

# 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 CONTRACT AWARD FOR LOCALLY-ADMINISTERED STIP PROJECTS, PER RESOLUTION G-13-07 WAIVER 15-09**

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

The California Department of Transportation recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve the request by the city of Taft (City) to extend the period of contract award for the Rails to Trails Phase IV Bike or Pedestrian Path Project (PPNO 06-6615) for six months from April 30, 2015 to October 31, 2015.

## **ISSUE:**

On October 8, 2014, the Commission approved Resolution FP-14-13, allocating \$594,000 for construction of the Rails to Trails Phase IV Bike or Pedestrian Path Project. The City is unable to award the contract prior to the award deadline of April 30, 2015, due to an unforeseen delay in obtaining issuance of the Section 1600 permit from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) and a work agreement with the California Conservation Corps (CCC).

## **BACKGROUND:**

The project crosses an intermittent natural drainage channel where a pre-fabricated bridge would be installed along with some minor channel improvements to accommodate the new bridge. As part of the environmental mitigation, the City is required to obtain a Section 1600 permit from DFW for lake or streambed alteration. The City submitted the Section 1600 permit application in September 2014, and anticipates it will be approved by May 2015. In addition to the environmental mitigation requirements, the City is required to utilize the CCC. The City expects to enter into an agreement with the CCC by May 2015.

The City is awaiting issuance of a Section 1600 permit from the DFW and an executed work agreement with the CCC in order to start construction. Therefore, the City is requesting a six-month time extension to October 31, 2015 to allow for any unanticipated delays.

Current STIP Guidelines, Resolution G-13-07, stipulate that the agency implementing a project request a time extension if the project will not be awarded within six months of the allocation. The Commission may approve waivers 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.