

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 PROPOSITION
116 RAIL PROGRAM PROJECTS
WAIVER 13-50**

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve a 20-month time extension for the period of project completion to June 30, 2015, for the Metrolink Positive Train Control (PTC) project, in Los Angeles, Orange, Ventura, San Bernardino, Riverside and San Diego Counties.

ISSUE:

On May 20, 2010, the Commission approved Resolution BFP-09-06 allocating \$32,715,778 in Proposition 116 funds to the Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA) for the Metrolink Positive Train Control project. The SCRRA will not be able to fully expend the allocated funds by the deadline due to industry delays in finalizing the PTC software necessary for commuter and freight railroads that share the rail network. Such a delay has had a ripple effect on the overall program and implementation of this new train safety technology including federal certification, system testing and acceptance and project close-out.

Therefore, SCRRA respectfully requests a 20-month time extension for the period of project completion to June 30, 2015.

BACKGROUND:

Current Proposition 116 Rail Guidelines stipulate that a local agency has up to 36 months from the award of the contract in which to complete the project. The Commission may approve waivers to the timely use of funds deadline one time only for up to 20 months in accordance with Government Code Section 14529.8.