

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

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Action Item

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Ref: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF PROJECT ALLOCATION PER
RESOLUTION G-03-19, STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
GUIDELINES
WAIVER-05-06**

ISSUE:

The California Transportation Commission (Commission) programmed funds in Fiscal Year 2004-05 totaling \$1,416,000 for six projects as shown on the attachment. The funds will not be allocated by the June 30, 2005, deadline. The attachment shows the details of the projects and the delays that have resulted in the extension request. The project sponsors request an extension, and the planning agencies concur.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

BACKGROUND:

Resolution G-03-19, State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Guidelines, adopted by the Commission on December 11, 2003, stipulates that the Commission may approve a waiver to the timely use of funds deadline one time only for up to 20 months in accordance with Section 14529.8 of the Government Code.

Attachment

Time Extension/Waiver – Project Allocation Deadline
 Local Streets and Roads Projects

Project #	Applicant County	Extension Amount By Component (\$ in thousands)	Number of Months Requested
	PPNO Project Description	E&P PS&E R/W CON TOTAL	Extended Deadline CT Recommendation
	Reason for Project Delay:		
1	City of San Ramon Contra Costa	\$0 \$0 \$0	12 months 06/30/2006
	PPNO: 2011N Old Ranch Road Bicycle Path	\$62 \$62	Caltrans' Support – meets STIP guidelines
	The Old Ranch Road Bicycle Path project needs a 12-month extension to June 30, 2006. Delays to this project are attributed to the need to add the project to the City of San Ramon's Disabled Business Enterprise program and obtaining approval, possibly triggering the National Environmental Policy Act process, and obtaining environmental clearance from the California Department of Transportation .		
2	Contra Costa County Contra Costa	\$0 \$0 \$0	3 months 09/30/2005
	PPNO: 2011P Stone Valley Road West Sidewalk Extension	\$31 \$31	Caltrans' Support – meets STIP guidelines
	Stone Valley Road West Sidewalk Extension project needs a three-month extension to September 30, 2005, pending the completion of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. The extension is necessary due to the prolonged NEPA processing time. The project was originally on the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) state-only funding list, but was recently transferred to the federal Transportation Enhancement funding list due to a freeze in allocating STIP projects. The transfer triggered the need to go through NEPA processes, extending the previously established project schedule. Currently, the project is in the design phase and completed design plans should be ready for submittal by the original April 1 st deadline. The Preliminary Environmental Services (PES) forms were submitted to the Department in November 2004, and the NEPA process should be completed by the middle of the 2005. California Environmental Quality Act documents have been approved and will be attached to the allocation request submittal. Cost increases related to the delay of the project are not anticipated, but county local road funds will fund any project cost increases.		
3	City of San Pablo Contra Costa	\$0 \$0 \$0	9 months 03/30/2006
	PPNO: 2011Q San Pablo Dam Road Pedestrian Path	\$115 \$115	Caltrans' Support – meets STIP guidelines
	San Pablo Dam Road Pedestrian Path project needs a nine-month extension to March 30, 2006. Additional time is needed for project environmental review process, to schedule the necessary review meeting, complete plans, specifications and estimates, and advertise the project for bidding. The source of funding was changed to the Transportation Enhancement program and will require the National Environmental Policy Act environmental review process. The length of extension requested is nine months. No cost increases are associated with this request.		

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4	Contra Costa County Contra Costa PPNO: 2011T Reliez Valley Road Asphalt Concrete Pedestrian Path	\$0 \$0 \$0 \$342 \$342	13 months 07/30/2006 Caltrans' Support – meets STIP guidelines.
<p>Reliez Valley Road Asphalt Concrete Pedestrian Path project needs a 13-month extension to July 30, 2006, pending the completion of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. The project was originally on the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) state-only funding list, but was recently transferred to the federal Transportation Enhancement funding list due to a freeze in allocating STIP projects. The transfer triggered the NEPA processes, extending the previously established project schedule. The project is in the design process and an extensive environmental study is being performed. The Preliminary Environmental Services (PES) forms were submitted to the Department in November 2004, but the initial NEPA schedule will be delayed for six months due to unforeseen environmental issues. An extension will allow construction in the 2006 summer season. Cost increases related to the delay of the project are not anticipated, but county local road funds will fund any project cost increases.</p>			
5	Butte County Association of Government Butte PPNO: 3124 Transportation Enhancement (TE) Reserve	\$0 \$0 \$0 \$312 \$312	12 months 05/26/2006 Caltrans' Support – meets STIP guidelines
<p>Butte County's 2004-05 TE Reserve needs a 12-month extension to May 26, 2006. At the time the 2004 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) was adopted, Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG) did not have local Transportation Enhancements (TE) projects ready for programming. As a result, "TE Reserves" were identified. During the development of the 2004 Federal STIP, BCAG identified specific TE projects. Due to the dynamics of federal "financial constraint" requirements, programming constraints in the STIP, and the programming of various local project components, BCAG is requesting a time extension on TE Reserve funds, thus carrying over from FY 2004-05 to augment FY 2005-06 funds in order to have enough funding for two TE projects scheduled in FY 2005-06.</p>			
6	City of Los Angeles Los Angeles PPNO: 3450 Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative (LANI) Bus Stop and Pedestrian Enhancements— Byzantine Latino Quarter Area	\$0 \$0 \$0 \$554 \$554	12 months 05/30/2006 Caltrans' Support – meets STIP guidelines
<p>The City of Los Angeles is requesting a 12-month extension due to the community's wishes to incorporate a lighting component to the project, which triggered the need to relocate a traffic signal, streetlight, and power service pole. After numerous community meetings and outreach efforts, the community agreed on a final design, which included the extension of an existing raised island to create a pedestrian-friendly plaza, which required the existing traffic signal, street lighting equipment, and service power pole, be relocated. The extension request is directly attributable to the additional time required to design the relocation of the affected infrastructure.</p>			