

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: November 2-3, 2005

Reference No.: 2.8c.
Action Item

From: CINDY McKIM
Chief Financial Officer

Prepared by: Terry Abbott
Division Chief
Local Assistance

Ref: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF PROJECT COMPLETION PER
RESOLUTION G-03-19, STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT
PROGRAM GUIDELINES
WAIVER-05-25**

ISSUE:

In December 1999, the California Transportation Commission (Commission) allocated \$1,200,000 to the City of San Diego (City) for the New Route 56 Freeway Black Mountain Road Segment Project. The \$1,200,000 was allocated for the administration and oversight of construction. The direct labor and materials for construction are being financed with non-STIP funding. The City completed construction in July 2004, expending \$919,674 of the STIP funds allocated. Route 56 (SR-56) was open to traffic in July 2004. The City of San Diego could not address all of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements until after SR-56 was open to traffic in July 2004.

The CEQA document required additional noise monitoring and potential noise mitigation that could only be addressed after SR-56 was open to traffic. The City began addressing the CEQA requirements in fall 2004, and is currently designing the required noise mitigation. The City expects the CEQA requirements to be met by June 2006. The City of San Diego anticipates submitting the final invoice and final report to the Department of Transportation (Department) to close out the Construction Engineering costs allocated to the project by August 2006.

The City and the Department were jointly responsible for construction administration for this project through a cooperative agreement. To date, neither party to the agreement has closed out the project. By STIP Guidelines, the deadline for expending the STIP funds was December 2002. The City is requesting an extension through August 31, 2006, on the balance of \$280,326, to continue administration of this project through completion.

RECOMMENDATION:

Inasmuch as the allocated funds have not been expended within the “timely use of funds” policy timeline, the City of San Diego’s request to extend the period of project completion for the New Route 56 Freeway Black Mountain Road Segment Project is not consistent with STIP Guidelines.

BACKGROUND:

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