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PROJECT BUSINESS MATTERS
Extension Request – Contract Award
Action Item

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WAIVER REQUEST – CTC RESOLUTION G-00-20

CTC STIP GUIDELINES

SECTION 65 – TIMELY USE OF FUNDS

LOCAL STREETS AND ROADS PROJECTS

WAIVER-01-24

ISSUE

Resolution G-00-20, *STIP Guidelines*, adopted by the California Transportation Commission (Commission) on July 19, 2000, stipulates that funds allocated for the construction phase of local grant projects are available for contract award for a period of 12 months from the date of allocation.

The Commission allocated \$6,191,000 in Fiscal Year 1999-2000 fiscal year for the five projects listed on the attached table. To date, the implementing agencies have been unable to award \$3,019,000 of the contracts against the allocations. The attachment shows the details of the projects and the delays that resulted in the extension requests. The implementing agencies are requesting extensions per Resolution G-00-20. The regional transportation planning agencies concur.

RECOMMENDATION

The Department of Transportation's recommendations are shown on the attachment.

Attachment

Time Extension/Waiver – Award Deadline
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Project #	Applicant County	Allocation Amount (in thousands)	Number of Months Requested
		Allocation Date	Extended Deadline
	PPNO Project Description Reason for Project Delay:	Original Deadline	CT Recommendation
1	City of Mount Shasta Siskiyou	\$1,772	7.5
	PPNO: 2081	6/15/2000	1/25/2002
	Chestnut Street Reconstruction	6/15/2001	Support
<p>The City would like to combine the work on this project with rehab work scheduled on Lake Street (PPNO 2210). The Lake St. job was programmed in the 2000 STIP and the PS&E and CON dollars were allocated on January 25, 2001. The requested time extension for PPNO 2081 will bring both jobs into the same schedule for construction award. Combining both jobs should yield better contract pricing, maximizing value to cost. Savings in the range of 10% to 15% can be realized with economies of larger quantities, management of one contractor rather than several, and the logistics of having one big construction job underway rather than several smaller ones in a town the size of Mount Shasta City.</p>			
2	Siskiyou Siskiyou	\$3,792 (\$620 remains to be awarded)	6
	PPNO: 2031A	5/11/2000	10/11/2001
	Near Grenada on Co. Rd A-12 From 9.8 mi. W of Rte 97 near Big Springs to Rte 97	5/11/2001	Support
<p>This project was originally programmed in June 1998 as “reconstruct County Road A-12” as PPNO 2031, and was subsequently split into a west half which stayed as PPNO 2031 and an east half under PPNO 2031A, because of environmental challenges that could hang up the west end while the east end could be ready to go in 2000. The east half was voted in May 2000 and awarded in Fall 2000 with a cost saving of \$620,000; the county wants to use the savings to extend the scope of pavement work westward within the original project, as allowed under the Commission’s fixed cost/flexible scope policy for local pavement rehab projects. However, the county and contractor could not arrange to combine the extended work into the first contract, which now has been completed. Siskiyou County now asks for an extension of six months to November 2001 to draw up, advertise, and award a separate contract (including buying a tiny sliver of right of way) to extend the pavement rehabilitation work westward as far as \$620,000 will cover, or possibly to fold the \$620,000 into the west end project if the current promising progress in resolving environmental issues there allows the west end project to be ready to go by Fall 2001.</p>			
3	Trinity County Trinity	\$136	12
	PPNO: 2067	6/15/2000	6/15/2002
	Bridge Replacement County Bridge 5C-199 Van Duzen River, on Ruth- Zenja Rd. 0.1 miles from intersection with Van Duzen Road	6/15/2001	Support
<p>The County has been unable to reach an agreement with one of the affected landowners, which has resulted in right of way delays. After spending 6 months on appraisals, timber cruises, re-appraisals, and negotiations with an absentee property owner, we are forced to go to condemnation. The County Counsel took another month with a real estate attorney to assist with the condemnation process. It will take another 2 months to obtain a Resolution of Necessity from our Board of Supervisors and a Court Order of Possession, assuming the Board agrees and there is no injunction against the court action. Then, the County needs to submit right of way certification and a request for authorization to Caltrans to obtain HBRR authorization to advertise and construct. This will take another 2 months, plus another 2 months to actually advertise and award. Due to the harsh winter and short construction season in Trinity County, advertisement and award should occur in Spring, when prospective contractors can view the site. Therefore, the request is to extend the award date by 12 months.</p>			

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	PPNO Project Description Reason for Project Delay:	Original Deadline	CT Recommendation
4	City of Clovis Fresno	\$69	9
	PPNO: 6L02 Grade Separated Crossings at Clovis Old Town Trail at the Herndon and Villa intersections	6/30/2000 6/30/2001	3/30/2002 Support
<p>When this Cycle I project was put out to bid last Spring, the bids came in at \$400,000 above the engineer's estimate. In the meantime, the City applied for the Cycle 2 right of way portion of the project. The goal was to try and combine the projects to obtain some economies of scale. Through the combination of projects, the City felt it could reduce mobilization costs and bring the project costs down with some modifications to the plans and the larger scale project. The City is now processing right of way acquisition, which should be complete in the next few weeks and then processed through Caltrans which could take another couple of months. In the meantime, the City requested reallocation of funds, which was recently approved. The project was held up because the City was short on funding and was trying to resolve this by combining the two projects or obtaining additional funds, neither of which could be accomplished quickly.</p>			
5	City of Modesto Stanislaus	\$422	3
	PPNO: 9998 Mensinger Bike-Pedestrian Trail along Dry Creek from El Vista Ave. to Claus Rd.	5/11/2000 5/11/2001	8/11/2001 Support
<p>Last October the City Surveyor discovered that the trail alignment bearings were incorrect and the construction drawings were sent back to the consultant for correction. This process took approximately six weeks. Additionally, the City's Storm Drainage Quality Division was concerned that there might be a requirement for a storm water management plan to meet NPDES requirements. The project received a "waiver of waste discharge requirements and water quality certification" in 1996 from the Regional Water Quality Control Board. The City had to research to determine if the waiver was still valid. It is, and the water management plan is not required. However, this resulted in another three-week delay. The City is now ready to proceed with the project, pending approval of Commission action on this waiver request. The revised timeline is to advertise May 7, 2001, open bids on June 1, 2001, and obtain City approval to award the contract on June 19, 2001.</p>			