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Business, Transportation and Housing Agency
Department of Transportation

PROJECT BUSINESS MATTERS
Extension Request – Contract Award
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-01-48

ISSUE

Resolution G-01-21, *STIP Guidelines*, adopted by the California Transportation Commission (Commission) on July 12, 2001, 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 \$540,000 in Fiscal Year 1999-2000 fiscal year for the three projects listed on the attached table. To date, the implementing agencies have been unable to award the contracts against the allocations. The implementing agencies are requesting extensions per Resolution G-01-21. The regional transportation planning agencies concur. The attachment shows the details of the projects and the delays that resulted in the extension requests.

RECOMMENDATION

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

Attachment

Time Extension/Waiver – Award Deadline
Item 2.8b.(3) – Local Streets and Roads Projects

Project #	Applicant County	Allocation Amount (in thousands)	Number of Months Requested
		Allocation Date	Extended Deadline
	PPNO		
	Project Description	Original Deadline	CT Recommendation
	Reason for Project Delay:		
1	Fresno County City of Fresno	\$511	12
		9/5/2000	9/4/02
	PPNO: 6L02		
	Signal Synchronization Phase II	9/4/2001	Support
<p>This is the second phase of a signal synchronization project. This phase will synchronize 125 traffic signals. Two major issues contributed to unforeseen delays for the design of this phase. Issues identified during the construction of Phase I and the rebidding of the Traffic Operations Center (TOC) contributed to the delay of Phase II. Situations such as boring vs. open trenching, splicing strategies and reflectivity testing of the fiber were all issues identified during the construction of Phase I which effected the design of Phase II. Additional complications were encountered with the rejection of bids for the TOC. Also, during the design of Phase II, the Herndon Avenue and Kings Canyon Avenue regions experienced a significant number of private and public projects. The increase in improvement projects required detailed planning and coordination. These improvement projects required the extension of several utilities. Unfortunately, these utilities were placed in the proposed location for the Phase II fiber conduits, requiring additional design effort to reroute. Nearly all of the situations and issues have been resolved. The plans for Phase II are being modified as a result of the recent conclusions. The City is currently developing a request for proposals to develop the specifications and conduct a third party review of the conduit and splicing plans. Resolution will ultimately result in a better design and a superior project. The City requests an extension of 12 months to award a contract for this project.</p>			
2	Stanislaus County City of Modesto	\$9	20
		9/6/00	5/5/03
	PPNO: 9951		
	Roundabout at Bowen Avenue between Phelps and Enslin Avenues	9/5/01	Support - 12 months
<p>This project has been delayed because the City Council asked staff to develop a policy for roundabouts. Staff has been working with the Council to develop a policy and currently has a draft policy prepared. As soon as the policy is approved, the project will proceed. When this allocation was received, the City moved ahead with the program supplement agreement and completion of construction documents. The construction documents are complete. Inasmuch as the City has a signed agreement and completed construction documents well before the project deadline, they had every confidence they would be able to meet the deadline.</p>			
3	Stanislaus County City of Modesto	\$20	4
		8/3/00	12/2/01
	PPNO: 9951		
	Expand ATMA Northeast	8/2/01	Support
<p>This project was allocated and proceeded without delay. However, when the final bids were received, there was only one bidder and the amount was 255% over the Engineer's Estimate. Unfortunately, it was already too late to request this extension at the July Commission meeting. The City will review the plans and specifications for possible changes and have the project ready to bid again pending approval of this extension request. The City requests a four-month extension to award a contract due to this unforeseen delay.</p>			