

State of California  
Business, Transportation and Housing Agency  
Department of Transportation

PROJECT BUSINESS MATTERS  
Request for Waiver – Project Allocation  
Action Item

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**TIME EXTENSION REQUEST – CTC RESOLUTION G-00-20**  
**CTC STIP GUIDELINES**  
**SECTION 65 – TIMELY USE OF FUNDS**

**STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**  
**WAIVER-02-26**

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve this time extension request to June 30, 2003.

**ISSUE**

Resolution G-01-21, *STIP GUIDELINES*, adopted by the California Transportation Commission (Commission) on July 12, 2001, stipulates that the Commission may extend the deadline for allocation of funds no more than one time and only if it finds that an unforeseen and extraordinary circumstance beyond the control of the responsible agency has occurred that justifies the extension. The extension will not exceed the period of delay directly attributed to the extraordinary circumstance and will in no event be for more than twenty (20) months.

Given funding constraints, the 15 miles triple tracking between Los Angeles Union Passenger Terminal and Fullerton was to be segmented over several STIP cycles. The timing was set to correspond to completion of the environmental documents on the various segments. The funding made available in the Transportation Congestion Relief Program and the 2000 Budget allowed sufficient funding to address the entire length of the corridor as a single project rather than three as originally envisioned. The environmental document was expanded to address the entire 15 mile LA- Fullerton project including seven major grade separations. The environmental document for the track and signal work and the separations is anticipated to be complete in the spring of 2003.

**BACKGROUND**

The Commission has programmed \$5,700,000 STIP funds in fiscal year 2001-02 to construct triple track on the *Pacific Surfliner Route*. The Department of Transportation (Department) is requesting a (12)-month time extension, to June 30, 2003, for allocation of the funds for construction of improvements related to construction of a third main track. This track segment is between the point that Interstate 5 crosses over the train tracks near the City of Commerce and DT Junction, where Interstate 605 crosses the train tracks near the City of Santa Fe Springs, in Los Angeles County. Based on the engineering design, environmental impact report, focus group work, contract development and execution, and response to legal challenges that may arise, we believe the requested time extension will be sufficient to complete the environmental process.