

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: October 8, 2013

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Action Item

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF CONTRACT AWARD FOR LOCALLY-ADMINISTERED STIP PROJECTS, PER RESOLUTION G-06-08 WAIVER 13-42**

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) extend the period of contract award for the time periods identified for each project on the attached document.

ISSUE:

The Commission allocated \$2,431,000 for the construction of three locally-administered State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) projects identified on the attachment. The responsible agencies have been unable to award the contracts within six months of allocation. The attachment describes the details of the projects and the explanations for the delays. The respective agencies request extensions, and the planning agencies concur.

BACKGROUND:

In June 2006, the Commission adopted Resolution G-06-08, which requires the agency implementing a project to request a time extension if the project will not be awarded within six months of the allocation. STIP Guidelines stipulate that the Commission may approve a waiver to the contract award deadline one time only for up to 20 months in accordance with Section 14529.8 of the Government Code.

Attachment

Time Extension/Waiver – Project Contract Award Deadline
 Local Streets and Roads Projects

Project #	Applicant County PPNO Project Description Reason for Project Delay	Extension Amount <i>Construction Only</i>	Allocation Date Resolution Number Number of Months Requested Extended Deadline CT Recommendation
1	City of Dinuba Tulare County PPNO 06-6537 Dinuba Downtown Streetscape “K” Street and Kern Avenue, TE Project	\$100,000	05/7/2013 FP-12-51 3 months 02/28/2014 Support
<p>The City of Dinuba (City) is requesting a three-month time extension to the period of contract award for the Downtown Plaza Streetscape Alta Heritage Square TE project. The City has experienced delays in advancing and advertising the project due to design and funding issues.</p> <p>The Commission allocated fund in May 2013. Following the allocation, the City discovered a few design issues affecting cross-slope compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards. The City redesigned the project’s intersection and drainage features to comply with ADA standards. These modifications resulted in an increase to the overall project cost. The City secured additional local funds and submitted the Request for Authorization to Proceed with Construction (E-76) to the Department. The City anticipates receiving the E-76 by September 30, 2013, with the bid opening occurring in late November 2013 and award in January 2014. The City is requesting additional month to allow for any unforeseen issues. Therefore, the City requests a three-month extension to February 28, 2014.</p>			
2	SANDAG San Diego County PPNO 11-7421X Sweetwater Bikeway – Plaza Bonita Segment, TE Project	\$1,224,000	05/7/2013 FP-12-51 12 months 11/30/2014 Support
<p>The San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) is requesting a 12-month extension to the period of contract award for the Sweetwater Bikeway – Plaza Bonita Segment TE project. SANDAG experienced delays to advancing the project due to negotiations with the conservation corps, National City (City) concerns and coordination with San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E).</p> <p>SANDAG, under conditions of the projects funding, contacted the Urban Corps and California Conservation Corps for the opportunity to perform all or part of the project. The Urban Corps reviewed the project and after extensive negotiations, determined they would prefer to act as a subcontractor to a general contractor for the proposed work. As a result, negotiations with the Urban Corps took longer than anticipated and delayed the project approximately three months.</p> <p>The City and the owners of the Plaza Bonita Mall property expressed concern regarding the projects construction period. The City and property owners prefer construction to commence after January 14, 2014 to avoid traffic conflicts with the holiday season. This delays the project by approximately two months.</p> <p>However, in late May 2013, the City was informed that SDG&E was planning to construct a large transmission line in the vicinity of this project. SANDAG met with SDG&E and realized that their transmission line will be built along the same alignment, with work scheduled to begin on January 15, 2014 and conclude no later than June 30, 2014. Since there are possible risks to completing SDG&E’s work, SANDAG now anticipates advertising by July 1, 2014 and awarding by November 30, 2014 to allow for the completion of SDG&E’s work in the area. SANDAG will be monitoring SDG&E’s progress of work in the hope of advertising before the work is complete, but anticipates advertising no later than the completion of SDG&E’s work. If the project is awarded before August, 2014, work can be completed before the holiday season. Therefore, SANDAG is requesting a 12-month extension to November 30, 2014.</p>			

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3	City of Kingsburg Fresno County PPNO 06-B002Q Railroad Depot Restoration, TE project	\$1,107,000	05/7/2013 FP-12-51 6 months 05/31/2014 Support
<p>The City of Kingsburg (City) is requesting a six-month extension to the period of contract award for the Railroad Depot Restoration TE project. The City experienced delays in awarding the project due to concurrent work activities in the project's vicinity.</p> <p>The City is requesting additional time to award the project due to an ongoing waterline installation project within the vicinity of the proposed project. The waterline project will provide the depot with fire and water service once completed. The City explored having the projects constructed concurrently but determined that the project would interfere with one another. The City anticipates the waterline project to be completed by the end of December 2013. The City expects advertising and awarding the project by the end of February 2014. The City does not have a local funded contingency; therefore, if bids exceed the federally funded amount, the City will need additional time to develop strategies to reduce costs and rebid the project. Therefore, the City is requesting a six-month extension to May 31, 2014.</p>			