guidelines (Resolution LBS1B-G-0708-001), which requires the implementing agency to request a time extension if the project will not meet project completion within 36 months of the sub-allocation date. The LBSRA Guidelines stipulate that the Commission may approve a waiver to the timely use of funds deadline one-time only for up to 20 months.