

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 DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURES FOR LOCALLY-ADMINISTERED STIP PROJECTS, PER STIP GUIDELINES WAIVER 15-37**

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve extensions to the period of project development expenditure for the time periods identified for each project on the attached document.

ISSUE:

The attached list identifies two locally-administered State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) projects totaling \$425,000. The Commission allocated the funds in Fiscal Year 2012-13 for the project development phases, as shown on the attachment. The attachment shows the details of the project and the explanation for the delays.

BACKGROUND:

Current STIP Guidelines, Resolution G-13-07, stipulate that funds allocated for local project development or right of way costs must be expended by the end of the second fiscal year following the fiscal year in which the funds were allocated. The Commission may approve a waiver 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.

Attachment

Time Extension/Waiver – Project Development Expenditure Deadline
 Local Streets and Roads Projects

Project #	Applicant County PPNO Project Description Reason for Project Delay	Phase Allocation Amount Balance Remaining	Allocation Date Allocation Resolution Number Number of Months Requested Extended Deadline CT Recommendation
1	Trinity County Trinity County PPNO: 02-2487 Lowden Park to Senior Center Bike/Pedestrian Path	Plans, Specifications and Estimates, and Right of Way Allocated: \$60,000 and \$100,000 Balance: \$50,113 and \$100,000	08/22/2012 FP-12-07 4 Months 10/31/2015 Support
<p>Trinity County (County) is requesting a four-month extension to the period of the Plans, Specifications and Estimated (PS&E) and Right of Way (R/W) phase of the Lowden Park to Senior Center Bike/Pedestrian Path project. The County has experienced an unforeseen delay during the final design.</p> <p>The project will be built along the East Weaver Creek Levee, a United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Flood Control Project. The County is required to consult with USACE regarding construction on the levee and across the flood control channel. After two years of negotiations, USACE agreed to the design for the trail and bridge. However, the County needs to complete the R/W negotiations before the final realignment. The County anticipates completing both the PS&E and R/W phase by October 2015 within the requested four-month time extension. Therefore, the County is requesting a four-month extension from June 30, 2015 to October 31, 2015.</p>			
2	San Luis Obispo County San Luis Obispo County PPNO: 05-2375 San Juan Creek Pedestrian Bridge Project	Project Approval & Environmental Document Allocated: \$265,000 Balance: \$21,933	05/07/2013 FP-12-52 6 Months 12/31/2015 Support
<p>San Luis Obispo County (County) is requesting a six-month extension to the period of the Project Approval & Environmental Document (PA&ED) phase of the San Juan Creek Pedestrian Bridge project. The County has experienced an unforeseen delay during the environmental documents process.</p> <p>The County received an allocation for PA&ED funds in May 2013. After environmental approval, the County pursued efforts to complete an engineering analysis needed to create a sound environmental assessment. The CEQA Mitigated Negative Declaration was approved in February 2015. NEPA documents were submitted to the Department in January 2015. The County is working on addressing comments from the Department. To allow time to complete necessary reviews and coordination, the County is requesting a six-month extension from June 30, 2015 to December 31, 2015.</p>			