

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

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Action Item

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF CONTRACT AWARD FOR ONE STATE HIGHWAY OPERATIONS AND PROTECTION PROGRAM (SHOPP) PROJECT WAIVER-06-24**

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve Waiver-06-24, extending the period of contract award for an Inyo County Route 395 SHOPP project for six months, until November 30, 2006.

ISSUE:

The Department will not be able to meet the 12-month award deadline of May 31, 2006, for the Route 395 SHOPP project (PPNO 0413) in Bishop. Commission approval of this extension request is needed in order to re-advertise and award the project.

BACKGROUND:

In May 2005, the Commission allocated \$3,267,000 for one SHOPP project in Inyo on Route 395 in Bishop (PPNO 0413). Under existing STIP guidelines, the 12-month award deadline is May 31, 2006.

Bids for this project were opened in July 2005 but rejected in August 2005. There was one bid received at 70 percent over the Engineer's Estimate. The Department has reviewed the design with the intent to re-advertise the project. Inasmuch as the project includes only the minimum scope of work to accomplish the purpose and need of this project, rescoping the project to remain within the allocated amount is not possible. A concurrent request for supplemental funds is under agenda item 2.5e.(3). The Department is requesting a six-month extension in order to re-advertise and award the project.

Resolution G-03-19, State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Guidelines, adopted by the Commission on December 11, 2003, stipulates that funds allocated for Department construction projects are available for contract award for a period of 12 months from the date of allocation. The Guidelines further stipulate that the Commission may approve a waiver to the contract award deadline one time only for up to 20 months in accordance with Section 14529.8 of the Government Code.