

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: April 26-27, 2006

Reference No.: 2.8a.(2)
Action Item

From: CINDY McKIM
Chief Financial Officer

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Ref: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF PROJECT ALLOCATION, PER
RESOLUTION G-03-19, STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
GUIDELINES
WAIVER-06-13**

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Transportation recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve the sixteen (16) month extension request for the City of Vallejo's ferry maintenance facility project described below.

ISSUE:

The City of Vallejo's new ferry maintenance facility project is programmed in Fiscal Year 2005-06 for \$425,000. Construction cannot begin until the City of Vallejo obtains a Bay Conservation & Development Commission (BCDC) permit. The discovery of lead contamination and complex negotiations with the lease-holder of the property have caused several delays with the design and engineering work necessary to apply for this permit. The City of Vallejo will not be ready to request the funds by the June 30, 2006 deadline and is requesting a sixteen (16) month extension to the allocation deadline.

BACKGROUND:

Resolution G-03-19, State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Guidelines, adopted by the Commission on December 11, 2003, stipulates that funds programmed for local grant projects are available for allocation only until the end of the fiscal year identified in the STIP. The guidelines further stipulate, in accordance with Government Code section 14529.8, that the Commission may approve waivers to the timely use of funds deadline one time only for up to 20 months.



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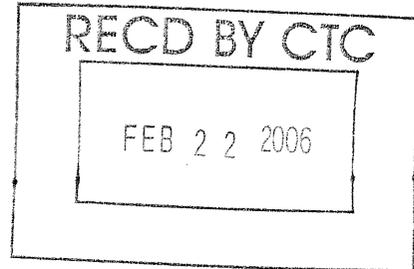
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VIA FACSIMILE

February 16, 2006

Mr. Wade Greene
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Dear Mr. Greene:

The City of Vallejo hereby requests a Time Extension for the project identified below. In accordance with your instructions, this letter addresses items 3.A through 3.F of the form that was provided.

3.A	Project Title	New Ferry Maintenance Facility, Construction of Phase 1 (Fueling) & Phase 2 (Waterfront Infrastructure). [[doubt that this is the official title of the project, so check on this]]
3.B	Length of Delay	Request extension through October 31, 2007.
3.C	Reason for Delay	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Design and engineering work necessary to apply for the required San Francisco Bay Conservation & Development Commission (BCDC) permit for the project (Phase 1 and Phase 2) has taken longer than originally anticipated. The design and engineering work was impacted by the discovery of lead contamination on the site, and delays in getting geotechnical core samples completed.2. The City wants to allow plenty of time to compete negotiations with the lease holder of the property. While negotiations to date have been positive and productive, their complexity will increase as detailed design work for the site is completed for the lease holders review.

3.D	Steps Taken to Resolve the Delay	<p>1. Design work for Phase 1 & Phase 2 of the project has now been completed to the point where the BCDC application process can begin. The application will be submitted by February 28, 2006; the process is expected to take 120 days.</p> <p>2. Regarding negotiations with the lease holder, those are ongoing and will be pursued vigorously as each phase of the project nears bidding and construction.</p>
3.E	New Delivery Date of Overall Project	Estimate completion of Phase 1 by March 2007; and completion of Phase 2 by December 2007.
3.F	Percentage of Overall Project Completed to Date	Engineering, Design, and Permitting are about 50% complete; construction has not started yet.

If you have any additional concerns or questions, do not hesitate to contact us.

Your assistance in granting this Time Extension is greatly appreciated. The project continues to move forward, and we are anxious to begin construction later this year.

Sincerely,



John Harris
Transportation Manager

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Cc: Mark Akaba, Public Works Director
Kathy Jacobs, California Transportation Commission
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