

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: March 14-15, 2007

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Action Item

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF CONTRACT AWARD FOR LOCALLY-ADMINISTERED STIP PROJECTS, PER RESOLUTION G-06-08 WAIVER-07-05**

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve Waiver-07-05 extending the period of contract award for the time periods identified for each project on the attached document.

ISSUE:

The Commission allocated \$612,000 for the construction of the three State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) projects identified on the attachment. The responsible agency has been unable to award the contracts and does not anticipate awarding the contracts by the deadlines. The attachment describes the details of the projects and the explanation of the delays. The respective agency requests extensions, and the planning agency concurs.

BACKGROUND:

In June 2006, the Commission adopted Resolution G-06-08, which requires the agency implementing a project to request a time extension if the project will not be awarded within six months of the allocation. STIP Guidelines 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.

Attachment

Time Extension/Waiver – Project Contract Award Deadline
 Local Streets and Roads Projects

| Project # | Applicant County PPNO Project Description Reason for Project Delay | Extension Amount <i>Construction Only</i> | Allocation Date Resolution Number Number of Months Requested Extended Deadline CT Recommendation |
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| 1 | Sierra County Sierra PPNO: 03-1L60 Gold Lake Highway Culvert Replacement | \$158,000 | 09/07/2006 FP-06-20 6 months 09/31/2007 Support |
| <p>Sierra County (County) is requesting a six-month time extension to award a construction contract. In September 2006, the County requested an allocation of STIP funds to match federal Highway Bridge Program (HBP) funds. However, the HBP project was not in the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) at that time.</p> <p>The Department is currently preparing a request to FHWA to amend a list of rural bridge projects into the FTIP. This project is part of that list, and the Department anticipates approval of the amendment in April 2007.</p> <p>Once the FTIP amendment is approved, the Request for Authorization to Proceed (E-76) will be submitted to FHWA for approval, which could take four to six weeks. The County will need one to two months to advertise and award the contract.</p> | | | |
| 2 | Sierra County Sierra PPNO: 03-3137 Main Street Emergency Slide Repair | \$125,000 | 09/07/2006 FP-06-20 5 months 08/31/2007 Support |
| <p>Sierra County is requesting a five-month time extension to award a construction contract. The County experienced a landslide in July 2005 causing road failure, and an emergency was declared. An early allocation date was obtained in order to adopt an aggressive schedule for the design and construction of this project in order to reduce the risk of additional damage resulting from further sliding of unstable ground. An initial geotechnical investigation was to lead into the preparation of the Plans, Specifications and Estimates (PS&E) and would have been complete by the end of September 2006. However, during the months of July 2006, August 2006, and September 2006, the slide continued and 65 feet of cracks developed. The Geotechnical Engineer wanted to take more samples and perform more extensive tests before the PS&E was completed. The final geotechnical report was not received until late November 2006. In addition, the State of California Office of Emergency Services (OES) is providing 75 percent of the funding for this project under the California Disaster Assistance Act, and OES did not complete its review of the proposed design solution and concur with the recommendations of the Damage Survey Report until November 2006. The County anticipates advertising the project in June 2007 and awarding in August 2007.</p> | | | |
| 3 | Sierra County Sierra PPNO: 03-3117 Sierra Valley Visitor's Center | \$329,000 | 09/07/2006 FP-06-21 4 months 07/31/2007 Support |
| <p>Sierra County (County) is requesting a four-month time extension to award a construction contract. On the advice of a consultant, the County requested a construction allocation in September 2006, before the County was ready to proceed with construction. Due to an unexpected and extended absence of the key employee in charge of the project, the County did not submit the Request for Authorization to Proceed (E-76) to the Department until February 2006. Currently, FHWA can take four to six weeks to approve an E-76 and the County will need an additional four months to allow time for E-76 approval, to advertise the project and to award a contract.</p> | | | |