

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-06-14**

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Transportation recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve the 12-month time extension for the Fullerton Transportation Center Parking Expansion project described below.

ISSUE:

Resolution G-03-19, State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Guidelines, adopted by the Commission on December 11, 2003, stipulates that the Commission may extend the deadline for allocation no more than one time and only if it finds that an unforeseen and extraordinary circumstance beyond the control of the responsible agency has occurred that justifies the extension. The extension will not exceed the period of delay directly attributed to the extraordinary circumstance and will in no event be for more than twenty (20) months.

The City of Fullerton (City) was to request an allocation in Fiscal Year 2005-2006 for the Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E) phase of the Fullerton Transportation Center Parking Expansion project. A more advantageous site has recently become available due to a business relocation. The City intends to pursue acquisition of this new site for the parking structure, when it becomes available in June 2006. The City expects the final site selection to occur within the first three months of Fiscal Year 2006-2007, in order that the environmental clearance be finalized. The allocation for PS&E cannot proceed until the site has been determined and the environmental clearance finalized.

This 12-month Time Extension Request will allow the Fullerton Redevelopment Agency the necessary time to acquire the new site after it becomes available in June 2006, and then complete the environmental phase of the project.

BACKGROUND:

This project is necessary to meet both the current demand for rail station parking and also to accommodate the parking needs for additional intercity and commuter rail patrons. Parking is currently over capacity at the Fullerton Station and is affecting parking capacity on surrounding streets. PS&E is being funded with STIP/ITIP dollars.

Initially, there were four separate sites that were to be developed for additional parking. If the City is able to secure this newly available site, only one site will need to be developed. The development of the newly available site will most likely result in a stronger project. This time extension request would facilitate the pursuit of this site.