

State of California  
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-01-21**

**CTC STIP GUIDELINES**

**SECTION 65 – TIMELY USE OF FUNDS**

**LOCAL STREETS AND ROADS PROJECTS**

**WAIVER-01-55**

**ISSUE**

Resolution G-01-21, *STIP Guidelines*, adopted by the California Transportation Commission (Commission) on July 12, 2001, 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. The guidelines further stipulate that the Commission may approve waivers to the timely use of funds deadlines one time only for up to twenty months in accordance with Section 14529.8 of the Government Code.

The Commission has programmed \$1,315,000 in FY 2001-2002 for the two projects on the attached list. The implementing agencies, the Town of Paradise and Ventura County, have been unable to allocate the funds and do not anticipate allocating the funds by the June 30, 2002 deadline. The attachment shows the details of each project and the delays that have resulted in the extension requests. The project sponsors request extensions. The planning agencies concur.

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

Attachment

Time Extension-Waiver – Allocation Deadline  
Item 2.8a(1) – Local Streets and Roads Projects  
Program Year 2001-2002

Project #	Applicant County	Extension Amount			Number of Months Requested
		By Component (\$ in thousands)			
PPNO	Project Description	E&P	PS&E	R/W	Extended Deadline
		CON	TOTAL	CT Recommendation	
<b>Reason for Project Delay:</b>					
1	Town of Paradise Butte	\$0 \$0	\$0 \$0	\$0 \$0	18 months 12/31/2003
	PPNO: 1L24 Clark/Skyway Signal Project	\$607 \$607			Support – meets STIP guidelines
<p>The recent bankruptcy filing by PG&amp;E caused the City to miss many internal deadlines related to utility relocation issues. Nearly \$2 million in Rural 20-A underground utility funding that was available for the Town of Paradise is now tied up in bankruptcy court. This makes any utility relocation solution that involved underground utilities very difficult. With this in mind, the Town is requesting a time extension of 18 months so they can better analyze the potential solutions as they proceed with PS&amp;E, and make use of the best and most economical solution, not simply the fastest option. It is likely that if underground utility solutions are not available, additional right of way issues will develop, since there physically is not room to relocate the overhead utilities without encroaching on the existing commercial structure at the northwest corner of the intersection. In addition, the Town anticipates that they already need to acquire right of way from up to nine parcels in contrast to the initial estimate of five parcels. This will increase the work of the right of way consultant, as well as increase the potential for the necessity of an eminent domain proceeding.</p>					
2	Ventura County Ventura	\$0 \$0	\$0 \$0	\$0 \$0	7 months 01/31/2003
	PPNO: 2956 Santa Clara Ave/Central Ave Intersection Improvement	\$708 \$708			Support, meets STIP guidelines
<p>Delivery of the project has been delayed by two major factors: (1) Environmental Document: This delay has been caused by several local groups which oppose the future widening of Santa Clara Avenue from two to four lanes. Despite public meetings and revisions to the EIR to accommodate citizen concerns, additional opposition was manifested that required additional revision to the initial draft EIR and additional public review. Since then, additional public meetings and a public hearing have been held. (2) Preliminary Engineering: It was expected that the County would be fully responsible to design and fund all of the improvements when this project was initially defined. Preliminary engineering was delayed in June when the Agency became aware that some of the improvements would likely overlap future improvements to be conducted by the Flood Control District (FCD). Because FCD had not yet programmed these improvements, it required that they perform planning and engineering. In August, FCD agreed to participate in funding them when found that these improvements were to their benefit. Negotiations were concluded with FCD in September and the County resumed preliminary engineering. These issues are expected to delay the project by 7 months. District staff recommends 7 months, which will match the request by the local agency.</p>					