

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

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Action Item

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

The Department of Transportation recommend the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve the twenty (20) month extension request for the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) safety device project described below.

ISSUE:

On May 22, 2003, the Commission approved Resolution MFP-02-20 allocating \$237,000 in State Highway Account (SHA) funds to LACMTA for the installation of advanced safety devices along the Long Beach Blue Line. On July 1, 2003, a contract was awarded and all elements of the project have been completed except for the construction of the grade crossing quad gate devices. Although LACMTA has accepted the Union Pacific (UP) cost estimate for this work, they have been unable to obtain an acceptable construction agreement with UP.

LACMTA is continuing negotiations with UP to reach an agreement that meets State and federal contracting requirements for the construction of the grade crossing quad gate devices and is requesting a twenty (20) month extension for project completion.

BACKGROUND:

Resolution G-03-19, State Transportation Improvement Program Guidelines, adopted by the Commission on December 11, 2003, stipulates that after a contract is awarded, the implementing agency has up to 36 months to complete the project. The Guidelines further stipulate 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 Government Code section 14529.8.