

# Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

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Action Item

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Ref: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF CONTRACT AWARD FOR ONE TRAFFIC CONGESTION RELIEF PROGRAM (TCRP) PROJECT, PER FY 2005-06 TCRP ALLOCATION PLAN AND CRITERIA WAIVER-06-35**

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

The Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve Waiver-06-35, extending the period of contract award for six months, to March 31, 2007, for one Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP) project.

## **ISSUE:**

On March 16, 2006, the Commission allocated \$9,488,000 for construction of TCRP project #96 – Friant Road widening. In accordance with Commission policy, the deadline to award the contract is September 30, 2006. The Fresno County Department of Public Works may not be able to award the contract by the deadline and requests a six month extension to March 31, 2007.

## **BACKGROUND:**

At its July 2005 meeting, the Commission adopted the FY 2005-06 TCRP Allocation Plan and Criteria, which limited FY 2005-06 allocation projects ready to proceed to construction within six months. The FY 2005-06 TCRP Allocation Plan and Criteria also requires receiving agencies to request a time extension if the project will not be awarded within the six months.

Fresno County Department of Public Works was delayed in receiving Federal approval to advertise the project. It is anticipated that bids would be opened August 31, 2006. Should any delay occur or the bids are not be acceptable, the project would not meet the Commission's policy to award within six months.