

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 ALLOCATION ON-SYSTEM STIP PROJECTS, PER STIP GUIDELINES WAIVER 15-17**

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) extend the period of project allocation for 20 months to February 28, 2017 for the State -Administered Prunedale Improvement Landscape Mitigation project (PPNO 0058Y), in Monterey County, on the State Highway System.

ISSUE:

The Prunedale Improvement Landscape Mitigation project (PPNO 05-0058Y), in Monterey County is programmed in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for \$6,350,000 in Fiscal Year 2014-15. This landscape project provides planting to satisfy visual mitigation requirements due to impacts associated with the Prunedale Improvement Project. These visual mitigation requirements are necessary to reduce visual impacts to “less than significant” under the California Environmental Quality Act, as stated in the final environmental document approved in 2006. The Department is ready to request an allocation by the June 30, 2015 deadline; however, due to the Governor’s Order related to the current drought situation, the Department is evaluating how to best address the required mitigation. The Department is requesting a 20 month extension to evaluate the options to meet the environmental requirements with the current drought constraints.

BACKGROUND:

Current STIP Guidelines, Resolution G-13-07, stipulate that funds programmed for all components of local grant projects or Caltrans construction and construction support costs are available for allocation only until the end of the fiscal year identified in the STIP. The Commission may approve a waiver to the timely use of funds deadline for allocation one time only for up to 20 months in accordance with Section 14529.8 of the Government Code.