State of California
**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

Business, Transportation and Housing Agency

# Memorandum

**To:** CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

**CTC Meeting:** May 21-22, 2003

**Reference No.:** 2.8b.(1)
Action Item

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**Ref:** **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF CONTRACT AWARD PER RESOLUTION G-01-21, FOR LOCAL STREETS AND ROADS PROJECTS WAIVER-03-05**

## ISSUE:

The California Transportation Commission (Commission) allocated construction funds totaling $3,047,000 for the four projects shown on the attached list. The implementing agencies have been unable to award the contracts and do not anticipate awarding the contracts by their respective deadlines. The attachment shows the details of each project and the delays that have resulted in the extension requests. The project sponsors request extensions, and the planning agencies concur.

## RECOMMENDATION:

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

## BACKGROUND:

Resolution G-01-21, STIP Guidelines, adopted by the 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 guidelines further stipulate that the Commission may approve waivers to the contract award deadline one time only for up to 20 months in accordance with Section 14529.8 of the Government Code.

Attachment

# Time Extension/Waiver – Contract Award
# Item 2.8b.(1) – Local Streets and Roads Projects
# Program Year 2002/2003

| Project # | Applicant<br>County<br><br>PPNO<br>Project Description<br><br>Reason for Project Delay: | Extension Amount<br>By Component ($ in thousands)<br>E&P<br>PS&E<br>R/W<br>CON<br>Total | Number of Months Requested<br><br>Extended Deadline<br><br>CT Recommendation |
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| 1 | City of Lindsay<br>Tulare<br><br>PPNO: 8628<br>Roadway Rehab. and AC Overlay Elmwood Ave. and Lewis Street | <br>$0<br>$0<br>$0<br>$160<br>**$160** | 12 months<br><br>06/10/2004<br><br>Support – meets STIP guidelines |
| | There are five other projects in the City that must be underway prior to this project beginning. The controlling project was delayed due to issues with project consultants. Therefore, all five were delayed. This in turn has delayed the preparation for bidding packages, advertising, completing the abstract, performing background reviews and making a recommendation to our City Council for award of this STIP project. Therefore, the City is requesting a 12-month extension of the contract award deadline. | | |
| 2 | City of Etna<br>Siskiyou<br><br>PPNO: 2206<br>Road Rehab. Callahan St. | <br>$0<br>$0<br>$0<br>$130<br>**$130** | 12 months<br><br>06/09/2004<br><br>Support – meets STIP guidelines |
| | This project is being designed and bid in combination with another project (PPNO 2373) which is programmed for construction in 2003-2004. In order to maximize use of funds, this project is intended to be constructed concurrently with PPNO 2373. This project (2206) was programmed for work on streets that were part of a new sewer project the City was preparing to construct. It was expected that the sewer line would be complete well in advance of the road project, but the start of the sewer project was delayed due to litigation. The sewer line is now nearly complete, and design of this project is proceeding, but not yet complete. Since construction work in Etna is subject to winter suspension, the City anticipates that bidding will occur in the Spring, with award anticipated by June 2004.<br><br>Separation of the two projects (2206 and 2373) for bid and construction purposes at this time would likely result in missing the award deadline for PPNO 2206 and would likely drive the cost of both projects beyond budget capability. In order for both these projects to be constructed concurrently, the City is asking for a 12-month extension of the award deadline. | | |

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| 3 | City of Los Angeles<br>Los Angeles<br><br>PPNO: 2867<br>Aliso Village Pedestrian Linkages Streetscape Improvements | <br>$0<br>$0<br>$0<br>$1,275<br>**$1,275** | 20 months<br><br>02/12/2005<br><br>Support – meets STIP guidelines |

A delay of 4 months is anticipated to allow the Housing Authority sufficient time to evaluate and respond to the redesign and re-alignment of existing and new streets within the project construction area. The streets and pedestrian pathways in the Aliso Village Pedestrian Linkages (AVPL) project are located within and adjacent to the Aliso Village residential development, which is currently undergoing new construction. The redesign of the residential development to incorporate City requirements, and the resultant re-alignment and addition of streets within the project, have impacted and delayed the re-design of the AVPL project. The Aliso Village residential construction is currently underway, with completion scheduled for June 2004.

To minimize the overall impact on Aliso Village and adjacent communities, the proposed revisions to the present street configuration and traffic patterns/flow within the project area need to be coordinated with changes proposed by Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA) and Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT). The recent lengthy negotiations between LADOT and MTA of the proposed street widening and re-alignment of the new MTA light rail system, needed traffic studies and public hearings, and the additional coordination, review and approval process with MTA and LADOT, are projected to add approximately 7 months to the AVPL project schedule.

Following the determination of street changes and traffic revisions, the completed AVPL design and construction documents will require revisions and modifications to incorporate the revised scope of work. These documents must then be submitted for review and approval to the City of Los Angeles, Department of Public Works prior to being utilized for the solicitation of construction bids. Specific traffic studies and public hearings may also be required by these agencies for final approval. This will result in an additional 9 months delay in the solicitation of construction bids and the subsequent award of a construction contract.

Because of these delays, the City is requesting a 20-month extension to the contract award deadline.

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| 4 | City of Burbank<br>Los Angeles<br><br>PPNO: 2874<br>Burbank Media District ITS<br>POST FACT REQUEST | <br>$0<br>$0<br>$0<br>$1,482<br>**$1,482** | 5 months<br><br>10/08/2003<br><br>Support – meets STIP guidelines |

The underground system design was more complex than anticipated, requiring additional time to research, prepare and revise design plans. Unforeseen issues included coordination with the SR-134 on-ramp design project, coordination with an electrical sub-station construction project, and modifications required due to unknown subsurface obstructions that were identified subsequent to preparation of design documents. The SR-134 ramp coordination was necessitated because of significant reconstruction and widening of a freeway under-crossing to install a new on-ramp. The widened under-crossing affected the design of communications, surveillance, and motorist information facilities at the intersection of Hollywood Way and Alameda Avenue. Caltrans design for the on-ramp system was not finalized until several months ago, and design for this project needed to conform to their requirements. The City's design also had to incorporate changes to the sub-station substructures to avoid conflicts with Caltrans' project.

More extensive environmental documentation was required than initially anticipated. Several investigations were not required at the time of schedule preparation but were subsequently found to be necessary. New more extensive reports were subsequently required for archeological and hazardous materials in the project area, and surveys and documentation necessitated additional preparation time.

Due to these delays, the City is requesting a 5-month extension to the contract award deadline.