

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: June 25-26, 2003

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

From: ROBERT L. GARCIA
Chief Financial Officer

Prepared by: Jay Norvell
Acting Division Chief
Mass Transportation

Ref: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF CONTRACT AWARD, PER RESOLUTION G-01-21, FOR LOCAL STIP TRANSIT PROJECT, WAIVER-03-06**

ISSUE:

The California Transportation Commission (Commission) allocated construction funds totaling \$750,000 on June 13, 2002 for the project shown in the attachment. The implementing agency has been unable to award the contract and does not anticipate awarding the contract by the deadline. The attachment shows the details of the project and the delay that has resulted in the extension request. The project sponsor requests an extension, and the planning agency concurs.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Transportation recommends approval of this time extension request.

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 the 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.

This time extension was originally presented at the May 21-22, 2003 meeting. The Commission deferred the item to the June 25-26, 2003 meeting to give the agency time to prepare additional information for presentation of the item.

Attachment

June 2003 Meeting Waiver/Time Extension Requests

| Regional Agency | Extension Amount | Number of Months Requested |
|---|------------------|--|
| Local Agency | STIP Fund Type | Extended Deadline |
| | Component | CT Recommendation |
| Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) | \$750,000 | 9 Months |
| Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority | PTA | 03/31/04 |
| Fuel Cell Powered Advanced Technology Project PPNO 07-7056 <u>Extension for Contract Award</u> | Construction | Support – funds will be used to acquire hybrid-powered vehicles. |
| Reason for Project Delay: | | |
| As fuel cell technology is not yet functional, LACMTA wants to instead use funds to purchase hybrid-powered articulated transit vehicles. Changing from fuel cell vehicles to hybrid-powered vehicles requires additional time to develop technical specifications to award a contract for the procurement of six hybrid-powered, articulated transit vehicles. Tabled from the May 2003 CTC meeting. | | |