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Business, Transportation and Housing Agency
Department of Transportation

PROJECT BUSINESS MATTERS
Extension Request – Project Allocation
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-01-31

ISSUE

Resolution G-00-20, *STIP Guidelines*, adopted by the California Transportation Commission (Commission) on July 19, 2000, stipulates that funds programmed for all components of local grant projects are available for allocation only until the end of the fiscal year identified in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

The Commission has programmed \$1,273,000 in FY 2000-2001 for the construction component of the rehabilitation of local roads in Merced County, PPNO 9829. To date, Merced County has been unable to allocate the funds. This project was originally identified in October 1998 and the roads have deteriorated much faster than anticipated, causing the rehab work to be more extensive than originally funded. The design has determined a simple overlay will not extend the useful life ten years and the existing surface should be pulverized, more base material added, and then the roadway resurfaced.

This request was originally presented at the May 2001 Commission meeting. The Commission did not act on the request at that time. The original request for a 20-month extension indicated that this project was going to be federalized, requiring environmental clearance under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Since then, the County decided to remove the federal funds that would have required environmental clearance under NEPA. The only remaining tasks prior to allocation are to amend the STIP to clarify the limits of the project and to complete PS&E using local funds. Environmental clearance under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) is complete. Merced County requests a time extension of 12 months to allocate these construction funds. The regional planning agency concurs.

RECOMMENDATION

The Department of Transportation supports this request.