

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: March 14-15, 2007

Reference No.: 2.8b.(2)
Action Item

From: CINDY McKIM
Chief Financial Officer

Prepared by: Rachel Falsetti
Acting Division Chief
Transportation Programming

Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF CONTRACT AWARD, PER
RESOLUTION G-06-08
WAIVER-07-06**

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve the time extensions for the period indicated for two State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) projects and one State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) project described on the attachment.

ISSUE:

On September 7, 2007, the Commission allocated \$3,185,000 for the construction of two STIP projects and \$71,000,000 for the construction of one SHOPP project, as identified on the attached list. In accordance with Resolution G-06-08, the deadline to award contracts for projects allocated on September 7, 2007, is March 7, 2007. The Department is requesting time extensions for contract award. The attachment also shows the details of each of these projects and the delays that have resulted in the extension request.

BACKGROUND:

In June 2006, the Commission adopted Resolution G-06-08, making the six-month period to award a permanent requirement under the STIP Guidelines.

Attachment

2.8b.(2) Time Extension / Waiver - Contract Award

Project Number	PPNO	Project Dist-EA	County-Route	Description	Fund Source	Allocated Amount (x \$1,000)	Allocation Date	Reason For Delay	Department's Request	
									Months	until end of (month-yr)
1	4257B	03-0A6321	Nev-80	Near Soda Springs. Soda Springs interchange to Donner Summit. Rehabilitate roadway.	SHOPP	\$ 71,000	09/07/06	This SHOPP project was originally designated as exempt from FHWA's full oversight at the time of programming in the current FSTIP. During authorization of federal funds, concurrent with the CTC vote, FHWA determined that the project would need full oversight. FHWA approved this project on 12/01/06. This delayed the advertisement for this project to 12/04/06, with a scheduled bid opening date of 02/27/07. The target award date for this contract is 03/30/07. The Department is requesting a three-month time extension to award the project.	3	June-07
2	0452	05-452601	SLO-41	Near Cholame on Route 41 from east of the Route 41/46 Junction to east of SLO County line. Construct westbound truck climbing lane.	STIP	\$ 2,914	09/07/06	This STIP project was advertised on 12/11/06, and bids were opened on 01/17/07. Eight bids were received with the low bid at 25.6% over the Engineer's Estimate. The Department feels that re-advertising would not result in lower bids and that further delays may actually increase construction cost. Supplemental funds to award the project are being requested concurrently under item 2.5e. A six-month time extension is requested in the event that supplemental funds are not approved by the Commission and/or the Nationwide Army Corp of Engineers permit lapses before the contract can be awarded (March 19th).	6	September-07
2	D008	06-471601	Tul-198	Near Exeter in Tulare County at the intersection of Routes 198 and 65. Install traffic signal and improve intersection.	STIP	\$ 271	09/07/06	During authorization for federal funding, it was discovered that the funding for this STIP project was misidentified in the 2006 FSTIP. As a result, this project required an amendment to the FSTIP. This process typically takes three to four months to go through the MPO board and FHWA for approval. On 2/13/07, Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) and the Department submitted the formal amendment to FHWA. FHWA is anticipated to approve the amendment on or about 03/23/07. Once the FTIP is approved, the Department will be able to receive federal authorization and advertise the project. The Department is requesting a four-month time extension to allow time to advertise and award the project. RTL - 04/09/07, Advertisement - 04/30/07, Bid opening - 05/30/07, Award - 06/27/07.	4	July-07